

Tampa Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting – 28 April 2016
Egypt Temple Shrine Oasis, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa, FL

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Meeting was called to order by Commander John A. Orr, III, S, at 7:02 p.m. All Executive Committee members were present. A quorum was present. A total of eleven Tampa members were present, including new members Mildred Nasta and Ted O'Brien. Cdr Orr reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Alta read the motions in the minutes of the 31 March 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the minutes of the 31 March 2016 Executive Committee Meeting as read and posted on the website.** The motion in the Executive Committee Electronic Vote Meeting of 1 April 2016, made by Alta Mullins and amended by Anna Morris was read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by James Jordan, and passed to approve the minutes of the 1 April 2016 Executive Committee Electronic Vote Meeting as posted on the website and emailed to the Executive Committee on 13 April 2016.** Alta advised she is still working on the Tampa Squadron 2015 History Report. Alta received only one reply from the 17 March 2016 email she sent to the Executive Committee members requesting information for the History Report. Alta will re-send the email, so the History Report can be completed. Articles for the May Short Blast are past due. Please send your articles to editor@tampaps.org now. Alta had difficulty sending her article to the editor email address, as it was returned to her as spam. Scott advised he had no difficulty. If you have difficulty sending your articles to the editor email address, advise Alta.

Treasurer – P/C Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Tom reported a balance in checking of \$2,484.81 and balance in savings of \$516.00 as of 28 April 2016. Tom reviewed the income and expenses for April. Tom has updated Tampa Squadron's tax exemption with the State of Florida and the IRS filing Form 990-N has been completed. Name tags for new members Millie Nasta and Ted O'Brien will be ordered. Tom also has Tampa Squadron license plates for sale at \$10.00 each and extra Tampa Squadron shirts for \$10.00 each. We need to consider ordering new shirts.

Administrative Officer – Vacant --

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna welcomed our newest Tampa Squadron member Ted O'Brien, a transfer from Clearwater Sail and Power Squadron. National Safe Boating Week begins Saturday, May 21. Tampa Squadron will start Safe Boating Week with a pontoon boat ride at Hula Bay on South West Shore Boulevard, Sunday, May 22. Anna represented Commander John at the Commander's Meeting and the Council Meeting at the District 22 Spring Conference on April 8, 2016 in Tampa. National is working on changes in the way the collection and billing is accomplished regarding the USPS Educational Fund. These possible changes were discussed. P/D/C Connie Beckman, SN is revising the District 22 Five-Star award. The Spring 2017 District Conference will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center March 31 – April 1, 2017. The Punta Gorda Waterside Hotel is near the Event Center with rooms as low as \$79.00 a night. Attendees must walk the two blocks to the Event Center. The Fall 2016 and Fall 2017 District 22 Conferences will also be held at the Event Center. The September Tampa Boat Show was discussed. Anna has been asked to assist with the planning of the Boat Show by the Boat Show management. The seminars will have a conference room in which to hold the seminars. Bob Zimmerman, USPS Newsletter Chairman for our district has again given the April issue of the *Short Blast* a maximum rating. He has asked to use portions of the *Short Blast* to send it to other squadrons whose newsletter needs improving. Twelve members attended the April dinner social on 14 April 2016 at Longhorn Steakhouse in Tampa.

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that the next ABC Boating Course will be 14 and 21 May 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Charles J. Fendig Library, 3909 W. Neptune Street, Tampa. Cost for the course for one person is \$55.00; for two people using the same book is \$85.00. Scott advised USPS has asked to print parts of the February and March issues of the Short Blast on MuVIT in *The Ensign*. Scott advised he spent most of his time at the USPS Annual Meeting and the District 22 Conference assisting members with MuVIT. Four squadrons in USPS are making a MuVIT for their squadron. Scott is in the process of applying for a grant of \$10,000 from the USPS Educational Fund to assist the 17 squadrons in District 22 with the cost of a MuVIT for each squadron. Scott has been getting inquiries regarding how to make MuVIT. Nillie Nasta and Anna Morris are taking the

Navigation course. The Advanced Piloting course is due to start in June. Seamanship will be offered later this summer. The HQ 800 ABC on line Registration Form has problems.

Old Business: James Jordan had previously asked for a membership form as he has several friends that are interested in joining Tampa Squadron. Anna will forward a form to James. The membership form will be printed in the *Short Blast* as well.

New Business: Boca Ciega Squadron has asked Scott and Anna to attend their squadron meeting on May 12 to give a demonstration on MuVIT at the meeting. The Peace River Squadron has asked for Scott to give a workshop on how to build MuVIT and invite other squadrons in District 22 to attend the workshop.

There being no further business, Cdr Orr adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Minutes read at General Membership Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____