

United States Power Squadrons®
Sail and Power Boating
District 9 Spring Conference Meeting Minutes
DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City--Riverfront – Saturday, 25 March 2006

Chief Commander's Message

R/C Alan Wentworth, SN provided comments as well as highlights from the Chief Commander's message which was delivered during the business lunch. There was also a presentation by CPS-EPC D/C Al Hinge, AP.

Call to Order at 1325

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

DC Jack Knaggs, SN
D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P
P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Welcome & Comments

D/C Knaggs welcomed everyone to the conference and thanked the Saginaw Bay Power Squadron for their efforts as host. Cdr Cynthia Marcoux, P welcomed everyone on behalf of the host squadron and thanked the members from Saginaw Bay Power Squadron who worked so diligently on the conference.

DC Jack Knaggs, SN

Order of Business

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

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

Recognition of Departed Members

The following departed members were recognized and the bell was tolled for each:
Detroit—Al Greenberry, S; Flint—D/Lt Patricia Schlaff, S; Grand Rapids—P/C Len L. Bellamy; Grosse Pointe—P/C John Dyle, SN; Irish Hills—Jeffrey Lebott; Kalamazoo—Charles Dirken, N, Robert Menz, AP, Allyn Heath, AP; Mt. Clemens—William R. Oliver, P; Muskegon—Kerrill H. King; Saginaw Bay—Edward G. Metcalf, SN.

D/C James Knaggs, SN
D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

Prayer

A prayer was given for the departed members.

D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P

Introduction of Guests

P/D/C Leonard introduced the distinguished guests present:

CPS: C/C Serge St-Martin, D/C Al Hinge D/9 CPS/ECP, D/Lt/C Karen Connor -XO D/9 CPS/ECP, P/R/C Jay Connor-National Coordinator Boating Safety Specialist Program, R/C Joe Gatfield-National Committee on Rules

Great Lakes Maritime Academy: R/Admiral John Tanner-Superintendent

Ontario Provincial Police: Sgt. R. G. Fleming-Supervisor Essex County Marine Patrol

US Coast Guard Auxilliary 9th Central: Mark Simoni-Interim Commodore

P/D/C James Leonard, SN

Introduction of Past D/Cs and National Officers Present

D/Lt/C Samu introduced the following National Officers and Past District Commanders: P/C/C from 1972 & 1973 –Richard W. Miner, SN; P/C/C from 1984 – Theodore H. Smith, SN; P/D/C from 1987 – P/R/C Dick Jarmon, SN; P/D/C from 1990 – James R. Leonard SN; P/D/C from 1993 – P/Stf/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN; P/D/C from 1998 – Michael M. Maziasz N, P/D/C from 1999 – Gert Baldwin, JN; P/D/C from 2001 – John Bennett, SN; P/D/C from 2003 – Richard P.

D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

Gallop, P/D/C from 2004—Michael J. Rachuk, SN; P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN; R/C Ronald LaPlante, SN; Stf/C Robert Landersos, SN

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

D/Lt Laddie Hudson Jr, SN

D/Lt Hudson reviewed and explained voting and floor privileges and reviewed voting procedures for the meeting Article 4 section 4.1.1, Article 3 section 3.1, Article 2 sections 2.91, 2.92 & 2.93, and article 5 section 5.8 were read.

Determination of Quorum

D/Lt/C Denise M. Brooks, AP

D/Lt/C Brooks announced a quorum was present with 23 out of 25 squadrons having voting representation.

Approval of Minutes – 2005 Fall Conference

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

The minutes of the Fall Conference held on Saturday, 29 October 2005 at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights, Michigan were approved as published with no errors or corrections.

Awards Ceremony

D/C James Knaggs, SN, R/C Alan Wentworth, SN

The following awards were presented:

and P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Life Member

D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

Edward Wohlfiel, P	Anchor Bay	Lt Charles E. Fine, SN	Grosse Pointe
Desi A. Strakovits, AP	Dearborn	Charles Dirken, SN	Kalamazoo
P/C William F. Klein, AP	Grand Traverse Bay	P/C James B. McDonald, P	Port Huron
P/C Patrick A. Beard, AP	Grosse Pointe	Lt/C Charles F. Mosier, AP	Rogers City

VSC Century Club

R/C Ron LaPlante, SN

To be recognized and recorded on the Honor Roll any Squadron or District must have a number of certified vessel examiners equal to or greater than 10% of the number of members and have recorded a number of vessel safety checks equal to or greater than the total number of members.

