

Minutes of the 2023 Executive Committee
Stefano's Restaurant, Temple Terrace, Florida
29 April 2023

Meeting called to order at 1713. ExCom members present: Cdr John A Orr III, S; Lt/C Scott Morris, P; Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP; and R/C Anna Morris, SN. General members present: Lorella M. Fazio; Cindy Geske; P/C Jim Geske. AP-IN; and Steph Thomas. Associates present: Al Antoni, AP; and D/Lt Pat Antoni, SN.

A quorum was declared. Cdr Orr's reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections were voiced.

Secretary Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Minutes of the 25 March Combined ExCom and General Membership Meeting were posted to the web. Motion made by Scott Morris to approve the minutes as posted to the web; seconded by Tom Thompson; passed.

Minutes of 26 April Special Excom Vote, due to the sensitive nature of the business addressed, were quietly circulated through the ExCom members present. Motion made by Scott Morris to approve the minutes as written, but to not publish them to the web; seconded by Tom Thompson; passed.

Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN – Financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and the checking account is solvent.

Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP – Report of the 15 April Boating/Social Event was presented. The five attendees included: Tom Thompson; Al and Pat Antoni; and Cindy and Jim Geske.

The May boating/social activity was rescheduled from the 13th to the 21st and will be a river cruise and luncheon in Thonotosassa. The squadron will rent the pontoon boat.

Discussion of boating activities solicited suggestions for a chartered Gulf fishing trip; a cruise from Gulfport to either Clearwater or John's Pass; and kayak and/or paddleboard outings.

Monday, 15 May, the shooting event known as "Range Time with Officer Tom" will be revived. Participants will gather at the Shooters World located at 116 E. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, at 1830. After practice, participants will have late dinner at Burger Monger, 10412 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.

Educational Officer Report – Lt/C Scott Morris, S – Plans to meet with P/Stf/C Louis E. McBride, P, the National Advisor of USPS/ABC Scout Commission were announced. Tentative meeting on Saturday, 6 May, to discuss providing classes to the Sea Scouts in exchange for access to teaching facilities in Oldsmar. The first course would be a weekend ABC, followed by a 7-week a Boat Handling Course/Seminar that would be open to squadron members and the public.

Scott reported on the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) that was held 16-19 April in Little Rock, Arkansas. MuVIT was presented at the America's Boating Club

table with hands-on demonstrations.

Scott also reported Mercury Marine has reached out, inquiring whether MuVIT could be adapted to aid NASBLA training of accident investigators.

Executive Officer Report - Lt/C Frank Penny, SN – No report due to absence. Anna reminded everyone of the upcoming national and district meetings:

- 27 Aug - 4 Sep, Fall Governing Board, Kansas City, MO, Downtown Marriott
- 13-14 Oct, D/22 Fall Conference, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbour Event and Conference Center;
- 6 Jan 2024, Squadron Annual Meeting, Luis's Garden Grill
- 21 Jan, 76th Change of Watch, Columbia Restaurant, Ybor
- 4-11 Feb, Annual Meeting of the Governing Board, Orlando, Rosen Plaza
- 11-18 Feb, USPS Eastern Caribbean Cruise, *Celebrity Ascent*

Commander Report – No report.

New Business:

Motion to appoint Jim and Cindy Geske to the ExCom as Members-at-Large, made by Anna; seconded by Scott; passed.

Motion to appoint Jim and Cindy to the Membership Committee; made by Anna; seconded by Scott; passed.

Pat Antoni volunteered to work on the newsletter.

Old Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 17:58.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

Minutes of Membership and Executive Committee Meetings are posted in the Members Area of the Tampa Power Squadron website.