

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

DISTRICT 9

MINUTES OF THE  
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING

3 March 2007



Host Squadron: Mt. Clemens Power Squadron

Mariner's Boat Club

Harrison Township, Michigan

**United States Power Squadrons  
Sail and Power Boating  
District 9 Spring Council Meeting Agenda  
March 3, 2007**

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Invocation	D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P
Pledge of Allegiance	P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN
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Host Squadron	Cdr Scott Corlew, AP
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Review of the Voting and Floor Privileges	D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN
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Report of the Law Committee	D/Lt Lynne Draper, AP D/Lt Georgia McFarland, JN
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**United States Power Squadrons®**  
Sail and Power Boating  
**District 9 Spring Council Meeting Minutes**  
Mariner's Boat Club, Harrison Township, Michigan – Saturday, 3 March 2007

**Call to Order**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

D/C Samu called the 2007 Spring Council to order at 1005.

**Invocation**

**D/Lt Doug Rocho, P**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN**

**Welcome and Comments**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

D/C Samu thanked the members of Mt. Clemens Power Squadron for hosting the council meeting. She requested that attendees turn their pagers and cell phones either off or onto vibrate during the meeting. Cdr Scott Corlew, AP of the host squadron welcomed everyone and outlined the activities planned for the afternoon after the Spring Council Meeting.

**Order of Business**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

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

**Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs**

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

D/Lt/C Stephan made the following introductions: P/D/C from 2004 – Michael J. Rachuk, SN; P/D/C from 2005 Jack Knaggs, SN, and R/C Ron LaPlante, SN.

**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 James Draper, JN**

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

**Approval of Minutes – 2006 Fall Council**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

The minutes of the Fall Council held on Saturday, 23 September 2006 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI had been distributed to the attendees.

**Motion:** It was moved by general acclimation with support to accept the 2006 Fall Council minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**District Calendar**

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

Latest D/9 Events Calendar was distributed and is included District Officer Reports section.

**D/9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of the Planning Committee**

**D/Lt David Brooks, AP**

D/Lt/C Draper reporting for D/Lt Brooks indicated that PlanCom currently had no new items on its agenda. It would report on the status of PlanCom items 11 and 13 at the Spring Conference.

**Report of the Rules Committee**

**Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN**

District bylaws have been approved by national and are on the D/9 website.

### **Report of the Law Committee**

**D/Lt Lynne Draper, AP (MI)  
D/Lt Georgia McFarland, JN (IN)**

Nothing to report.

### **Report of the Auditing Committee**

**D/Lt Dave Caldwell, JN**

D/Lt Caldwell reported that the audit committee has reviewed the D/9 financial records for calendar year 2006 and found all records to be accurate and receipts available for all debts audited. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the financial records of USPS District 9 for the period of January 2006 through December 2006 are accurate and without concern.

### **Report of the Budget Committee**

**D/Lt Chet Dunbar, AP**

D/Lt Dunbar reported upon changes between the 2006-2007 budget and the 2007-2008 budget as follows: line item 214 (co-op advertising payments) was renamed and changed to line item 901 (co-op advertising disbursements). It was moved from the Executive Department budget to the Other Expenses category. Line item 479 (trophies and awards) was increased from \$250 to \$750. Line item 507 (computer, web page) in the secretary's department was increased from \$200 to \$750 for expected software purchases. Line item 202 (promotional expenses) in the Executive Department was increased from \$1000 to \$3000 to support a D/9 USPS traveling billboard. Full proposed budget is included in the District Officer Reports section.

Motion: Moved by P/D/C Rachuk to submit the March 01, 2007 through February 29, 2008 budget to the 2007 Spring Conference for their review and approval.

Support: D/Lt Lynne Draper

Motion passed unanimously

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

**P/D/C Jack Knaggs, SN**

P/D/C Knaggs reported that the nominating committee has submitted for election at the 2007 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. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **Report of the Conference Coordinator**

**P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN**

- **2008 Governing Board**

P/D/C Rachuk's reported planning for the 2008 Fall Governing Board is proceeding well. The next planning meeting is 17 March 2007 at the Clinton-Macomb Library. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

- **Conferences**

Host squadrons for conferences are lined up through the spring of 2009. Squadrons that have not hosted a conference recently are encouraged to volunteer for the fall of 2009.

### **Report of the Trophies and Awards Committee**

**D/Lt Frank Muylaert, P**

There will be a seminar at the 2007 Spring Conference so that the squadrons recognize and understand the various awards, how selection is made, etc. Asked squadrons holding traveling trophies and plaques to return them so they may be updated.

### **Report of the Membership Committee**

**D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP**

Committee is working to create a good seminar for the conference. Power of One pins will be awarded to three people at the 2007 Spring Conference.

