

Tampa Power Squadron  
General Membership Annual Meeting - 9 January 2014  
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Anna Morris, JN at 7:17 p.m. No absences by Executive Committee members. With 11 voting members present, a quorum was present. Cdr Morris reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 12 September 2013 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Linda Thompson, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the 12 September 2013 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website.** Motions in the minutes of the 7 November 2013 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Linda Thompson, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the 7 November 2013 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website.** **Motion made by George Martin, seconded by John Orr, and passed to waive the reading of the 26 September 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, since they are posted on the website and have been approved by the Executive Committee.** **Motion made by George Martin, seconded by Tom Thompson, and passed to waive the reading of the 28 October 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, since they are posted on the website and have been approved by the Executive Committee.** **Motion made by George Martin, seconded by Tom Thompson, and passed to waive the reading of the 21 November 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, since they are posted on the website and have been approved by the Executive Committee.** **Motion made by George Martin, seconded by Tom Thompson, and passed to waive the reading of the 26 December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website.**

Cdr Anna Morris administered the USPS pledge to Lenox C. Stevens, III and presented him with his USPS certificate and USPS membership pin and a Tampa Power Squadron license plate.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Alta continued her report. Alta thanked Richard Holcomb for taking minutes at the 26 December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. A "thinking of you" card was sent to Gary Albano who has been seriously ill; a "goody basket" was declined. On 29 October 2013 Alta mailed a letter to all members, with a copy of the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for 2014 and with information advising the date and time of tonight's 9 January 2014 Annual Meeting. Alta read her 2013 Secretary Report; copy filed with the Secretary records.

Treasurer -- Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Written Treasurer report was distributed. Balance in checking as of 20 December 2013 was \$2,197.32. An unaudited financial report of the Budget for 2013 compared with expenses and income in 2013 was distributed. Richard Holcomb reported the balance on our investment account as of 31 December 2013 was \$48,732.48.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant Cdr Morris distributed calendar of events for 2014. Tom Thompson announced the 23 January 2013 Executive Committee Meeting will be at Chili's on Dale Mabry Hwy and Columbus.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that John Orr, Linda Thompson, George Martin and Alta Mullins were re-certified as instructors in 2013. Scott read his SEO Report. The Change of Watch information for other District 22 squadrons is posted on our website.

Executive Officer -- D/Lt/C George J. Martin, SN -- George will forward his Executive Officer report to Alta. He reported John Orr took care of VSE; Tom Thompson, John Orr, and Scott Morris set up the Boat Show booth; and Richard Holcomb did Cooperative Charting with enough activity to have Tampa Squadron once again receive Honor Roll status.

Commander -- Cdr Anna Morris, AP -- Anna reviewed her written report and the activities she attended in 2013. Anna announced the awards Tampa Squadron and Tampa members won in 2013 that she received at the D/22 Conferences. Tampa Squadron was on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll this year, placing 8<sup>th</sup> in USPS, with 25 years on the Honor Roll. A Cooperative Charting Nautical Charting Honor Roll certificate was presented to Richard Holcomb who ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in USPS, and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in D/22. Maria Holcomb, Alan Holcomb, Angelina Stanley and Anna Morris achieved Honor Roll status. Tampa Squadron won the following awards in 2013: Educational Fund Certificate of Merit, Distinctive Communicator Award for the *Short Blast* and Tampa Squadron website; National's "Doing It Right" award; Flag & Etiquette Committee's 50<sup>th</sup> Year recognition. D/22 Awards: Peace River Graphics Award – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Naples Cruise & Rendezvous Attendance Award – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; National Boating Federation & USPS Recognition of Excellence in Recreational Boating – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Cape Coral Cooperative Charting Award – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Prince Henry the Navigator Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Anna Maria Island "Shipping Over" Award – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Venice Boating Achievement Recognition; Anclote Key Elective Course Recognition. Anna acknowledged the passing of Tampa Squadron member 1/Lt Robert A. Dougherty, JN in January 2013.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** John Orr read the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Alta advised she had received no nominations by petition. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to elect the slate of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee.** Congratulations to Tom Thompson who was elected Commander for 2014. **John Orr was nominated by George Martin, to fill the vacant position of Immediate Past Commander position on the Executive Committee. John is willing to serve. Nomination was seconded by Tom Thompson. Vote taken. John was elected to the Immediate Past Commander position on the Executive Committee.** There was no volunteer present to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee. No further nominations from the floor.

Anna announced there are 40 reservations for the Tampa COW on 18 January 2014. Tom Thompson asked that members attending the Tampa Change of Watch on 18 January, bring an hors d'oeuvre for the social hour. The building will be open at 11:00 a.m. to start setting up for the Change of Watch; the social hour will begin at 1:00 p.m. Tom announced he planned to hold a Special Executive Committee Meeting after the Change of Watch was concluded on 18 January. Tom discussed some of his plans for 2014, like a water activity periodically, and possibly working with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

There being no further business, Cdr Anna Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved on: \_\_\_\_\_