

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

Meeting called to order at 1702. ExCom members present: Cdr John A. Orr, III, S; Lt/C Scott Morris, P; R/C Anna Morris, SN; Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP; and P/D/Lt/C Richard A. Holcomb, SN. Additional squadron members: P/C Roger L. Champagne, JN; Lt Maria Holcomb; and P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN. Associate members: P/ C James B. Greenhalgh, SN and P/C Millie Nasta, SN. Guest: Lorella Fazio.

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

**Secretary Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN** - Anna stated that the minutes of the 24 September General Membership Meeting had been posted to the website and distributed prior to the dinner. Anna called for corrections. Hearing none, Tom Thompson made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted to the web, seconded by Scott Morris. Without discussion, the minutes were approved.

Anna stated that the minutes of the 30 October Executive Committee Meeting had been posted to the website and distributed prior to the dinner. Anna called for corrections. Hearing none, Scott Morris made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted to the web, seconded by Tom Thompson. Without discussion, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN** - Anna reviewed the financial activity of the ending month confirming that the financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and that the checking account is solvent.

**Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP** - Reviewing the calendar, the following activities and dates were noted:

- Squadron Christmas Party (and ExCom) meeting at Luis's Garden Grill at 1400 on 10 December.
- Tickets are still available to join the Lakeland Squadron on board M/Y Starship for a dinner cruise and Christmas party on 18 December at \$102 per person under reservation #146786.
- Rendezvous in Ybor at 1630 to catch trolley down to the Tampa Convention Center and view the Christmas Boat Parade on 17 December.
- Annual Meeting on 7 January and the 75<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch on 22 January 2023.
- The Gasparilla Pirate Invasion is on 28 January. Plans are being discussed.

**Educational Officer Report – P/Stf/C Scott Morris, S** - Scott announced that the ABC class planned for 5 - 6 November at the FOP had to be cancelled due to non-registration. He thanked Tom for having made the arrangements.

A virtual Advanced Piloting (Advanced Marine Navigation) class is in progress and should wrap up in January.

**Executive Officer Report - P/R/C Frank Penny, SN** – No report due to absence. Anna reminded everyone that the Annual Meeting of the Governing Board will be 19 - 26 February at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando and that the hotel reservation site is already active on the

USPS website.

**Commander Report - Cdr John A. Orr, III, S** – John commented that the District Council and Conference met on Zoom although he was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict. Scott and Anna had listened to the proceedings.

**New Business:**

Scott reported that it was formally announced at the Fall Governing Board that the development of National's Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) by Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI) has been halted. The balance of BSVT funding from the Coast Guard grant has been transferred to MuVIT with a 1-year extension. Scott will be forming an LLC company to satisfy CG grant requirements. MuVIT was warmly received at the Governing Board with lots of interest and visitors to the table demonstrations and the seminar. There were many inquiries were about purchasing a turn-key system. Educators were excited over the MuVIT's functionality and adaptability for the classroom. The CG and Sea Scouts both are interested in exploring the Virtual Reality version.

**Old Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 17:36.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

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