

Cutterman Association Board Meeting Minutes from 13Jan2011 meeting held at the Hyatt in Crystal City, VA in conjunction with the annual SNA symposium.

Meeting was called to order at 1215 by CAPT Perkins.

**Secretary's report:**

Use the website to conduct business; we're shifting all the cuttermen.org email accounts over to the gmail servers. Additional \_\_\_\_\_@cuttermen.org email accounts can be created for individual positions or committees.

Emphasized need to separate Association business from CG business (i.e. not using Official CG email); still can/need to promote organization but care must be taken to keep a distinct line; Encouraging participation in the Association good; tasking participation is not.

**Treasurer's report:** Frank Tatu submitted the financial report to the board. Motion to accept report passed.

**Membership updates:**

41 new members since last meeting bringing total to 416

Logo: Discussion and vote held to decide finalized logo design.

Plankowner Certificates: With approved logo now able to move forward with certificates.

Membership cards will also be distributed.

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**Communications:**

1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter posted online and emailed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter is on target for Feb-Mar release.

CDR Kevin Wirth requested to be and was selected as Newsletter editor.

Link to CutterAgent.com (supplier of Association clothing, etc.) will be posted shortly on the Association website.

**Annual Meeting:**

Discussed and voted 03May2011 as official date for the annual meeting.

LT Eric Cooper is the committee chair and will present venue options at the next meeting.

**History:**

Motion to pursue HUDSON presentation for annual meeting in May and EAGLE for 2012 annual meeting voted on and passed.

Dennis Thorseth and CDR Mike Davanzo will work with the LANT Historian for a HUDSON presentation at the annual meeting.

**Election Committee:** CDR Mike Cribbs was appointed as the ad-hoc committee chairman for the election committee

Lawyer: Still needed; vote tabled until next meeting to allow final outreach by CAPT Andy White.

## **New Business:**

### **Chapters:**

Interest from Honolulu and Portsmouth; continuing outreach to Seattle, Boston, Charleston, and St. Petersburg.

Discussions about New London and possible solutions/options for joint SNA/Cuttermen Association Chapter.

Reviewed Bay Area Chapters petition to become an official chapter; motion to accept the petition voted on and passed.

Lash-up with SNA: Topic was tabled until next meeting.

CG Aux Regular Membership: Since can qualify per criteria, questions arose about amending the bi-laws to allow Regular Membership vice Associate Membership if eligible. Issue was tabled, CDR Dash will provide additional information and the issue will be further discuss at the next board meeting.

Sponsorship: Tabled discussion about seeking ads and seeking sponsorship (funding) for events such as the annual meeting until the annual meeting.

ADM Papp approached CAPT Perkins about sponsoring the CGHQ Christmas/Holiday ball (originally wanted to do 2010 but time ran out). Desires to use Association name but COMDT Office would provide project officer to organize. Good exposure opportunity. Motion to form exploratory committee for next year's event voted on and passed.

Letter Head: The need for a letter head was brought up now that crest/seal approved. Further discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Equipment/Supplies: Tabled discussion about need for office equipment and supplies until next meeting.

The First Annual Ship handling Competition was held in Portsmouth. First Place: CGC SEA HORSE. Second place: CGC TAMPA. Additional information is on the website.

Newsletter: Hard copy/e-copy discussed and final decision tabled to research publishing/ mailing options until next meeting.

Next Meeting: 1400 on 09Feb2011 at Ballston Commons Mall, location TBD.

CAPT Perkins adjourned the meeting at 1345.