

Tampa Power Squadron  
General Membership Meeting - 2 November 2017  
Egypt Temple Shrine Oasis, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa, FL.

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In the absence of Cdr John A. Orr, III, S, the meeting was called to order by Executive Officer, Lt/C Anna Morris, SN at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Executive Committee that were present were: Anna Morris, Ted O'Brien, Scott Morris, Alta Mullins, James Jordan, Richard Holcomb, Millie Nasta, and Frank Penny. With eight voting members present, a quorum was present. Lt/C 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 4 May 2017 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Ted O'Brien, seconded by Millie Nasta, and passed to approve the 4 May 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the Tampa Squadron website.** Alta advised there were no minutes of the 6 July 2017 General Membership Meeting to approve due to lack of a quorum at that meeting and no minutes of the 7 September 2017 General Membership Meeting to approve since the meeting was cancelled due to the forth-coming Hurricane Irma. Alta emailed the membership notification of tonight's meeting on 1 November 2017. The minutes of the Tampa Squadron Executive Committee Meetings are posted on the Tampa Squadron website. Alta advised she is still working on the merit marks for 2017 since she has had problems with her computer. Thanks to Scott for his assistance in getting her computer up and running. Alta hopes to work on the merit marks this weekend. When the slate of nominees for 2018 is completed by Chairman, Nominations, Frank Penny, Alta will be sending out a copy of the slate and the meeting site and time to all Tampa Power Squadron members.

Treasurer -- Lt/C James F. Jordan, P James reported the balance of the Squadron checking account.

Administrative Officer -- Lt/C Edward T. O'Brien, Jr., AP Ted asked which members present planned on attending the Dinner Theater performance "A Very Merry Christmas" in Clearwater on 19 November.

Squadron Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P Scott advised he is still looking was a site for holding the ABC Boating course, as well as advanced grade courses. He suggested a smaller screen and projector be purchased as they would be easier to transport and would probably have less problems at the courses.

Executive Officer -- D/Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna advised the Squadron Christmas Party and gift exchange will be at the Ranch House Grill, 4426 W. Gandy Blvd., in south Tampa on 10 December 2017. Bring a \$20.00 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange; participation in the gift exchange is optional. The Ranch House Grill expects all attendees to purchase a meal, for using the room at no cost. Anna is waiting for a contract at the Columbia Restaurant for the Change of Watch on 27 January 2018. The menu will be the same as last year. Times are: social from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m; dinner served at 12:30 p.m. and the room is available to us until 3:30 p.m.

Chairman, Nominating, Frank Penny advised he was working on the slate of nominees for 2018. He has downloaded the ED 80 form and will be forwarding it to the D/22 Educational Officer for approval of the SEO and Assistant SEO. When the slate is completed, Frank will forward it to Secretary, Alta Mullins, who will send a copy of the slate of nominees, the site of the Annual Meeting and the time of the Annual Meeting to all Tampa Power Squadron members.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Discussion on a site to hold our squadron meetings after 31 December 2017, as the Egypt Temple Shrine Oasis will no longer be available. The American Legion at 6918 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa is being considered for our meetings as well as holding courses there. Also being considered as a place for holding courses is the Presbyterian Church which has been used for the ABC course in the past. A discussion was held on how to acquire new members and having more boating activities. A suggestion was that the squadron join the Freedom Boating Club; James Jordan will inquire about the Freedom Boating Club.

There being no further business, Lt/C Anna Morris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Frank Penny, seconded by Ted O'Brien, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m.** The meeting was adjourned.

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

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

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