

Meeting was called to order by Commander John A. Orr, III, S, at 7:05 p.m. Executive Committee members present were John Orr, Anna Morris, Ted O'Brien, Scott Morris, Alta Mullins, James Jordan, Richard Holcomb, Millie Nasta and Frank Penny. All nine Executive Committee members were present. A quorum was 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 -- Motions in the minutes of the 28 September 2017 Executive Committee Meeting were read. **Motion made by Ted O'Brien, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the minutes of the 28 September 2017 Executive Committee Meeting as read and posted on the Tampa Squadron website.** Alta advised she has been working on the 2017 merit marks and asked for input from several members regarding the work they did in 2017 to warrant their merit mark. Merit mark information for Cdr John Orr has been emailed to the D/22 Executive Officer as required. Once Chairman, Nominating Committee, Frank Penny has the slate of nominees for 2018 determined, Alta will be sending out the slate and information to the membership. The Annual Meeting will be 4 January 2018, but the site of the meeting needs to be determined.

Treasurer – Lt/C James F. Jordan, P -- Reported the balances of checking and investments was given.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Edward T. O'Brien, Jr., AP -- Possible meeting sites that will be explored are the American Legion at Florida Avenue and Sligh and Jason's Restaurant at the old University Mall area on Fowler Avenue. It was the concensus of those present that the Spongerama in Tarpon Springs scheduled on November 18, 2017 will be postponed until early 2018. Instead the squadron will go to the "Early Bird Dinner Theater" on November 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to the Christmas show, "A Very Merry Christmas". Cost is \$36.00 per person which includes the dinner buffet. Pay at the door with cash as the theater accepts no checks or credit cards. Location is Ulmerton Road and 49th Street in Clearwater.

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P – Scott reported he is still looking for a site to have classes. Scott announced he has the virtual reality component of MuVIT™ available for demonstration after the meeting is adjourned. He advised he had received information that a 20% off is available on National's "Boating Skills Virtual Trainer" for a price of \$13,600.00.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna will send an email announcing the November 19 Dinner Theater, "A Very Merry Christmas" in the next few days. Alta has reserved the room at the Ranch House Grill, 4426 W. Gandy Blvd, in south Tampa for the 10 December 2017 Christmas Party, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The room is free; however, all attending are expected to eat a meal while attending the party. If you intend to participate in the Chinese auction gift exchange, bring a new \$20.00 gift. The 2018 Tampa Change of Watch will be 27 January 2018 at the Columbia Restaurant, in Ybor City in Tampa. Anna is working on reserving the room. Menu will be as it was last year.

Old Business: Stated in Officer Reports above.

New Business: Frank Penny advised he had attended the D/22 Fall Conference as a delegate. The new D/22 Educational Officer is D/Lt/C John R. Nason, SN from Naples Squadron; the new D/22 Assistant DEO is D/1/Lt Melissa A. Butler, AP from San Carlos Bay Squadron; and the new D/22 Assistant Secretary is D/1/Lt George Musco, AP from Manatee Squadron.

Richard Holcomb read a report to the Executive Committee members from the investment company on the state of the squadron's investments.

James Jordan inquired when an Advanced Piloting course would be offered, as he wants to take it. A site to hold the course is needed.

There being no further business, Cdr Orr adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

Minutes approved on: _____
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