

Tampa Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting - 7 November 2015
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce St., Tampa, FL.

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:15 p.m. Executive Committee members absent were Linda Thompson and Len Stevens, both due to illness. With 9 voting members present, a quorum was present. Ten members were present. Cdr Thompson reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections.

Prior to the meeting Lt/C Anna Morris, JN gave a presentation on USPS Member Benefits.

Secretary -- P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN -- Motions in the minutes of the 2 July 2015 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to approve the 2 July 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the Tampa website.** There are no minutes to approve for the 3 September 2015 General Membership Meeting, since there was no quorum at that meeting. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Scott Morris, and passed to waive the reading of the 30 July 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, the 20 August 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, the 24 September 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, and the 29 October 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes since they are posted on the website.** A get well card was sent to Linda Thompson, Tom Thompson, and Len Stevens. A goody basket was given to Linda and Tom. Len Stevens declined a goody basket. The 2015 merit marks have been completed and forwarded to the D/22 Merit Mark Monitor. Cdr Tom advised the merit marks have been forwarded by the Area Monitor to the Chief Commander for his approval. Alta advised she had received information at the D/22 Cooperative Charting Round Table at the D/22 Fall Conference, that Stf/C Jim Strothers asked to be given to Richard Holcomb, Tampa Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman. Richard will report on it later during this meeting.

Treasurer – Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- Due to Linda's absence, Cdr Tom reported as of 29 October 2015 the balance in checking was \$3,886.33 and a balance in saving was \$516.00.

Executive Officer – Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna distributed an updated 2015 Tampa Squadron calendar. The Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, 5 December 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Holcomb's home was discussed. Maria Holcomb suggested what foods the members attending could bring. The Christmas Gift Exchange Party will be 13 December 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at the Picadilly Cafeteria, 11810 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Bring a gift valued at \$20.00 for the Chinese gift exchange; participation in the gift exchange is optional. The 7 January 2016 Annual Meeting will be at IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, near the airport. Cdr Tom has reserved the Fraternal Order of Police building for the 23 January 2016 Change of Watch. Hors d'oeuvres will be at 1:00 p.m. with the dinner and Change of Watch beginning at 2:00 p.m. Alta will be the M/C again at the 2016 Change of Watch.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant

Educational Officer – Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott reported the next ABC class will be 1000 - 1800 at the Town and Country Library on 7 November 2015 for the class and 14 November 2015 for the exam and an opportunity for the students to use the MuVIT virtual trainer. A card reader will be available at the class for students to pay via credit card. The ABC classes are advertised on the web site and on Facebook.

Commander – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P -- Cdr Tom asked those present for information they wanted to share. He reminded the members present that the November 2015 Executive Committee Meeting will be on 19 November, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Old Business: None

New Business: John Orr, Chairman, Nominating Committee advised the slate of nominees for 2016 has been completed and the ED-80 has been sent to the DEO, Don Cook, SN for approval of the SEO and Assistant SEO nominees. Secretary, Alta Mullins will be mailing a copy of the slate of nominees and additional information to each member on 12 November 2015. Richard Holcomb, Chairman, Cooperative Charting will work on updating the depths shown on the chart in the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas as asked by D/22 Cooperative Charting Chairman, Jim Strothers. Some of the depths are over 10 years old, thus the need for them to be updated. Cdr Tom will inquire on the feasibility of having an electric boat ride on the Hillsborough River on 12 December.

There being no further business, Cdr Thomas Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

Minutes read at Executive Committee Meeting on: _____

Minutes approved on: _____