Squadrons of District 9

- Anchor Bay Power Squadron
- Grand Rapids Power Squadron
- Rogers City Sail & Power Squadron
- Muskegon Power Squadron
- Sable Point Sale & Power Squadron
- Saginaw Bay Power Squadron
- St. Clair Shores Sail & Power Squadron

District 9 Perpetual Trophy for 2005 (as prescribed in D/9 SOP #17)

- 1st Place Muskegon
- 2nd Place Sable Point
- 3rd Place St. Clair Shores

District 9 Individual Awards for 2005

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| • 1 st Place | Terry Dawes | Detroit | 69 VSCs |
| • 2 nd Place | Phyllis A. Jones | Muskegon | 65 VSCs |
| • 3 rd Place | Edward F. Jones | Muskegon | 64 VSCs |

Report of the Audit Committee

D/Lt Dave Caldwell, JN

The committee has reviewed and inspected the records for the year ended 28 February 2006, including the treasurer’s report of 28 February, 2006 and is satisfied that the records are complete and accurate.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded to accept the audit report. Motion passed.

Report of the Budget Committee

D/Lt Laddie Hudson Jr, SN

The budget committee had recommended to Council that the budget for 2006-07 be approved on a department total basis. Council passed a motion to refer the budget to Conference for approval.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded that the budget be approved on a departmental vs. line item basis as recommended by Council. Motion passed.

Report of the Rules Committee

D/Lt Howard Deal, AP

No Report

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rachuk thanked the Saginaw Bay Power Squadron for hosting the 2006 Spring Conference. Detroit will host the 2006 Fall Conference. Lansing will host the 2007 Spring Conference. Dearborn will host the Fall 2007 conference, Fall 2008 will be hosted by Kalamazoo and Spring 2009 will be hosted by South Bend. Spring 2008 is still open. There will be a conference wrap-up meeting 0930 tomorrow in the Staff Cafeteria.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/1st/Lt James D. Draper, JN

D/1st/Lt Draper reported that the Planning Committee currently has four open items as follows:

- **PlanCom Item 10:** Was to develop an SOP to cover the planning, setup, and budgeting of the spring and fall District 9 Council Meetings. A preliminary draft of **SOP 42 COUNCIL MEETING PLANNING** was reviewed at the 2006 Spring Council Meeting. It was approved at council to submit to conference for approval with one minor change to section 2A4 which allows the squadron to seek reimbursement from District for council facility rental fees. That change has been made.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded to approve new SOP 42. Motion passed.

- **PlanCom Item 11:** Suggestions for ways to reduce the length of future conferences without degrading their purpose, significance and effectiveness. We have made good progress in this area. We continue to solicit input from you.

- **PlanCom Item 12:** This is a realignment of various functions and positions under the District Bridge Officers. Some positions were deleted or merged while others were created. This is **SOP 24 ORGANIZATION**. Alignment changes have been made as requested at the Spring Council Meeting except for Section 9, which was about District 9 Squadron origins. That data was missing but has now been recreated. SOP 24 is revised complete less a new squadron origin organization chart showing our new squadrons that have been added since the last org chart update in 1981.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded to approve SOP 24 as currently proposed with Section 9 to be updated and approved at the 2006 Fall Conference. Motion passed.

- **PlanCom Item 13:** This item was moved and passed at the 2006 Spring Council Meeting to develop a new SOP defining the role of the Squadron Ambassador. PlanCom member,

P/D/C Bennett has been assigned to work with P/D/C Rachuk, who currently serves in that role to develop an SOP for future consideration.

REPORTS FROM D/9 DEPARTMENTS

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett, AP

D/Lt/C Bartlett noted that District 9 was current on all bills. The detailed Treasurer's Report is attached.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C Denise M. Brooks, AP

D/Lt/C Brooks noted that her report was on the table for all to read. The detailed Secretary's Report is attached.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/Lt/C Stephan noted that his report was on the table for all to read. The detailed Administrative Officer's Report is attached.

Education Department

D/Lt/C Thomas Hyatt, N

D/Lt/C Hyatt noted that his report was on the table for all to read. One member of the Kalamazoo Squadron deserved special recognition: Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN received his full certificate in only 28 months. The detailed Education Officer's Report is attached.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

D/Lt/C Samu referred to her printed report on the table for all to read. A Quick Reference list of the new District 9 Officers will soon be available for distribution via e-mail. This may be useful until the new 2006 District Directory is available. The detailed Executive Officer's Report is attached.

District Commander's Report

D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN

D/C Knaggs referred to his printed report on the table for all to read. The detailed District Commander's report is attached.

