

United States Power Squadrons®
Sail and Power Boating
District 9 Fall Conference Meeting Minutes
Westin Hotel, Southfield, Michigan – Saturday, 26 October 2006

Call to Order

D/C Samu called the 2006 Fall Conference to order at 1315.

D/C Denise Samu, AP

Invocation

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Pledge of Allegiance

P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

US & Canadian National Anthem

Cdr Alice Whittemore & Family

Welcome and Comments

D/C Samu thanked the members of the Detroit Power Squadron for hosting the conference. She requested that all cell phones and pagers be silenced so as to not interrupt the meeting.

D/C Denise Samu, AP

Order of Business

The chair stated that unless there were objections, she would change the order of business as necessary in order to expedite the meeting. Seeing and hearing no objections, D/C Samu so ordered.

D/C Denise Samu, AP

Recognition of Department Members

**D/C Denise Samu, AP
D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

Prayer

D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P

Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs

D/Lt/C Stephan made the following introductions:

- P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN
- P/D/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN
- P/D/C Gert Baldwin, JN
- P/D/C John Bennett, SN
- P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN
- P/D/C James (Jack) Knaggs, SN
- R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN
- P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN
- P/R/C John Alstetter, SN
- Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN
- Stf/C Sally Lemus, JN

D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP

Introduction of USPS guests

P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

P/D/C Bennett reviewed and explained voting privileges and procedures for the meeting, citing sections 3.1, 2.9, 2.9.1, 2.9.2, 2.9.3 and 5.11.

D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C Draper reported that a quorum was present for the meeting.

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

Approval of Minutes – 2006 Spring Council

D/C Denise Samu, AP

The minutes of the Spring Council held on Saturday, 18 February 2006 at the Great Lakes Maritime Center in Port Huron, Michigan had been distributed for review prior to the start of the meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Cdr Robert Moore and supported by P/D/C Rachuk to accept the 2006 Fall Council minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/Lt David Brooks, AP

D/Lt Brooks reported that the Planning Committee had two items under review. These are PlanCom Item 11 which is an ongoing process to reduce the length of District 9 conferences and PlanCom Item 13 which is the development of an SOP for a Squadron Ambassador. See written Plan Com report attached to minutes for additional details.

Report of the Rules Committee

Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN

Updated bylaws will be available for review at the 2006 Fall Conference. Proposed changes to the bylaws were discussed.

Motion: It was moved by D/Lt Draper and supported by P/D/C Bennett to accept the proposed changes as discussed by Stf/C Landeros. Motion passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

P/D/C Knaggs reported that the nominating committee interviews are ongoing.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rachuk's written report is attached to the minutes. D/9 is hosting the 2008 USPS National Governing Board Meeting. There are host squadrons for district conferences through the spring of 2009. Squadrons interested in hosting a conference can contact P/D/C Rachuk or the district commander. D/Lt Dawes discussed the upcoming 2006 Fall Conference, which is being hosted by the Detroit Power Squadron. The social luncheon highlight includes a tour of Detroit. She asked that every Squadron hospitality room select a decade as their decoration theme, the best one to get a \$100 hospitality room discount.

Report of the Membership Committee

D/Lt Linda LaLonde, P

D/Lt LaLonde encouraged all members that were able to do so to attend the membership seminar at the 2006 Fall Conference.

Report of the Squadron Development Committee

P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

P/R/C Johnston advised commanders of squadrons that may be at risk to contact the district commander, who can assist them with appropriate personnel and other resources.

Report of the Merit Mark Officer

D/Lt Chester Falle, SN

Merit mark reports need to be in his hands by October 15th.

D/9 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett, AP

D/Lt/C Bartlett noted that all receipts have been deposited and bills paid. The written Treasurer's Report is attached.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

D/Lt/C Brooks stated that her report was on the table for review at the Council's convenience. She encouraged members to attend the seminars at the upcoming fall conference. Also reminded those squadrons that had received traveling district awards, that D/Lt Frank Muylaert needed the award plaques returned to him prior to the conference so that they might be engraved with the new recipients. The rescheduled USPS cruise on the USNSCS Gray Fox was also discussed and squadrons were urged to get their reservations in soon. The RSVP deadline is 10/4/06 to D/Lt Dave Brooks. The written Administrative Officer's Report is attached.

Education Department

D/Lt/C William Stewart, SN

D/Lt/C Stewart advised that attendance at the public boating courses is in decline. National is proposing a 3 year waiver of a NASBLA approved examination as a requirement to join USPS. This will be a topic of great interest and much discourse at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in February 2007. He expressed disappointment that D/9 did not have many submissions for the Chapman Award. The written Education Officer's Report is attached.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/Lt/C Stephan advised that we can keep the District Directory updated by e-mailing changes to D/Lt Dawes. He thanked D/Lt Linda LaLonde for setting up the D/9 dinner at the last USPS Governing Board in New York City. D/Lt/C Stephan requested that squadrons report recently deceased members to him so that they may be recognized appropriately at the 2006 Fall Conference. There will be a combined Commander/Executive Officer seminar at the fall conference and he urged the squadron officers to which that applies to attend. The written Executive Officer's Report is attached.

District Commander's Report

D/C Denise Samu, AP

D/C Samu thanked her Bridge for their efforts. D/C Samu asked D/Lt Lynne Draper, District 9 Law Officer for the State of Michigan if she had anything to report. She did not. She advised the Commanders that rather than hand out the Power of One pins, she has been mailing them. She has also included some in the new Commanders packages that will be passed out at the squadron's next Change of Watch. D/C Samu awarded Power of One pins to P/D/C John Bennett, Cdr Mike Zaborowski and Cdr C. Blair Mohny. The USPS Governing Board Meeting in New York City was very informative and educational. D/C Samu has shared her comments about this with all of the commanders and advised that they are welcome to use her comments in their newsletters and in any other ways they might deem appropriate within the squadron. She asked that we strive to continue to communicate at all levels because we are one large organization not individual segments competing with each other. D/C Samu said that she and her husband, Chuck, had enjoyed fabulous opportunities visiting the various squadrons around the state and representing District 9 at national events. The written District Commander's Report is attached.

Unfinished Business

D/C Denise Samu, AP

- Cdr Robert Malicki thanked D/Lts Janet Curle and Frank Horstman for coordinating the council meeting and making it a successful event. He reported that D/Lt Chet Dunbar had back surgery.
- P/D/C Rachuk requested advance notice for those requiring A/V equipment for conference seminars.
- D/Lt Pat Jarmon will be taking photos at every D/9 event.
- D/1st/Lt Donald Fiander reported that Homeland Security is going to arm USCG vessels and that live firing exercises are planned in various locations on the Great Lakes.
- P/D/C James Leonard reported that District 9's corporate papers have been filed.

New Business and Resolutions

There was no new business or resolutions.

D/C Denise Samu, AP

For the Good of the District

There was nothing reported.

D/C Denise Samu, AP

Benediction

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Adjournment

D/C Samu adjourned the meeting at 1110. (meeting length 69 minutes)

D/C Denise Samu, AP

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C James D. Draper, JN
District 9 Secretary