

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 3/20/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Hogue, Ready, Plante, Valdes, Houghton, Knapp, Johnson, Noser, Upchurch, Castille, Upchurch, Talley, Crowl, Sexton, Leavitt, Lipham, Vaughn, Becvar, Gower

WELCOME: To Kevin Ready, new exec and a former Sea Scout.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No corrections.

SAFETY: Bart proposed Good Friday (March 29) and the following weekend as days for Vessel Safety Checks. RSVP to him when you are ready. We now have in-house Power Squadron inspectors ready to go. Also please send him your list of AVO's and what boats they are qualified for.

TRAINING: Online registration for the November Seabadge is now open and the committee was cautioned not to let applicants delay too long. These courses tend to fill quickly towards the end.

BOATS AND GEAR: There is a Sunfish in unknown condition available in Huntsville. Ship 502 showed some interest. Marcus encouraged marina service and gave some praise to Ship 88 for their weekend of service at South Shore harbor.

PROGRAM: Debbie Vaughn has volunteered to pitch in on program planning and oversight with a focus on the 2013 Minto Rendezvous and possible 2014 Sea Scout Academy.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: The video filmed at Sea Scout Academy should be released by early April.

SERVICE TEAM: Bryan related the difficulties in getting a complete list of Sea Scout units and members and praised George for his prior efforts to get this information. It finally came out of National and indicated growth but there are units no one has ever heard of out there. He proposed delaying offerings of boats to these newer units until they had sistered with an experienced ship and gotten up to speed on AVO training.

SCOUT FAIR: April 13. Susie had 8 Ships committed and registered and 3 maybes. Some final questions on height and access were answered.

SAIL DAZE: April 27; still hopefully at HYC. Confirmation from HYC is still a little hazy as the Harbor Master still seemed to be out of the loop. HYC gets pretty busy with Regattas at this time of year and spare slips may be hard to come by.

VENTURING SUMMIT: August 9-11 at Camp Strake. Chris Hogue encouraged Sea Scouts to attend this summer event. Shooting sports will be featured and a side discussion erupted on the current ammunition shortage.

RACE PRACTICE AND PREPARATION: Some ships have members who are looking to practice for the 'Aggie Cup' and a loose committee was formed of Ships 8, 77 and 1996 to

make competition opportunities available before September to the youth in these and other ships. Conroe Yacht Club will be hosting small boat regattas on May 11, June 1, June 24 and September 7. The Wednesday night races on Clear Lake will be cranking up pretty shortly as well. Dates when practice on the actual FJ's which will be used in the race down at the Galveston Sea Base will be made known as they become available.

MARITIME YOUTH EXPO(S): Cassie handed out a flier about the annual Port of Houston youth expo at the Bayport terminal (glad they are using it for something I guess) April 6, 10:00 to 1:00. Free lunch for all attendees.

2013 GOALS REVIEW: A short review of the 2013 goal document was discussed. There is not a Seabadge Underway course presently planned and reporting of service was discussed. Chris's followup instructions are as follows:

For a Ship to log their service hours onto the Internet Tracking system (Good Turn for America), the ship simply needs to log in to www.scouting.org and click on "Service Hours Reporting" in the left column. Once they click this button, it will take them to the Internet Logging system. There they will be prompted to enter in either their returning login or create a new user profile. They will enter their information into that system, which will then be recorded for the unit. Let them know to write down their login and password so they can login and enter future hours for the ship as well.

Service hours working with Special Olympics was mentioned previously and Steve Upchurch sent the particulars.

Attached is a file with all of the 2012 coaches of various teams around the city.

Each ship can find a team or two around their area (by team name & zip codes) then contact them to see if there are any activities that they could use help with.

Most of this list are basketball coaches, which is the most popular SO sport so you can see most of the teams represented. The team may also be involved with other sports/activities like bowling, swimming, soccer, track & field, etc. which might have other coaches. So if they talk basketball, and your group is interested in soccer, ask for the soccer coach's name and phone number+email address.

ROUNDTABLE: Ship 1996's spring cruise played host to Scouts from a number of other ships with most who came making substantial progress towards their next rank. Ship 878 has openings on a 2014 trip to the Virgin Islands. Around \$800 plus air fare.

SCOUT EXEC'S MINUTE; It's that FOS time of year and Chris asked for facetime opportunities with all Ships for this year's FOS presentations.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Bravo Zulu to all Flagship applicants. The scrapbooks were made available to peruse after the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2109 until April 17 at 1930 hours.

"In my many years I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress."
John Adams

"Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy."
Robert A. Heinlein