

Tampa Power Squadron  
General Membership Meeting - 1 May 2014  
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:24 p.m. All Executive Committee members were in attendance. With 12 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 guests, D/C Myles Gee, SN and his wife, Kathy.

Cdr Thompson recessed the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and introduced guest speaker, Robert Garcia, Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Ruskin, who spoke on new weather forecasting techniques.

Cdr Thompson reconvened the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and thanked Robert Garcia for the informative program.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 6 March 2014 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by George Martin, and passed to approve the 6 March 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 27 March 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website. Motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by Anna Morris, and passed to waive the reading of the 18 April 2014 Electronic Voting Executive Committee Meeting minutes, until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website.** Alta reported there are no minutes to approve for the 24 April 2014 Executive Committee Meeting, since the meeting was cancelled. An explanation of no minutes for the 24 April 2014 Executive Committee Meeting is posted on the website. Per Standing Rules the absences for Qtr 4, 2013 = 4 meetings. No absences: Anna, Scott, Tom, Richard, Linda. 1 absence: George. 2 absences: Alta. 3 absences: John. Per Standing Rules the absences for Qtr 1, 2014 = 5 meetings. No absences: Tom, Anna, Alta, Linda. 1 absence: Scott, John, Richard. 2 absences: George. Alta thanked Anna Morris who completed the March-April 2014 *Short Blast* in time for the D/22 Spring Conference. The May issue will be out, soon as Anna's computer, which was not working, is now up and running. Re-send Anna any articles you may have sent for the May *Short Blast*.

Treasurer -- Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Balance in checking as of 24 April 2014 was \$2,460.38.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant No report.

Executive Officer -- Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna thanked Robert Garcia for his presentation this evening. Venice Squadron has invited other squadrons to attend their Boat Parade on 17 May to celebrate the USPS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Anna is working with Tampa Harbour Marina to have a boating class on 14 June for National Marina Day. A USPS Vessel Safety Examiner course is available on-line. Cdr Tom has completed the on-line course. John Orr, has attended the re-certification workshop required by National.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that the next ABC Boating course will be 17 May at West Marine in Brandon for National Safe Boating Week. The Tampa Squadron website is now linked to NOAA's weather forecast.

Commander -- Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Cdr Tom reported Tampa Squadron had received several awards at the D/22 Spring Conference. The awards will be listed in his article in the May *Short Blast*. Cdr Tom called Richard Holcomb, Chairman, Cooperative Charting and Alta Mullins, Past Chairman, Cooperative Charting to receive the USPS award "In Recognition of 25 years Sustained Excellence in Cooperative Charting 2012/2013" presented to Tampa Squadron for 25 years on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by George Martin to approve the 2014 Budget as recommended by the Executive Committee.** Cdr Tom thanked D/C Myles Gee, SN for attending the meeting tonight. He also thanked Robert Garcia for the presentation he gave earlier.

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved on: \_\_\_\_\_