

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 3 March 2016
Panera Bread, 3420 W. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr John A. Orr, III, S at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Executive Committee in attendance were: John Orr, Anna Morris, Scott Morris, Alta Mullins, Tom Thompson, James Jordan, Len Stevens, and Linda Thompson; absent was Richard Holcomb due to illness. With 9 voting members present, a quorum was present. Guests at the meeting were P/C Millie Nasta and P/C Ted O'Brien from Clearwater Squadron. 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 -- Motions in the minutes of the 7 January 2016 General Annual Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by James Jordan, and passed to approve the 7 January 2016 General Annual Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by Anna Morris, and passed to waive the reading of the 28 January 2016 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, until the next Executive Committee Meeting since they are posted on the Tampa website. Motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by James Jordan and passed to waive the reading of the 16 January 2016 Executive Committee Electronic Vote Meeting minutes since they were approved by the Executive Committee and are posted on the Tampa website.** Alta advised that since there was no quorum at the 25 February 2016 Executive Committee Meeting there are no minutes that need to be approved. However, there is an informational page on the website for the 25 February 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Alta advised a get well card was sent to Alan Holcomb today, since he broke his leg. A goody basket will be purchased and given to Alan as soon as Alta can make the purchases. Alta will be working on the 2015 Tampa Squadron History Report. She will be emailing members of last year's bridge for information for the report. Alta advised she had attended the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando in February. While there, she attended the Instructor Development Open Education Meeting. The Instructor Development student and instructor guides will be revised. The Instructor Recertification course was also discussed.

Treasurer -- P/C Thomas C. Thompson, P -- The written Treasurer report was distributed. Tom reviewed the report. Balance in checking as of 25 February 2016 was \$3,311.48 and \$516.00 in savings. Tom advised that Richard Holcomb had renewed the Tampa Squadron Reincorporation papers with the State of Florida at a cost of \$61.25 and Tom had reimbursed Richard for that expense. Tom reported that eight members had attended the electric boat ride on the Hillsborough River at a cost of \$258.40.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant

Executive Officer -- Stf/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna advised she had also attended the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando. She took 50 copies of the February 2016 issue of the *Short Blast*. She also had 200 MuVIT quad-folds explaining MuVIT which included construction plans. Anna asked that James Jordan and Len Stevens, both members of the squadron Membership Committee, read the Membership Manual which is available online. Anna advised hotel reservations for the District 22 Spring Conference at the Tampa Sheraton East should be made by 7 March 2016 to get the special District rate. The Conference dates are 7 -10 April 2016. Boca Ciega Change of Watch will be 30 March 2016 with reservations needed by 24 March 2016. Anna advised that she will hold an Operations Training seminar in the future on a Wednesday for James Jordan and Len Stevens, and other members who wish to attend.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised the MuVIT simulator was entered in the teaching aids competition at the National Meeting in Orlando in February. The MuVIT did not place in the judging, even though only five districts had entered the teaching aid competition. Scott reported there was a continual line waiting to use the MuVIT at the EXPO on Friday. Scott also demonstrated the MuVIT at the National Education Meeting. Anna Morris will be teaching an AP class in April. The Tampa Squadron 501c3 tax exempt status expires in July 2016. This is needed to use the libraries at no charge. Tom will ensure the tax exempt status is renewed. Alta will be presenting an Instructor Recertification class at Scott and Anna Morris's home on 24 March 2016, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Anna Morris, and passed that the Squadron buy pizza for those present at this session.** John Orr, Richard Holcomb, and Tom Thompson need to be recertified as instructors.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The Kite Fly-In on 13 March 2016 was discussed. Anna advised to date 14 have made reservations. Tom will serve as a judge. Alta will collect the funds and distribute the information for those who will be flying a kite. Holy Smokes will cater the meat consisting of BBQ chicken, beef and ribs. Cost is \$10.00 per person and a food dish to share. Len Stevens and Alta Mullins will bring coolers.

Len suggested the squadron consider spending money on advertising the squadron at boat ramps, on the radio or on TV. John advised he had not yet heard from the Shriners regarding the May General Membership Meeting. It is hoped that the Shriners Oasis will be available by then. The next meeting will be an Executive Committee Meeting on 31 March at Panera Bread. There being no further business, Cdr Orr adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____