

Tampa Power Squadron  
General Membership Annual Meeting - 7 January 2016  
IHOP, 4920 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, FL.

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Meeting called to order by Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P at 7:19 p.m. All members of the Executive Committee were in attendance. With 9 voting members present, a quorum was present. A total of 10 members were 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 November 2015 General Membership Meeting were read. **Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by Richard Holcomb, and passed to approve the 7 November 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes as read and posted on the website. Motion made by Anna Morris, seconded by John Orr, and passed to waive the reading of the 17 December 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes, until the next Executive Committee Meeting.** On 12 November 2015 Alta mailed a letter to all members, with a copy of the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for 2016 and with information advising the date, time, and place of tonight's 7 January 2016 Annual Meeting. Alta read the highlights from the 2015 Secretary Report and it will be filed with the Secretary's records. Alta announced that she will update the 23 January 2016 Tampa Squadron Change of Watch Order of Presentation and will forward it to Cdr Thompson for approval and subsequently it will be emailed to D/C Constance Beckman, SN for her information. Alta will be working on the Tampa Squadron 2015 History Report after the Change of Watch is over. Alta asked for a round of applause for Anna Morris, Editor of the *Short Blast*. Anna has resurrected the *Short Blast* newsletter and the January 2016 issue is out. Linda Thompson advised she had answered a phone call from National, advising that the January 2016 issue of the *Short Blast* met all the requirements of a newsletter that National has prescribed and the January 2016 issue had received the maximum points given to a newsletter: 15 points. The February issue's articles should be to Anna no later than 11 January.

Administrative Officer -- Vacant

Executive Officer -- D/Lt/C Anna Morris, JN -- Anna distributed the Executive Officer Report for 2015. She advised that Boca Ciega's Change of Watch has been postponed from 30 January 2016 to 12 March 2016. Anna distributed the Tampa Change of Watch program for the members to review. Anna is working on the Tampa Squadron Roster. She asked that members please review the information that National has on file and make any needed changes so she can have the Roster completed and distributed at the Change of Watch on 23 January.

Treasurer -- Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S -- The written Treasurer report was distributed. Cdr Tom Thompson reviewed the report since he will be the Treasurer for the 2016 Watch Year. Balance in checking as of 17 December 2015 was \$3,399.68 and \$516.00 in savings. Richard Holcomb advised the investment account is not doing as well as the account was last year, due to the stock market declines.

Educational Officer -- Lt/C Scott Morris, P -- Scott advised that the next ABC Boating Course will be 9 and 16 January 2016 at the Brandon Regional Library. New ABC Boating Course books and instructor manuals were ordered due to the revision of the ABC course. The MuVIT simulator will be entered in the teaching aids competition at the National Meeting in Orlando in February. The Tampa Squadron website page has been updated; the format is different.

**Old Business:** Cdr Tom reviewed the dates, times, and details of the Tampa 2016 Change of Watch: 23 January 2016, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27, 6912 North Florida Avenue, Tampa with hors d'oeuvres at 1:00 and the luncheon and program beginning at 2:00. Tom advised that the menu for the 2016 COW would be steak or chicken. The food will be catered by the Olympic Café with the exception of the meat (steak or chicken) which will be purchased by the squadron and cooked by a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27. Members will provide the hors d'oeuvres. Members helping to set up for the COW are asked to arrive by 11:00 a.m. 50/50 tickets will be sold and door prizes will be available. Anna Morris will order the cake. Anna Morris and Alan Holcomb will be the greeters at the door. Alta Mullins will be the Master of Ceremonies.

**New Business:** John Orr read the slate of officers for 2016 as presented by the Nominating Committee. Alta advised she had received no nominations by petition. **Motion made by Alta Mullins, seconded by Len Stevens, and passed to elect the slate of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee.** Congratulations to all the members who were elected to serve for the 2016 Watch Year. They are: Executive Officer: Anna Morris; Educational Officer: Scott Morris; Secretary: Alta Mullins; Treasurer: Tom Thompson; Immediate Past Commander: Richard Holcomb; Assistant Educational Officer: Alta Mullins; Executive Committee Members at Large: James Jordan, Lenox Stevens, and Linda Thompson; Auditing Committee: Richard Holcomb (New 3 year term); Auditing Committee: James Jordan (New 2 year term); Rules Committee: Alta Mullins, (2 years). John Orr advised, effective immediately, he was resigning from the Nominating Committee. **Anna Morris nominated John Orr to fill the vacant position of Commander and Linda Thompson to fill the vacant position of Assistant Treasurer for the 2016 Tampa Power Squadron Watch Year. Both John and Linda agreed to serve. The nominations were seconded by Scott Morris. Vote taken and both were elected to the nominated position.** Congratulations to John Orr as Commander, Tampa Power Squadron for 2016 and Linda Thompson as Assistant Treasurer. No further nominations from the floor.

Len Stevens suggested using advertising to advise people what the mission of U. S. Power Squadrons is as many do not know who we are. Discussion on advertising Tampa Power Squadron. Len Stevens, Anna Morris, and James Jordan will meet to discuss how to reach people through advertising.

A round of applause was given to Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, P for his service as Commander during 2015.

There being no further business, Cdr Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

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