

Tampa Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting – 18 September 2014
Panera Bread, 3420 W. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tampa, FL

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Meeting was called to order by Commander, Thomas C. Thompson, P at 6:45 p.m. Absence was Scott Morris due to illness and Anna Morris caring for Scott, and John Orr. A quorum was present. Six members were present. Cdr Thompson reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 28 August 2014 Executive Committee Meeting were read. **Motion made by Linda Thompson, seconded by George Martin, and passed to approve the minutes of the 28 August 2014 Executive Committee Meeting as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Linda Thompson, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to waive the reading of the 4 September 2014 General Membership Meeting minutes until the next General Membership Meeting since they are posted on the website.** Alta reported she had attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting last week in Arlington, Virginia and voted in Cdr Tom's stead. Highlights at the meeting were:

1. A \$2.00 dues increase for single active members and a \$3.00 increase for the family unit effective in the spring of 2015 (for the 2016 dues year) was passed. Consequently, regular active members = \$47.00; family unit members headed by a regular active member = \$70.50; for family unit headed by a life member or sustaining member = \$23.50.
2. The next USPS Annual Meeting will be in Jacksonville in January 2015. The USPS 2015 Fall Governing Board will be in San Diego. The USPS Annual Meetings for 2016, 2017, and 2018 will be at the Rosen Hotel on International Drive in Orlando.
3. In Cooperative Charting, the geodetic recovery program may be rejuvenated. Hqtrs is working on a computer program for inputting data. To date the leading districts heading Coop Charting are 21, 22, 26, and 27.
4. For those individuals who complete the ABC Boating course on line, USPS may implement that they pay for a year membership, and they will get 18 months membership instead of 6 month's free.
5. Working on a new membership packet to come out of Hqtrs.
6. Hqtrs will be issuing a permanent membership card instead of a paper one each year. If you lose the permanent card, there will be a replacement fee.
7. It is proposed to have the Boating Course printed in Spanish.
8. There is a new squadron in Alaska; the North Star Squadron.
9. The national website announced to be completed about 9 months ago, has stagnated. The developer of the website has not met any deadlines, and National has been unable to contact her. A lawsuit is being initiated.

Alta will be attending the D/22 Fall Conference in Sarasota next week. The D/22 Executive Officer, D/Lt/C N. Victor Stewart, SN has resigned due to ill health of his wife. The D/22 Council will vote on P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN for the D/22 Executive Officer vacancy.

Treasurer – Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Linda distributed a Treasurer's report which showed a balance in checking of \$2,334.97 as of 18 September 2014.

Administrative Officer – Vacant -- No report.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- In Anna's absence, Cdr Tom reviewed the Tampa Squadron upcoming events. The D/22 Fall Conference at the Sarasota Hyatt Hotel September 25-27, 2014. Tom will be at the Commander's Meeting on Friday, serving as the Secretary, and attend the D/22 Council and Conference on Saturday. The Squadron Pizza Party at ABC Pizza on West Hillsborough beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be 2 October. The Cardboard Boat Challenge will be 18 October at Picnic Island. Anna has distributed an email regarding the Boat Race.

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- In Scott's absence, Cdr Tom advised the next Boating Course is planned for October at West Marine in Brandon. Dates to be announced.

Commander – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Cdr Tom advised there were difficulties with the boat simulator received from National and used at the Tampa Boat Show September 5-7. Thanks to Scott for getting it fixed.

Old Business: None New Business: None

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN, Secretary

Minutes read at General Membership Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____