

Tampa Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting - 22 September 2016
Egypt Temple Shrine Oasis, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa, FL

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Meeting was called to order by Commander John A. Orr, III, S, at 7:08 p.m. The Executive Committee members absent were Len Stevens and Linda Thompson both due to illness. Seven voting members were present which constituted a quorum. A total of ten Tampa members were present. Cdr Orr reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- The motions in the minutes of the 18 August 2016 Executive Committee Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the minutes of the 18 August 2016 Executive Committee Meeting as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by James Jordan and passed to waive the reading of the 8 September 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes until the next General Membership Meeting since they are posted on the Tampa website.** Alta advised she had purchased flowers for Dee Partie and delivered the flowers and a get well card to Dee at the rehabilitation facility on 9 September 2016. Alta advised she had called all members of the Executive Committee regarding tonight's meeting. Len Stevens indicated he was still recovering from knee surgery and would not be attending. Linda Thompson has had eye surgery and will not be attending tonight's meeting. Alta will send a get well card to Linda. Alta advised she had attended the USPS Fall Conference in Pittsburgh the end of August and she will be attending the D/22 Fall Conference in Punta Gorda 30 September and 1 October.

Administrative Officer – Vacant --

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna thanked all the volunteers for helping with the Tampa Boat Show, 9-11 September. There were 24 volunteers and 14 seminars presented. Anna advised that it was her opinion that the Tampa Boat Show had become unwieldy. Even though the NMMA donated this year's booth in exchange for the coordination of 14 seminars, the remaining monetary expenditures and the costs in terms of people's time and energy far out-weighs any benefit to the Tampa Squadron and USPS. Discussion followed as to the viability of continuing to present seminars and maintaining the booth at the Boat Show. The seminars were poorly attended with the largest audience being 11 attendees. The District 22 Fall Conference will be in Punta Gorda on 30 September – 1 October 2016. The Commander's Meeting and Council Meeting will be on Friday, 30 September; roundtables and the Conference Meeting will be on Saturday. The October Social meeting will be the Squadron Pizza Party at ABC Pizza, 7512 W. Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa, at 6:00 pm. with Tampa Squadron picking up the tab for Squadron members. The Rubber Duckie Race picnic at Picnic Island Park is scheduled for 29 October beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anna and Len Stevens are coordinating the event and bringing the games. Anna will invite other squadrons to participate in the picnic. Tampa Squadron will provide a cheese and meat tray, rolls, condiments, and paper goods; attendees will be asked to bring a dish to share.

Treasurer – P/C Thomas C. Thompson, P -- After reviewing the income and expenses since the last meeting, Tom reported a balance in the checking account as of 22 September 2016 of \$1,908.10; savings account \$516.00.

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P – Scott advised that Day 1 of the ABC class was held at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 709 E. Linebaugh Avenue on 17 September with 7 students attending, 6 who had attended the Tampa Boat Show. Day 2 will be on 24 September, but will have only 2 of the 7 students present due to students' prior commitments. A second "Day 2" will be scheduled after the District 22 Fall Conference for the remaining 5 students. Scott advised that a couple of the boat show volunteers informed him that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission has free boating course books that are endorsed by NASBLA. Scott will inquire about getting 50 books for free, as the Power Squadrons ABC book costs \$26.00 per book, plus shipping. Another consideration for us to reduce expenditures is the fact that National now prices the on-line version of ABC at \$29.00. National's Education Department has asked Tampa Squadron to present a MuVIT seminar and to set up an EXPO booth on Friday, 24 February 2017 at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando. Ted O'Brien and Frank Penny will assist Scott in manning the EXPO booth at the USPS Annual Meeting.

Old Business: Alta advised that the Executive Committee should not have approved Anna Morris to be a Squadron delegate for the D/22 Fall Conference, since Anna already has a vote on the D/22 Council, due to her position as D/22 Chairman, Nominating Committee. Therefore, Tampa has only four certified delegates for the Conference.

New Business: James Jordan inquired as to the requirements for becoming a certified instructor in USPS. James explained that one of the new students has a PhD and has taught for many years, and that this student would make a good instructor for the squadron. The Tampa certified instructors are Anna, Scott, Tom, Linda, Ted, Richard, Millie, John, George Martin and Alta. Frank Penny is 1 of 5 other members who has taken IQ prior to the certification requirement.

Richard Holcomb, Chairman, Cooperative Charting advised that the procedures for making chart corrections now goes from the individual to NOAA directly; there are no provisions for reporting back to National or USPS districts. The geodetic marker program is still active.

Tom Thompson suggested the squadron invite the boating course attendees and the teenagers that Ted O'Brien's granddaughter knows, to the Squadron Pizza Party on 6 October. **Motion made by Tom Thompson, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed, to invite the current boating course students and Ted O'Brien's granddaughter and her teenage friends who are interested in becoming apprentice members in Tampa Squadron, to our 6 October Pizza Party at squadron expense.**

Discussion held regarding a possible collaboration between Boat US and the Tampa Squadron for MuVIT.

There being no further business, Cdr Orr entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion made by Millie Nasta, seconded by Anna Morris, and passed to adjourn the meeting.**

Cdr Orr adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

Minutes read at General Membership Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____