

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 10 July 2014
Picadilly Cafeteria, 11810 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:04 p.m. Executive Committee member John Orr was absent. With 11 voting members present, a quorum was present. Cdr Thompson reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections. Cdr Thompson introduced guest Susan Tennyson, Tom's sister.

Cdr Thompson recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and introduced guest speaker, Alan Forino, Store Manager, West Marine in Brandon, who spoke on the Automatic Identification System (AIS). Cdr Thompson reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m. and thanked Mr. Forino for the informative program.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 1 May 2014 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by George Martin, and passed to approve the 1 May 2014 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to waive the reading of the 29 May 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website and have been approved by the Executive Committee. Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to waive the reading of the 26 June 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website.** Alta reported she will not be at the 31 July Executive Committee Meeting. Anna Morris will take minutes for Alta. As Alta reported at the last meeting, Marietta Foy, widow of the late P/C Michael Foy, has been ill since May 5, 2014. Alta advised that Marietta Foy passed away June 28, 2014 after a short illness. Alta advised the date of the funeral arrangements and she has the charities the family provided if anyone wishes to make a donation in Marietta's memory. See Alta for details. The next *Short Blast* will be a combination of June, July, and August.

Treasurer – Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Since Linda has been ill for several weeks, there has been no activity in the Treasurer's Department; therefore, the balance in checking remains as of 26 June 2014 at \$2,422.39.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant No report.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- A speaker is needed for the September General Membership Meeting. Cdr Tom will contact the Tampa Police Department to obtain a speaker. Next Executive Committee Meeting will be 31 July at Panera Bread on M.L.K., Jr., Blvd. All members are invited to attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The 7 August Social Dinner will be at Longhorn Steakhouse on West Shore Blvd, just south of Boy Scout Road. The 28 August Executive Committee Meeting will be at Panera Bread. The 4 September General Membership Meeting will be at IHOP by the Airport. The USPS Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia is 10-14 September. Anna and Alta will be attending. There will be an all-day seminar on the revitalization of squadrons at the USPS meeting. The D/22 Fall Conference will be at the Sarasota Hyatt, 25-27 September. The Tampa Boat Show is 5-7 September. The 2 October Social Dinner is the free (for members) Pizza Party at ABC Pizza on West Hillsborough Avenue. The September Executive Committee Meeting will be 18 September due to the D/22 Fall Conference being the last week of September. The Cardboard Boat Race will be 18 October at Picnic Island Park. The 30 October Executive Committee Meeting will be at IHOP by the Airport. The D/22 C&R will be 6-9 November at Little Harbor Marina in Ruskin; the theme is comic characters. P/D/LT/C Richard Holcomb, Cooperative Charting Chairman reported he and Scott Morris had timed the bay lights on 28 June off Picnic Island at sunset. All were as indicated on the charts. However, those he and Maria Holcomb had done previously in Oldsmar, were not the same as the charts. Richard will report the discrepancies to NOAA. Tampa Squadron has achieved Honor Roll status.

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that the next ABC Boating course will be 26 July, at the New Tampa Regional Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Commander – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Tom advised the Tampa Police Athletic League youth will participate in the Power Squadron Poster Contest. At this time no supplies are needed. The Executive Committee members will vote on the completed posters at the Executive Committee Meeting on 31 July. Tom asked Scott to add the times of the September Boat Show to the website notice. The shipping charges for the boating simulator that is available at USPS Headquarters will be between \$120. and \$175. Tom has reserved the simulator 1 - 13 September 2014 to use at the Boat Show. He plans to use the simulator at an ABC class possibly at the Clearwater Squadron building and invite other squadrons in the area.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____