## **Report of the Squadron Development Committee**

**P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN**

Potential for a new squadron in the Houghton Lake area and also in Sault Ste. Marie. Irish Hills has indicated that it wishes to disband.

## **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. Report was on the table. There was a discussion of the procedures for sending dues information to National for the 2007-08 dues year. Full report is 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 been passed out and that they review it at their convenience. He requested that everyone giving a report supply him with either a hard copy or digital, for inclusion in the minutes. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **Administrative Department**

**D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP**

D/Lt/C Brooks advised that she is trying to incorporate general interest seminars at the spring 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 between 24 February 2007 and 24 February 2010 USPS may admit members who have not passed a NASBLA test. There are concerns that D/9 SEO's are isolated from attending other seminars at conference on Saturday. There will be an SEO meeting on Friday, 30 March prior to the Spring Conference to discuss this and other issues. There will be an 8 hour and 12 hour course on the national ed web page. JN and EM courses are at the printer and will be available 4/1. Chapman Award submissions are below par and need improvement. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **Executive Department**

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

D/Lt/C Stephan reported that his theme if he is elected District Commander would be "Get Your Ask in Gear." He requested that USPS related e-mails be sent to him at [usps@jlspsc.com](mailto:usps@jlspsc.com). D/Lt Dunbar requested that a contact person be listed for calendar website data. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **District Commander's Report**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

D/C Samu thanked the squadrons for the outstanding turnout and support that D/9 had at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. Seventy attended the meeting and there were about 100 members in total from D/9. D/C Samu thanked the D/9 Bridge and their departments for their hard work on behalf of USPS. She expressed her appreciation for keeping in touch with her via e-mail. Power of One pins were distributed to Ann Arbor, Grand Traverse Bay, and Grosse Ile commanders for distribution to their members. Membership recruitment continue to flow in— please keep up the good work. With the upcoming Spring Conference at Lansing D/Lt Marilyn Bezdek has a folder for each squadron. It will be mailed to any squadron not in attendance at the Spring Council Meeting. D/C Samu requested feedback from squadrons regarding the free posters she had e-mailed squadrons about in December. Lansing Power Squadron is changing its name to Lansing Sail & Power Squadron. It has been approved at National so update your records. We need to use our co-op ad money that is available through National to promote USPS. Full report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

**Report of the Education Fund**

**D/Lt Roxanne Harold, P**

Twenty-three squadrons are on time with their submissions. Two did not respond. Seventeen of the squadrons used the EZ-Button on the National Website to make submissions. D/Lt Harold will get a list of squadrons not using this feature and encourage them to utilize it since it streamlines the process.

**Report from the Personnel Committee**

**D/Lt Bill DeKeyser, SN**

D/C Samu reporting for D/Lt DeKeyser stated that an online resume program at national was being setup. It would cover squadrons, district, and national and include individuals' skills and areas of interest.

**Unfinished Business**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business and Resolutions**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

There was no new business or resolutions.

**For the Good of the District**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

**Vessel Safety Check**

**R/C Ron LaPlante, SN**

Detroit Squadron was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> nationally in VSC checks. On an individual basis D/Lt Diane Dawes, Past Commander of the Detroit Power Squadron, was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally.

**2007 Spring Conference**

**Lt/C Alanna Harvey, S**

Current attendance count is down so encourage squadron members to get their reservations in soon. After dinner plans include a Casino Night Theme. Dress attire is "Casino Royale." Ships Store will be open both Friday and Saturday. D/Lt Bill Bezdek discussed a simulated fire training exercise that will be conducted in the atrium of the Holiday Inn on Saturday morning. This \$50,000 system simulates different fire scenarios and is adjustable to various skill levels using digital technology. All conference attendees are encouraged to participate in this program which is free. Proficiency certificates will be issued to those successfully completing the simulation test.

**2007 Fall Conference**

**Cdr Jana Smith, AP**

Theme for the squadron hospitality suites will be *Pirates of D/9, Education is a Treasure*. There will be hospitality suite judging Friday evening and there will be really good prizes for the best ones. There will be one Saturday luncheon (no social lunch). Conference will be October 26 to 28 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City.

**2007 Dearborn Commander's Ball**

**Cdr Jana Smith, AP**

The 2007 Dearborn Commander's Ball will be a picnic at the Ford Yacht Club on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Benediction**

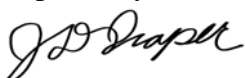
**D/Lt Doug Rocho, P**

**Adjournment**

**D/C Denise Samu, AP**

D/C Samu adjourned the meeting at 1145.

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C James D. Draper, JN

District 9 Secretary