

United States Power Squadrons®
Sail and Power Boating
District 9 Fall Council Meeting Minutes
Great Lakes Maritime Center, Port Huron – Saturday, 29 September 2007

Call to Order

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/C Stephan called the 2007 Fall Council to order at 1001.

Invocation

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Pledge of Allegiance

D/Lt/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Welcome and Comments

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/C Stephan thanked the members of the Port Huron Power Squadron for hosting the council meeting. He requested that attendees turn their pagers and cell phones either off or onto vibrate during the meeting. Cdr Rudy Sloup, AP of the host squadron welcomed everyone to Port Huron and outlined the activities planned for the afternoon after the Council Meeting.

Order of Business

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

The District Commander 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 Stephan so ordered.

Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

D/Lt/C Brooks made the following introductions:

1. P/C/C Theodore (Ted) Smith, SN; P/D/C: 1984
2. P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN; P/D/C: 1986
3. P/N/Fl/Lt Dick Jarmon, SN; P/D/C: 1987
4. Stf/C John Bennett, SN; P/D/C: 2001
5. Michael J. Rachuk, SN; P/D/C: 2004
6. Jack Knaggs, SN; P/D/C: 2005
7. Denise Samu, SN; P/D/C: 2006
8. Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN
9. P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN
10. P/R/C Shirley Van Rhee, SN

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

D/Lt Hudson reviewed and explained the 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 in the bylaws.

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

D/Lt/C Draper reported (during his report) that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – 2007 Spring Council

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

The minutes of the Spring Council Meeting held on Saturday, 3 March 2007 at the Mariner's Boat Club in Harrison Twp, MI had been distributed to the attendees.

Motion: It was moved by P/D/C Rachuk to accept the 2007 Spring Council minutes as presented; **2nd:** P/D/C Bennett; Motion passed.

District Calendar

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

Latest D/9 events calendar was distributed. It is included in the District Officer Reports section.

D/9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Planning Committee

D/Lt David Brooks, AP

D/Lt Brooks gave an extensive report on six action items. His complete report is included the District Officer Reports section following the minutes.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Denise Samu, AP

P/D/C Samu reported that the nominating committee has been and is continuing to conduct interviews to select nominees for offices on the District 9 Bridge and other elected offices and committees of District 9. The nominees selected will be published in the spring 2008 online issue of the Interlaker. The slate will be submitted for review at the 2008 Spring Council Meeting.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN

- **2008 Governing Board**

P/D/C Rachuk's reported that planning for the 2008 Fall Governing Board is proceeding well.

1. Contract signed for Detroit Princess Cruise Boat Tour
2. Motown Tour ready to go
3. Ford Rouge Assy Plant Tour being finalized
4. Highlander Sea "Tall Ship" to be docked in front of hotel for tours
5. Entertainment for social lunch and Saturday evening dinner under review

Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

- **Conferences**

Host squadrons for conferences are lined up through the spring of 2009, which will be hosted by South Bend Squadron. Squadrons that have not hosted a conference recently are encouraged to volunteer for the fall of 2009. Report is included in the District Officer Report section.

Report of the Squadron Development Committee

P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Historian report seminar will be at 1000 at the Fall Conference.

Report of the Merit Mark Officer

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

D/C Stephan reporting for D/Lt Chester Falle, SN: merit mark submission is now totally electronic. It is easy to use. Submission data needs to be in by 10/15/07.

D/9 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, AP

D/Lt/C Jensen noted that all receipts have been deposited, bills paid. P&L and balance sheet are included in the District Officer Reports section.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

- D/Lt/C Draper advised that his written report had distributed as part of the Bridge Officer Reports and suggested that they review it at their convenience.
- He requested that everyone making a report supply him with either a hard copy or digital, for inclusion in the minutes.

- He reminded everyone to fill out either the red or white attendance cards and to put them into the envelopes for collection by the assistant secretary. This is the only official way that D/9 determines whether or not you attended the meeting.
- A quorum was present to conduct business.
- Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett, AP

- D/Lt/C Bartlett advised that there was going to be a poster contest for the 2008 USPS Governing Board meeting that D/9 is hosting in Detroit.
- D/Lt Muylaert has asked that trophies and awards information be submitted and traveling trophies turned in so that they may be prepared for awarding to new recipients at the fall conference.
- Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

Education Department

D/Lt/C William Stewart, SN

- D/Lt/C Stewart advised that there are 6 seminars ready for squadron use. Over 7000 have been shipped to date.
- Overall 5000 fewer students have taken boating courses in the past two years
- There will be an SEO meeting Friday evening of the conference.
- Full Report is included in the District Officer Reports section

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP

- D/Lt/C Brooks' briefly discussed highlights from her full report which is included in the District Officer Reports section
- District Calendar of Events is immediately after her report

District Commander's Report

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

- D/C Stephan thanked the squadrons for attending the Fall Council Meeting and the D/9 Bridge and their departments for their hard work on behalf of USPS. He expressed his appreciation for keeping in touch with him via e-mail. He reported that there would be a "town hall type meeting" at the conference with the District Commander.
- D/C Stephan advised with regret that the Irish Hills Squadron had voted to turn in their charter and to dissolve the squadron. P/D/C Rachuk moved for dissolution; 2nd P/D/C Samu; motion carried.
- D/C Stephan advised that the above resolution for dissolution would be presented to the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting in February 2008 for final disposition. He also asked that District Law Officer, D/Lt Lynne Draper, AP, check on the procedure for dissolving Irish Hill's legal status as a corporation within Michigan.

Unfinished Business

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

There was no unfinished business.

New Business and Resolutions

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

P/D/C Rachuk advised that the 2008 Governing Board, which will be in Dallas in February 2008, has a registered website and encouraged all to check it out online.

For the Good of the District

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

- Cdr Rudy Sloup, Port Huron, encouraged the attendees to visit the Grossology Museum while in Port Huron for the Council Meeting.

- A knot board teaching aide was discussed.
- D/C Stephan thanked D/Lt Judy LaPorte for all of the work she did putting the 2007 District 9 Fall Council Meeting together.
- P/C Fred Hoitash, AP, Dearborn Squadron, supplied details about the D/9 Fall Conference scheduled for 26-28 October, 2007 in Bay City, MI.
 1. Pirates of D/9 theme/dress (in)appropriately
 2. Poker run with great prizes through Saturday afternoon
 3. Hospitality room judging based upon decor, theme, hospitality, & food/5 judges/3 cash prizes
 4. Saturday business lunch: Dr. Hertig will present a 30 minute presentation, Making the Rustbelt Green
 5. Saturday dinner entertainment: hypnotist, James Hoke

Mentors and Squadrons Meet

Mentors & Squadron Commanders

The District Extended Bridge Officers met with representatives of their assigned Squadrons, which were present at the Council Meeting, to discuss areas of mutual concern and ways in which District might be able to assist them.

Commander's Challenge

D/Lt/C Bryan Bartlett, AP

As a large target for the Life Saver Rescue Disk throw by the Squadron Commanders our D/C was a good sport (and very difficult to miss). This event took place outside.

Benediction

D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Adjournment

D/C Jerry Stephan, AP

Motion by P/D/C Samu to adjourn the meeting after the Mentors & Squadron Meet and the Commanders' Challenge was completed; 2nd by D/Lt Claudia Landis. D/C Stephan adjourned the meeting at 1127.

Respectfully submitted,



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