

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 6 March 2014
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, FL

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:20 p.m. The absent Executive Committee member was George Martin. With 9 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 called for a moment of silence in memory of Gary L. Albano, S who passed away on 16 January 2014.

Cdr Thompson recessed the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and introduced guest speaker, Chris Perry a member of Bay Area Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS). The group consists of paid hospital team members and volunteers who provide emergency amateur radio equipment and monitoring in Hillsborough County and surrounding communities during emergencies. Mr. Perry spoke on activities of the BEARS during emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorism, etc. He was accompanied by his wife, Michelle and their two children, Benjamin and Rebecca.

Cdr Thompson reconvened the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 9 January 2014 General Membership Annual Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the 9 January 2014 General Membership Annual Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Scott Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to waive the reading of the 23 January 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, 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 27 February 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, until the next Executive Committee Meeting, since they are posted on the website.** Alta reported a sympathy card was sent to Margaret Albano and Gary Albano, Jr., and to Nick Albano and Angie Stanley. A donation in Gary Albano's memory was sent to the USPS Educational Fund and to the American Cancer Society which was the family's charity of choice. A goody basket was delivered to Anna and Scott Morris due to Anna's recent illness with the flu which Scott caught from Anna. The February *Short Blast* has been delayed due to printer problems. Parts have been ordered, received, and the printer is fixed. The February and March issues of the *Short Blast* will be mailed shortly. Thank you to Scott Morris who has been doing a super job keeping our website current.

Treasurer -- Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Balance in checking as of 27 February 2014 was \$2, 200.72.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant No report.

Executive Officer -- Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna reminded the members of the Clearwater Squadron St. Paddy's Day Dinner on 15 March. The Kite Fly-In is 16 March at Ft. DeSoto Park. To date 24 have registered to attend. Maria Holcomb and Anna Morris will be judges. Scott Morris and Richard Holcomb will be grillers. Alta Mullins will do the registration and fee collection. George Martin will arrive at 9:00 a.m. to start the grills. Alan Holcomb will be the photographer and assist with medical situations. Anna is asking that members arrive at 9:00 a.m. to set up, and please remain at the conclusion of the event to help clean up. Boca Ciega Squadron's chairman is P/Stf/C B. L. Dabney, P. Anna will be contacting St. Petersburg Squadron's chairman this week. The D/22 Spring Conference will be 3-6 April 2014 at the Sheraton Tampa East. The Tampa Squadron received their charter on 19 April 1948; a celebration of Founder's Day will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that the next ABC Boating course will be 12 April at the Town and Country Library, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. There will be an ABC Boating Course on 17 May at West Marine in Brandon for National Safe Boating Week.

P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN, Chair, Auditing, read the Audit Report of the audit of Treasurers books for 2013 which stated documents were examined and found to be accurate. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to approve the Audit Report as read.** Richard advised the Cooperative Charting year ends 31 March 2014.

Commander -- Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Tom reminded the members of the D/22 DB2000 Training Seminar on 22 March in Sarasota. The budget is still in process and will be an item of business at the March Executive Committee Meeting. Tom asked for volunteers to serve as delegates at the D/22 Spring Conference on 5 April. Delegates are: Anna Morris, Scott Morris, Linda Thompson, John Orr, and Maria Holcomb, with Richard Holcomb as an alternate.

Old Business: None

New Business: Anna distributed the 2014 Squadron Roster to members present. Others not present will be mailed a copy.

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: _____