

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

Meeting called to order at 1733 by XO, P/R/C Frank E. Penny, SN

ExCom members present: P/R/C Frank E. Penny, SN; Lt/C Scott Morris, P; Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP; R/C Anna Morris, SN; P/C James R. Geske, AP-IN; and Cindy Geske.

General members present: Judy DeMeglio, Lorella Fazio; Graciela P. Hirigoyen; P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN; Stephanie Thomas.

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

A quorum was declared. Acting Commander Penny reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections were voiced.

Secretary Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Provided a quick update on Cdr Orr's recent surgery and recuperation. Expect Cdr to be absent for at minimum of six (6) weeks. P/R/C Frank Penny, as the XO, will serve as acting commander until Cdr Orr returns to duty.

Motion by Scott Morris to approve the 29 July ExCom & GM minutes as posted to the web; seconded by Steph Thomas; passed .

Minutes of the 19 August meeting were distributed prior to dinner. Judy DeMeglio stated that her name had been left off of the general members present list. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Scott Morris and seconded by Grace Hirigoyen. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Reviewed the August and September financial transactions. Financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and the checking account is solvent.

Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP - Recognized the attendees of September's Calypso Cruise – Al and Pat Antoni, Jim and Cindy Peske, Lorella Fazio and Tom Thompson – joined 16 members of the Lakeland Squadron for the activity.

Review of the calendar:

- 28 October is the annual Pizza Party to be held at ABC Pizza House located at 1242 W Hillsborough Avenue at 1600 (4 p.m.).
- November activity is being planned. It may be a fishing trip from Tarpon Springs or a boating trip to explore Lake Tarpon.
- 10 December, Sunday, will be the Christmas Party with optional \$20 gift exchange. Venue has not yet been selected.
- 23 December, Saturday, is Tampa's Lighted Boat Parade. Planning is in the early stages.

Educational Officer Report – Lt/C Scott Morris, P - Reported that the ABC3 of 23-24 September had three students, all of whom passed the exam. Jim Greenhhalgh, Anna and Scott were the instructors. Scott praised the Tampa FOP, Lodge 27, for their continued generosity and support. He motioned to the ExCom that a donation to Tampa FOP, Lodge 27, of \$200 be

prepared for presentation at their 9 November meeting at 1830. Seconded by Anna Morris; passed.

In MuVIT news, plans to attend the IBEX (International BoatBuilders Exhibition) conference did not come to fruition; a workshop may be presented for D/22 users at a later date in Tampa, but scheduling conflict prevents attendance at the Fall Conference this year; the USCG did not renew the grant for the upcoming year, although HQ will continue to market MuVIT. Scott traveled to HQ in Raleigh, NC in September to provide 2-day instruction to personnel on how to implement MuVIT software onto existing BSVT units.

Executive Officer Report - Lt/C Frank Penny, SN - 13-14 October is the D/22 Conference in Punta Gorda. Although several members voiced dissatisfaction with the continuing meetings at the Conference Center without a common hotel in which to mingle informally, P/R/C Frank Penny announced that he would be attending the meetings of both days to represent Cdr John Orr. Judy Demeglio and Grace Hirigoyen agreed to serve as delegates.

Commander Report – Cdr John A. Orr III, S – Absent.

New Business:

- Pat Antoni needs newsletter submissions by Friday, 20 October.
- Anna Morris needs merit mark information by Friday, 20 October.

Old Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1802.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

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