

Minutes of the 2023 Executive Committee and General Membership  
Luis's Garden Grill Restaurant, Tampa, Florida  
20 May 2023

Meeting called to order at 1730.

**ExCom members present:** Lt/C Scott Morris, P; Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP; R/C Anna Morris, SN; P/D/Lt/C Richard Alan Holcomb, SN; P/C James R. Geske, AP-IN; and Cindy Geske.

**General members present:** Lorella Fazio; P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN.

**Associate Members Present:** Al Antoni, AP; D/Lt Pat Antoni, SN.

A quorum was declared. In lieu of Cdr. Orr's departure due to illness, P/C Tom Thompson reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections were voiced.

The USPS Membership Pledge was administered to new member Lorella M. Fazio.

**Secretary Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN** - Minutes of the 20 April ExCom meeting were distributed prior to dinner. Motion to approve the individual minutes as distributed and posted to the web made by Scott Morris; seconded by Richard Holcomb; passed.

Anna thanked associate member Pat Antoni for her efforts in restarting the squadron newsletter, *Short Blast*.

**Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN** - May expenditures were reviewed. Financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and the checking account is solvent.

**Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP** - Tom reported that 8 members and 2 guests attended 15 May's "Range Time with Officer Tom," including Al and Pat Antoni, Lorella Fazio, Jim and Cindy Geske, Scott and Anna Morris, and Tom Thompson with his niece Gloriana and her beau Juan.

Plans were announced for 21 May for a Homosassa River Cruise. Attendees will meet at 0900 at the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort, 5297 S Cherokee Way in Homosassa Springs where the squadron has reserved a 24-foot pontoon boat. Lunch will be at the Monkey Bar.

The plan for the 10 June is to visit the Tarpon Springs sponge docks with an Odyssey River Cruise on the Anclote River. Tom will email the detailed plan when they are created.

The next meeting is the 24 June dinner social at Red Lobster.

**Educational Officer Report - Lt/C Scott Morris, S** - Scott reported that an ABC3 class has been scheduled for 23-24 September. With Tom Thompson's assistance, the class will meet at the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27 at 6912 N Florida Avenue, Tampa. As always, there is no charge for active or retired military and first responders.

Scott discussed the results of his and Anna's meeting with P/Stf/C Louis E. McBride, P, the National Advisor of USPS/ABC Scout Commission. In order to teach at their facilities, they

would be required to join the scouts and to take a couple of courses prior to working with the Sea Scouts. It was learned that the Oldsmar facility is actually a camp undergoing renovation. However, Commander McBride expressed confidence that the scout district headquarters would be available for teaching. Scott reported that after due consideration, he and Anna already had many responsibilities and did not feel that taking on more commitments was wise.

Scott announced that Anna was searching for a facility in which to teach Boat Handling, although it could be presented virtually if students are agreeable.

A discussion followed in which the lack of available facilities for teaching courses was discussed. The Hillsborough Library System restricts room usage strictly to 2 hours only. This does not provide time for setup or teardown of equipment, or for extended class discussion or MuVIT experiences. Jim Geske volunteered to help search for community facilities.

**Executive Officer Report - Lt/C Frank Penny, SN** – In lieu of Frank’s absence, Anna reminded everyone of the upcoming:

- Governing Board Meeting, 27 August through 2 September, in Kansas City, MO; and
- D/22 Fall Conference, 13-14 October, in Punta Gorda, FL.

**Commander Report** – No report due to absence.

**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1834.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

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