

United States Power Squadrons®
Sail and Power Boating
District 9 Spring Council Meeting Minutes
Great Lakes Maritime Center, Port Huron, Michigan – Saturday, 18 February 2006

Call to Order

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

D/C Knaggs called the 2006 Spring Council to order at 1001.

Invocation

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Pledge of Allegiance

P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Welcome and Comments

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

D/C Knaggs thanked the members of Port Huron Power Squadron for hosting the council meeting. P/C Leonard LaPorte, AP outlined the activities for the day and Cdr Ivan Ferriby, P welcomed everyone to Port Huron.

Order of Business

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

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.

Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs

D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

D/Lt/C Samu made the following introductions: P/D/C from 1987 – P/N/F/Lt Richard H. Jarmon, SN; P/D/C from 1993 – P/Stf/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN; P/D/C from 2001 – John Bennett, SN; P/D/C from 2004 – Michael J. Rachuk, SN; P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN; and Stf/C Robert Landeros, AP.

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

D/Lt Hudson 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.

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – 2005 Fall Council

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

The minutes of the Fall Council held on Saturday, 8 October 2005 at the Burnham Brook Center in Battle Creek, Michigan were distributed as part of the fall council and conference packet.

Motion: It was moved and supported to accept the 2005 Fall Council minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/1st/Lt James Draper, SN

D/Lt Draper reported that the Planning Committee had two items under review. PlanCom 10 was development of an SOP for the setup and organization of council meetings – this will become SOP 42. Discussion focused on editorial changes and financial issues with revisions made.

Motion: It was moved and supported to refer the amended version of SOP 42 for approval at the 2006 Spring Conference. Motion passed.

SOP 24 was reviewed and several revisions were made.

Motion: It was moved and supported to refer the revised version of SOP 24 for approval at the 2006 Spring Conference. Motion passed.

A revised version of the document will be emailed to squadron commanders, P/D/Cs, the bridge and put on the website prior to the conference.

Additional discussion focused on the role of the Squadron Ambassador.

Motion: It was moved and supported to create a SOP defining the role of the Squadron Ambassador. Motion passed.

Report of the Rules Committee

D/Lt Howard Deal, AP

There was no report.

Report of the Budget Committee

D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

D/Lt Hudson reported on the budget process with a projection of a small surplus. It was recommended that the budget for 2006-07 be approved on a departmental basis.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the budget be referred to the Conference for approval. Motion passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rachuk reported that the nominating committee has submitted for election at the 2006 Spring Conference the nominees for offices on the District 9 Bridge and other elected offices and committees of District 9 as printed in the *Interlaker* and his written report to the Council.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rachuk's written report is attached to the minutes. The upcoming Spring Conference, *Spring into Safe Boating*, will be hosted by Saginaw Bay, 24-26 March at the DoubleTree in Bay City. There are hosts for district conferences through spring of 2009. Squadrons interested in hosting a conference can contact P/D/C Rachuk or the district commander.

D/9 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett, AP

D/Lt/C Bartlett noted that all receipts have been deposited, bills paid and information through 30 January has been send to the Audit Committee. The written Treasurer's Report is attached.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

D/Lt/C Brooks reminded squadron commanders that they will be receiving their delegate forms in the Call to Conference packet. She also reviewed the process that will be used as an interim step to downsize mailings of calls to council/conference and minutes packets. D/Lt Chet Dunbar, AP provided an update on development of the new website, requested photos and noted that he is available to help with both website creation and DB2000 issues. The written Secretary's Report is attached.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/Lt/C Stephan provided an update on some seminar changes for the Spring Conference. He also thanked the members of his department for their efforts. The written Administrative Officer's Report is attached.

Education Department

D/Lt/C Tom Hyatt, N

D/Lt/C Hyatt congratulated St. Clair Shores for taking first in class at the national Teaching Aids competition. More than 400 certified instructors are in D/9 with every squadron having at least 5 instructors. D/Lt/C Hyatt is working on errors and omissions to the list and cards. Kalamazoo

will be hosting an Instructor Recertification session on 8 April – contact Stf/C Landeros by 1 April to register. The written Education Officer’s Report is attached.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Denise Samu, AP

D/Lt/C Samu noted that the Boat Show chairman is working to create a state-wide 5 year schedule of boat shows with the opportunity for squadrons to sign up to work on them at the seminar at the Spring Conference. P/D/C Bennett requested that information on the Waterway Watch program be included at boat shows. There will be a draft of the directory at the conference for review – photos can be taken at the council and conference meetings. Printing of the directory will be limited but it will be posted to the website for individual download. The district calendar was distributed at the meeting. The written Executive Officer’s Report is attached.

District Commander’s Report

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

D/C Knaggs welcomed the new commanders. They were encouraged to link with the immediate past commander and treasurer for their squadron to ensure that they are getting all information necessary. All D/9 merit mark submissions have been accepted but the certificates are mailed out in groups of 2000 so some people may not have received them. Squadrons can resubmit them as needed. There are only 3 squadrons who haven’t turned in their OD-2 forms. There will be a raffle of a USPS anniversary print at the conference. Data on cooperative charting is due the end of March for credit this year. Don’t forget to make reservations for the Fall Governing Board in New York City. The written District Commander’s Report is attached.

Unfinished Business

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

There was no unfinished business.

New Business and Resolutions

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

There was no new business or resolutions.

For the Good of the District

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

National Meetings – D/Lt Cox encouraged squadron commanders to attend national meetings or, if they can’t attend, send their proxy to the district commander.

Spring Conference 2006 – D/Lt Howard Deal, AP provided an overview of the conference to be hosted at the new DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. *Spring into Safe Boating* will be hosted by Saginaw Bay, 24-26 March. Registration information is in the *Interlaker*, on the website and will be included in the Call to Conference.

Fall Conference 2006 – Cdr. Diane Dawes noted that registration information will be available at the spring conference. The 2006 Fall Conference will take place 27-29 October.

Benediction

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Adjournment

D/C Jack Knaggs, SN

D/C Knaggs adjourned the meeting at 1118.

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C Denise M. Brooks, AP
District 9 Secretary