

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 13 November 2014
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce St., Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:06 p.m. Executive Committee members absent were Scott Morris due to illness and John Orr. With 8 voting members present, a quorum was present. 10 members and guests were present. Cdr Thompson reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Cdr Thompson asked Anna Morris to give the members present an update on Scott Morris's condition, due to his recent confinement to the hospital and subsequent rehabilitation. Anna announced that Scott will be going home on Saturday and will continue with outpatient therapy.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 4 September 2014 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by George Martin, and passed to approve the 4 September 2014 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website.** Due to Scott Morris's illness, the minutes of the 18 September 2014 and 30 October 2014 Executive Committee Meetings are not posted on the website. The 18 September 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes have been approved by the Executive Committee. **Motion made by George Martin, seconded by Linda Thompson, and passed to waive the reading of the 18 September 2014 and 30 October 2014 Executive Committee Meetings minutes.** Alta will email a copy of the 18 September and 30 October Executive Committee minutes to the members of the Executive Committee and the other members present at this meeting. Alta announced that the slate of officers for 2015, prepared by Nominating Committee Chairman, P/C John A. Orr, III, P was mailed to all members on 31 October 2014, along with an announcement of the changing of the November 2014 General Membership Meeting to 13 November 2014, and the notification that the Annual Meeting will be 8 January 2015 at the IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Voting on the slate of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting. Alta advised that the merit marks for 2014 were completed and those being recommended for a merit mark, had already received their merit mark from the Chief Commander via email. Alta will send a get well card to, and prepare a goody basket for, Len Stevens who recently was hospitalized for knee surgery.

Treasurer – Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Linda reported the balance in checking as of 25 October 2014 is \$1,872.72.

Commander – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Cdr Thompson reviewed the calendar of Squadron events:
20 November 2014 – November Executive Committee Meeting, Panera Bread, 3420 W. MLK, Jr., Blvd, Tampa. Dinner at 6:00 (optional) and meeting at 7:00.
6 December 2014 – Pot Luck & Lighted Boat Parade at the Holcomb's residence, 3903 Versailles Drive, Tampa, at 5:00 p.m. Let Richard and Maria know if you are coming at 813-293-3913. Maria Holcomb will be contacting you as to what food you plan to bring so there won't be several duplicate dishes.
14 December 2014 – Annual Christmas Party at Picadilly Cafeteria, 11810 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Will have a Chinese gift auction. For those wanting to participate, bring a \$20.00 gift for the gift exchange.
18 December 2014 – December Executive Committee Meeting, Panera Bread, 3420 W. MLK, Jr., Blvd, Tampa. Dinner at 6:00 (optional) and meeting at 7:00.
8 January 2015 – Annual Meeting, IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, by the Airport. Dinner at 6:00 (optional) and meeting at 7:00. Voting for the officers for 2015 at this meeting.
10 January 2015 – Tampa Change of Watch, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27, 6912 N. Florida Avenue., Tampa. Times forthcoming.

Cdr Thompson recessed the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and introduced guest speaker, Chris Perry, Emergency Communications Director, from the Bay Area Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS), who spoke on radio communication during emergencies and working with children's organizations including the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Cdr Thompson reconvened the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and thanked Mr. Perry for the informative program and presented him with a check for \$50.00 for the BEARS Santa Claus fund.

Cdr Thompson reviewed the information regarding the Tampa entry in the D/22 Youth Poster Contest. Monica Shipman, of the Tampa Police Athletic League won second place at District and first place at Tampa Squadron.

Administrative Officer – Vacant -- No report.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- and Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- No reports.

Old Business: None **New Business:** None

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN, Secretary

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____