

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

Meeting called to order at 1723.

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

**Associate Members present:** Al Antoni, AP; D/Lt Pat Antoni, SN; and P/C James B. Greenhalgh, SN.

**Guests present:** Jason Smitke and his mother, Suzie.

Introduction of guests. Anna reminded the Executive Committee that the motion to approve Jason and his wife, Shaunna Wood, contingent upon receipt of the dues, was approved at the meeting of 28 October. Anna is in receipt of the dues and the couple will be reinstated into the United States Power Squadrons and added to the Tampa Squadron roster.

A Quorum was declared. Acting Commander Thompson 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 following meetings were distributed prior to dinner. Motions to approve the individual minutes as distributed and posted to the web:

- 30 September ExCom & GM: Motion made to amend the spelling of Jim and Cindy Geske's surname in the Administrative Officer's report was made by Pat Antoni; seconded by Scott Morris; passed. Motion made to approve the minutes as amended was made by Scott Morris; seconded by Jim Geske; passed.
- 28 October ExCom: Motion made by Scott Morris; seconded by Jim Geske; passed.

Reported 13 merit marks were approved including the 50<sup>th</sup> merit mark for Frank E. Penny and 1<sup>st</sup> merit marks for Lorella M. Fazio, Graciela P. Hirigoyen, and Steph Thomas.

**Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN** - Announced that the donation to the Fraternal Order of Police, Tampa Lodge 27, approved at the meeting of 28 October, was presented to them at the 13 November Lodge Meeting by Scott Morris. A certificate of appreciation accompanied the donation.

Reviewed October and November financial transactions, noting that November's activity is still open.

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 12 attendees of the Pizza Party - annotated in the 28 October ExCom Minutes - and the attendees of the 18 November Fishing Excursion – Judy DeMeglio, Jim and Cindy Geske, Frank Penny, and Tom Thompson.

Reviewed the immediate upcoming activities and events:

**DEC 16 ExCom/Christmas Party - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave **\*\*SD\*\*****  
**23 Tampa's Lighted Boat Parade - Tom's pontoon boat launches from Lowry Park Ramp**  
**JAN 6 General Membership Annual Meeting - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave **\*\*SD\*\*****  
**13 Al Anderson Park, 39699 US 19, Tarpon Springs/Tarpon Turtle Waterfront Grill**  
**21 76<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch @ 1400 – Columbia Restaurant, 2117 E. 7th Ave, Ybor City **\*\*ST\*\*****

**\*\*SD\*\* denotes a special date (other than the last Saturday of the month);**

**\*\*ST\*\* denotes a special time (other than the usual 1600 standard).**

**Educational Officer Report – Lt/C Scott Morris, P** - Announced that the annual educational statistics have been released and that the Tampa Squadron had bested 20 entire states.

USF College of Marine Sciences is seeking boaters to participate in a crowd share bathometrics program to map the bottom of Tampa Bay. USF loans the equipment to boaters who send back their data.

MuVIT will be showing at the USPS Annual Meeting in addition to a seminar. Scott and Tom are working to set up a date at the FOP for a beginners' setup session, with lunch, for D/22 DIYers.

**Executive Officer Report - Lt/C Frank Penny, SN** - Absent. Anna noted the following dates:

**FEB 3-12 USPS Annual Meeting (Orlando/Rosen Plaza)**

**APR 12-13 D/22 Spring Conference (Punta Gorda/Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center)**

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

**New Business:**

- Rules Committee updating squadron bylaws to September 2022 model; aiming for completion by Call to Annual Meeting of Tampa Squadron.
- Nominating Committee ended with P/C Roger Champagne's passing. Nominations will be from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Discussion about who wanted to change jobs and who was willing to serve in what capacity. 2023 Officer and Committee Appointments list was distributed to assist members in choosing jobs for 2024. Appointments will be voted at the first Executive Committee Meeting on 21 January immediately following the Change of Watch.

**Old Business:**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1816.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

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