

Minutes of the 2022 Executive Committee and General Membership
Luis's Garden Grill Restaurant, Tampa, Florida
28 May 2022

Meeting called to order at 17:32. Members present: Cdr John A. Orr, III, S; P/R/C Frank Penny, SN; Stf/C Scott Morris, P; R/C Anna Morris, SN; and P/D/Lt/C Richard Alan Holcomb, SN. Additional squadron members included P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN; Lt Maria Holcomb; and Lea Ann Orr. There was also one guest attending: Luis A. Ojeda, III.

Quorums of the Membership body and the Executive Committee were declared. Cdr Orr reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting without objection.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Anna noted that all minutes had been posted to the website and stated that a number of minutes had yet to be approved. Motions to approve the minutes as posted to the web were made and seconded for:

- 8 January's Annual Meeting, motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by Tom Thompson
 - 26 March's ExCom, motion made by Scott, seconded by Frank Penny
 - 29 April's General Membership and ExCom, motion made by Scott, seconded by Frank
- All three motions passed without discussion.

Anna reported that the financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and that the checking account is solvent. Anna and Richard Holcomb discussed the current investment fund, stock market fluctuations and proposed maintaining the current investment fund while changing brokerages.

- Tom made a motion to approve keeping the current investment fund and changing brokerage firm, Frank seconded and the motion passed without further discussion.
- Anna made a motion that Richard Holcomb serve as the Budget and Finance Officer; Scott seconded. During discussion, it was pointed out that Richard no longer has a conflict of interest since he is no longer employed by a brokerage and that the FEC has released the restriction on his license. Question was called and the motion passed.

Scott Morris announced that website modifications were being performed and noted that the website hosting agreement was due for renewal and recommended the 4-year plan based on the price and quality of service during the past four years. Anna motioned to accept the renewal as recommended, Tom seconded, and the motion passed without further discussion.

Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP – Tom announced the details for the next social/boating activity as a cruise around Boca Ciega Bay with lunch at Sea Critters on 18 June. Attendees will gather at Tom's home and depart from his dock.

Although Tom will be out-of-town from 26 June – 9 July, he suggested that members might wish to gather on Monday, 4 July to view a fireworks display. Gulfport Beach and Downtown Tampa were mentioned as possible venues.

Anna asked attendees to compare the meeting's facility and food with that of the prior meeting place and then moved that Luis's Garden Grill be named as the new venue for the combination General Membership and Executive Committee meetings; Tom seconded; motion passed without further discussion.

Educational Officer Report – P/Stf/C Scott Morris, S - Scott announced that the first class of America’s Boating Course, conducted at the Tampa Fraternal Order of Police on 14 and 15 May, had eleven students. All students passed. From that class:

- Luis A. Ojeda, III has returned his Reinstatement Form with dues and the request to join Tampa Squadron. Motion to accept Luis was made by Anna, seconded by Frank and passed without further discussion.
- Two students are interested in Jump Start;
- Three students accepted our offer to present Introduction to Navigation and Charts sections of ABC without further cost. This will be held on Saturday, 23 July in the home of Scott and Anna Morris from 0900 through 1500.

Scott announced that a YouTube presentation to showcase the latest MuVIT configuration and capabilities was in the planning stages. There has been no further news regarding BSVT.

Executive Officer Report - P/R/C Frank Penny, SN - Frank explained that Governing Board Meetings and Conferences are open to all interested members. The Fall GB will be 11-17 September in Raleigh at the North Hills Hilton.

Commander Report - Cdr John A. Orr, III, S - John continued last month’s reorganization discussion by exploring the topic of consortias if, in fact, districts are dissolved.

New Business:

Anna Morris requested approval from the membership to persue obtaining a 75th Anniversary burgee for the squadron in time for distribution at the 75th Change of Watch ceremony on 22 January 2023. Motion was made by Frank Penny; seconded by Richard Holcomb; and passed unaminously without further discussion.

Scott Morris explained that the costs of attending national meetings in order to represent Tampa Squadron are becoming prohibitive. While Anna is eligible for \$300 reimbursement from national as a rear commander, others are traveling and staying at their own expense. Cdr John suggested a travel and lodging total of \$400 each (travel and lodging) for the commander (or his proxy) and the squadron delegate. Motion to approve the \$400 as specified by the commander made by Scott; seconded by Frank; passed without further discussion.

Old Business:

Tom’s motion that the squadron reimburse members taking online seminars was untabled for discussion. Scott stated that many online seminars are out-of-date in terms of technology. Anna motioned that Tom’s motion be restricted to three (3) current seminars per year; Tom seconded. Further discussion resulted in the motion being retabled until August when Scott will present a ranked list of online seminars ordered from recent to out-dated.

Meeting adjourned at 18:51.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary-Treasurer

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