

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 2 July 2015
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce St., Tampa, FL.

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:00 p.m. All Executive Committee members were present. With 8 voting members present, a quorum was 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 7 May 2015 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Len Stevens, and passed to approve the 7 May 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and distributed via email by the Secretary on 27 May 2015 to the members who have email, and as posted on the Tampa website.** The 28 May 2015 Executive Committee Meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum, so there are no minutes for that meeting. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to waive the reading of the 25 June 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes since they are posted on the website.** Alta thanked Scott for updating and posting the Squadron minutes on the Tampa website. The District has asked for all of our squadron minutes to be sent to each member of the District Bridge. Alta advised she will send an email to each District 22 Bridge Officer advising that they can access the Tampa Squadron minutes on our Tampa website at their leisure. In the email, Alta will include the Tampa Squadron website address and advise when our meetings are held. Scott advised he is planning to revise the Tampa Squadron website.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna distributed an updated 2015 Tampa Squadron calendar. At the September General Membership Meeting Len Stevens will be showing photos of his recent trip to Hawaii. An outing to Homasassa for a Dinner Cruise on the Homasassa River is planned for 18 July. Cost is \$28.00 per person. Contact Anna who will make the reservations and coordinate carpooling to the cruise site. Anna distributed the upcoming resolutions that will be presented at the San Diego Governing Board Meeting. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed that Tampa Power Squadron votes FOR the resolution proposed by Nansemond River Power Squadron, District 5, that the Board of Directors add members at large to its members and add Sections 5.3.1, 5.3.2, and 5.3.3 to the USPS Bylaws.** **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Len Stevens, and passed for Tampa Power Squadron to vote AGAINST the proposed change to the bylaws to move the authority for setting dates and locations of National meetings from the Governing Board to the Board of Directors.** Anna explained that with Cdr Tom's decision not to attend the August Governing Board in San Diego, Tom should name Anna as the Tampa Power Squadron delegate and give his commander proxy to D/C Connie Beckman, SN, in order to preserve both votes of Tampa Power Squadron. It was noted that these minutes will serve as the required written instructions dictating how Cdr Tom Thompson's proxy is to be voted.

Treasurer – Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Linda viewed the Treasurer's report. Balance in checking as of 30 June 2015 is \$5,936.04. Tom read the letter he received from Cdr Howard Mielke, SN, Anclote Key Sail & Power Squadron who made a \$5,000 donation to Tampa Power Squadron due to the dissolution of the Anclote Key squadron. Tom read his response to Cdr Mielke.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott reported the next ABC class will be 1 August, 1000 - 1800 at the Town and Country Library. A Charting Class will be at the same location on 8 August, 1100 – 1500. Scott advised that he is considering a longer time frame for the ABC Course. A multi-day course using the virtual trainer he has developed.

Commander – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Tom announced he had received information from Clearwater Squadron that they are having a Luau on 11 July at 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$12.00 per person. The menu consists of either BBQ ribs or chicken. Contact Cdr Marcia Freeman if you wish to attend. Clearwater Squadron is having a Seamanship class beginning 25 August 2015. The course will run 6 – 8 weeks long. Contact Cdr Freeman if you wish to attend.

Old Business: Due to the cancellation of the 6 June 2015 ABC Course, there has been a problem with Pay Pal and the refunding of two registrants' fee that was paid via Pay Pal. Pay Pal has charged fees to the Squadron as a result. Discussion of Pay Pal. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Linda Thompson, and passed that Tampa Squadron dissolve our Tampa Squadron Pay Pal account.**

New Business: Richard Holcomb, Cooperative Charting Chairman gave a detailed overview of the new Geodetic Recovery Program. A geodetic mark outing will be planned in the fall.

There being no further business, Cdr Thomas Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____