

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 12/18/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Scharp, Sunker, Johnson, Walker, Vaughn, Skeen, Knapp, Mowad, Sexton, Crowl, Leavitt, Lipham, Plante, Shaw, Gray, Carrette.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No comments or corrections.

WELCOME: To Robin Shaw of Ship 499 in the Bay Area Council and Christopher Gray of the Twin Bayou district who wants to know more about Sea Scouting.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: The BSA videographers plan to be on hand at SSA again. Looks like they got a lot of good video last year and not too far from Irving.

BOATS AND GEAR: A CD of George and Richard's thorough survey of the sails on hand at Miracle Marine was passed out to all who were interested which should be anyone who would like sails for pennies on the dollar.

2014 EVENTS:

SEA SCOUT ACADEMY: Finally up on Doubleknot, but you'll have to call Cassie with T shirt and hoodie sizes. Transportation to and from Mohawk to the various venues was discussed as well as the food service this year which is being handled by the Lighthouse Charity Cooking Team. Volunteers will be needed to help transport and serve food.

YACHTY GRAS: February 9. Bryan Talley made contact with the folks who put on Yachty Gras up the Kemah Channel along the Kemah waterfront. Appropriately decorated Sea Scout craft may enter for no cost and may share in the profits. More details at SSA.

SCOUT FAIR: Debbie is heading this one up and the link is already online.

<http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/scout-fair-2014/1392696>.

SAFETY AT SEA: The date was now announced as October 4 at Sea Scout Base Galveston. It was October 11 before.

SEA SCOUT BASE GALVESTON: Skipper Ed Carrette put up a Powerpoint showing to program opportunities which will be available at SSBG. Crews of six, two adults and four youth, will be able to experience the Galveston Nautical Adventure and, for those who are qualified, Sail to Able. The week long tour is structured to cost \$3,300 per crew and covers all meals, base and boating facilities.

ROUNDTABLE: The Battleship Texas is 100 years old this week, according to Marcus (and showing her age just a bit) Ship 8 has a Sunfish hull up for donation. Needs repair. The report on the Christmas Light Parade included '45 knots of wind' which must have added to the challenge for those attending. The Power Squadron basic seamanship course will begin on January 9.

Check with Chris Leavitt for details. Matt Miller, representing Sea Scouting, got to meet President Obama in the Oval Office

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Tony wished us a safe and happy holiday.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: and I did the same.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2103 until 1930, January 15, 2014 at the Scout office

"Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart." Washington Irving

"The years teach much which the days never know." Ralph Waldo Emerson