Unfinished Business

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

None reported.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rachuk, receiving no nominations by petition, requested a motion to approve the report of the nominating committee as presented. He declared the nominations to be closed.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded that the nominating committee report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Election of Officers

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

Following acceptance of the report of the nomination committee a motion was requested to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

Motion: a motion was made and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate as presented. Motion passed.

Thank & Relieve Appointed D/9 Officers & Committee Members **D/C Jack Knaggs, SN**
D/C Knaggs relieved the D/9 appointed officers and committee members of their duties and thanked them for their service to USPS.

Thank & Relieve Elected D/9 Assistants **D/C Jack Knaggs, SN**
D/C Knaggs relieved the D/9 Assistant Secretary and Assistant DEO of their duties and thanked them for their service to USPS.

Thank & Relieve D/9 Bridge Officers **D/C Jack Knaggs, SN**
D/C Knaggs relieved the D/9 Bridge Officers of their duties and thanked them for their service to USPS. District Secretary, D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP, was called back to take minutes of the proceedings.

D/C Farewell Address **D/C Jack Knaggs, SN**
D/C Knaggs thanked everyone for the opportunity and privilege to serve D/9 as their District Commander. The outgoing DEO, D/Lt/C Tom Hyatt, N was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his many years of service

Change of Watch **R/C Alan Wentworth, SN**
R/C Wentworth relieved D/C Knaggs of his duties. P/R/C Patricia Johnston escorted D/C-elect Denise Samu to the bridge. She was accompanied by her husband, D/Lt Charles Samu. R/C Alan Wentworth administered the oath of office and presented D/C Samu with her District Commander's flag. D/C Samu then took her place on the bridge. The retiring D/C asked permission to leave the bridge and was escorted to the P/D/Cs table by P/R/C Johnston. The new P/D/C Jr. was recognized by the P/D/Cs with the traditional hat, "Junior" nametag and a seat at the P/D/C's table. The new bridge members were then called up to take their oath of office, which was administered by R/C Alan Wentworth. The new bridge and extended bridge members are as follows:

- Asst Secretary--D/1st/Lt Mary Ann Jensen, AP
- Asst DEO--D/1st/Lt Donald Fiander, SN
- Treasurer--D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett
- Secretary—D/Lt/C James D. Draper, JN
- Administrative Officer--D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP
- Educational Officer—D/Lt/C William Stewart, N
- Executive Officer—D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP

They then took their places on the bridge. Flags of office were presented to new D/1st/Lts Jenson and Fiander and D/Lt/Cs Draper and Stewart. The general committee members, appointed officers and committees and appointed staff were asked by the department heads to stand as their names were displayed on a screen via PowerPoint projection (list attached) and be sworn in. R/C Alan Wentworth administered the oath of office.

D/C Inaugural Address **D/C Denise Samu, AP**
D/C Samu thanked the members of District 9 for having the confidence in her abilities to serve as their District Commander for the next year, which she attributed to the support from her family in which she learned to share, care, and also have fun. D/9 Bridge's primary function is to serve their USPS membership and to help them meet their goals whether it be education and training, service to their local community, or just enjoying the camaraderie within the boating

fraternity of which we are all a part. To facilitate this D/9 will be participating in a pilot mentoring program this year. Each Bridge member has been assigned four or five specific squadrons and will be working directly with them as liaison and a pipeline back to the district. The District Commander will be in contact and working with all squadrons. Squadron feedback is encouraged and will be taken seriously. Again D/C Samu thanked those present for their support and hoped that they would enjoy the rest of the weekend and the summer dinner dance scheduled for the evening

New Business, Resolutions, Referrals from Seminars

D/C Denise Samu, AP

There was no new business or referrals from the morning seminars.

P/D/C Recognition

D/C Denise Samu, AP

P/D/C Knaggs was recognized for his dedicated service as D/9 Commander with a plaque of unusual transparency as to be almost invisible to most of those present (due to a delivery mishap the plaque ordered had not been received in time for the Change of Watch). The passing of the invisible plaque from new D/C to new P/D/C was enjoyed by all.

For the Good of the District

D/C Denise Samu, AP

- Cdr Joe Brooks, AP presented a brief overview of the 2006 D/9 Fall Conference Harvest Happening and extended an invitation to all present to attend it on 27-29 October. It will be at the Westin Hotel in Southfield and is being hosted by the Detroit Power Squadron.
- Cdr David Thompson, S reminded all of the 2007 D/9 Spring Conference on 30 March to 01 April at the Holiday Inn in Lansing, Michigan. This will be hosted by the Lansing Power Squadron.

Benediction

D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P

Adjournment

D/C Denise Samu, AP

D/C Samu adjourned the meeting at 1610.

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C James D. Draper
D/9 Secretary