

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 6 September 2018
American Legion, Post 111, 6918 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr John A. Orr, III, S at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Executive Committee present were John Orr, Ted O'Brien, Alta Mullins, James Jordan, and Millie Nasta. Absent members of the Executive Committee were Anna Morris, Scott Morris, Richard Holcomb, Frank Penny and Grace Penny. With six voting members 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 5 July 2018 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Ted O'Brien, seconded by Roger Champagne to approve the 5 July 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the Tampa Power Squadron website. Motion passed.**

Alta advised that on 4 September 2018 she had emailed the members of Tampa Power Squadron of tonight's meeting with an attachment of the 5 July 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes. In addition, Alta called two members advising them of tonight's meeting. The Executive Committee Meeting minutes are posted on the Tampa Squadron Website. A letter of explanation for the 30 August 2018 cancelled Executive Committee Meeting will be posted on our website shortly, as Alta just emailed the notice to Scott Morris yesterday. Alta advised she will not be attending the D/22 Fall Conference in Punta Gorda, October 5 and 6, 2018.

Treasurer -- Lt/C James F. Jordan, P James reported the balance in the Squadron checking account as of 6 September 2018.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- No report due to Scott's absence. However, Millie Nasta gave a report on the changes in the Seamanship course that she received at the Educational Department Meeting at the USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Seamanship has been re-named and will be called Boat Handling. The pilot program will be distributed in September. Final tests for Seamanship will be available for two more years after the introduction of Boat Handling, allowing squadrons to use their inventories of Seamanship texts. Boat Handling will be divided into six seminars; however, to receive the grade of S, all six seminars must be completed satisfactorily.

Administrative Officer -- Lt/C Edward T. O'Brien, Jr., AP Ted advised the Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater will be Sunday, 9 September 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The play to be presented is "Fully Committed". Call Ted if you wish to attend. The cruise out of Tarpon Springs on the "Odyssey" at 776 Dodeconese Boulevard, Tarpon Springs, will be Sunday, September 16, 2018 for a cost of \$36.00 each. Again call Ted if you wish to attend.

Executive Officer -- Stf/C Anna Morris, JN -- No report due to Anna's absence.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Alta advised that merit marks are due by 15 November 2018. She asked each member to please email her what work they have done for the Squadron in 2018 so she can begin working on the 2018 merit marks. The Chairman, Nominating Committee, Frank Penny will be contacting members shortly, to begin working on the slate of nominees for 2019.

There being no further business Cdr Orr asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion made by Millie Nasta, seconded by Ted O'Brien, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____