

Meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas C. Thompson, P, at 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee members absent were Linda Thompson and Len Stevens, both due to illness. A quorum was present. Nine members were present including James Jordan, Maria Holcomb and Alan Holcomb. 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 24 September 2015 Executive Committee Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to approve the minutes of the 24 September 2015 Executive Committee Meeting as read and posted on the website.** Alta presented Cdr Thompson a Goodie Basket for him and Linda due to Linda's recent illness and Tom's recent surgery. Get well cards were sent to both Tom and Linda and also to Len Stevens. Alta asked those present to get their merit mark information to her by early next week. Alta advised she was unable to contact Roger Champagne as the phone number she previously contacted him at was no longer a working number. Alta will send a letter to Roger asking for his current phone number.

Treasurer -- Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Cdr Tom gave a Treasurer's Report due to Linda's absence. Balance in checking \$3,886.33 and balance in savings \$516.00 as of October 29, 2015.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant --

Executive Officer -- Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna reported that Tampa Squadron had six members attend and work the Tampa Boat Show along with 2 members each from Boca Ciega, Peace River and Venice squadrons. MuVIT was on demonstration at the Boat Show. Three seminars were presented at the Boat Show. The General Membership Meeting will be 5 November 2015 at IHOP at 4920 W. Spruce Street by the Tampa Airport. Anna will try to get a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as guest speaker for the General Membership Meeting. Anna is working on the 2016 Tampa Squadron calendar. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Scott Morris and passed to hold the Kite Fly-In at Ft. DeSoto Park on 13 March 2016, provided the pavilion is available on that date. Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris and passed to move the 7 April Social event to 14 April 2016 due to the D/22 Spring Conference being the first weekend of April.** Anna advised she had attended the Membership Enhancement on the Road seminar on 24 October in Brandon. The emphasis was on advising prospective members of the Member Benefits available to USPS members.

Commander -- Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Cdr Thompson announced the November Executive Committee Meeting will be 19 November due to Thanksgiving being the last Thursday of November. The Tampa Squadron Christmas Party will be 13 December at Picadilly. A Chinese gift exchange will be held. Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a \$20.00 gift to exchange. The December Executive Committee Meeting will be 17 December because of the Christmas holidays. Tom has reserved the Fraternal Order of Police building for the 2016 Tampa Squadron Change of Watch which will be Saturday, 23 January 2016. Cdr Tom wants to have an electric boat outing in conjunction with the Channelside Boat Parade in December. Tom will inquire when that Boat Parade will be held and then reserve the electric boat. The Dana Shores Lighted Boat Parade is usually the first Saturday of December. Richard will research and advise if it will be on December 5. The Holcomb's will host the squadron at their home for the Dana Shores Lighted Boat Parade. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott reported an ABC Course is scheduled at the Town and Country Library for Saturday, 7 November 2015 for instruction followed on 14 November 2015 for the exam and using the MUVIT by the students after the exam. Six students have signed up for the course. At the Tampa Boat Show, two for the price of one coupons were distributed to attend the 7 & 14 November 2015 ABC Boating class. MUVIT was demonstrated at the Tampa Boat Show at the Tampa Convention Center, 2-4 October 2015. MUVIT will be taken to the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, 15-21 February 2016 as District 22's entry in the teaching aids competition.

Old Business: None

New Business: P/C John Orr, Chairman, Nominating Committee, asked those present which squadron positions they may be interested in. The slate of nominees will be mailed to the membership when it is finalized. John suggested the Squadron do additional activities other than just social dinners. Those present agreed and many ideas were suggested for 2016. James Jordan suggested the Squadron do more on-the-water activities in order to acquire more members for the squadron.

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

Minutes read at General Membership Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____