

**United States Power Squadrons®**  
Sail and Power Boating  
**District 9 Spring Council Meeting Minutes**  
Hotel Doherty, Clare, Michigan – Saturday, 1 March 2008

**Call to Order**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

D/C Stephan called the 2008 Spring Council to order at 1000.

**Invocation**

**D/Lt Doug Rocho, P**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**D/FI/Lt Patricia Johnston, SN**

**Welcome and Comments**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

D/C Stephan thanked the members of the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron for hosting the council meeting. He requested that attendees turn their cell phones either off or onto vibrate during the meeting. Cdr Joel Lockwood, AP of the host squadron welcomed everyone to Clare. He noted that Clare was chosen as the destination city for the council meeting rather than Traverse City because it was more centrally located for all of the squadrons, and he hoped they would enjoy their visit here.

**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 of P/D/C's present:

1. P/D/C John Bennett, SN: 2001
2. P/D/C Richard P Gallop, SN: 2003
3. P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN: 2004
4. P/D/C James G. Knaggs, SN: 2005

D/Lt/C Brooks made the following introductions of USPS national officers present:

1. Stf/C John Bennett, SN
2. Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN
3. P/R/C Patricia Johnston, 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 confirmed that a quorum was present for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – 2007 Fall Council**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

The report (including minutes) of the Fall Council Meeting held on Saturday, 29 September 2007 at the Great Lakes Maritime Center in Port Huron, MI had been distributed to the attendees.

**Motion:** It was moved by D/Lt/C Denise Brooks to accept the 2007 Fall Council Report as presented; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** D/Lt Albert Schwaller; Motion passed.

### **District Calendar**

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

D/Lt/C Brooks noted that the District Calendar of events had not been included in the District Officer Reports handout which had been distributed. She advised the attendees that it would be posted on the D/9 website.

## **D/9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Report of the Planning Committee**

**D/Lt David Brooks, AP**

D/Lt Brooks gave a report on three action items as follows:

1. PlanCom Item 14: A review of SOP 7 Secretary's Dept update
2. PlanCom Item 15: A review of SOP 35 District Publication update
3. PlanCom Item 18: Develop an SOP to aid squadron members in using DB2000

His complete report is included the District Officer Reports section following the minutes.

### **Report of the Rules Committee**

**Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN**

Stf/C Landeros advised that he had nothing to report.

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

**D/Lt Lynne Draper, AP**

D/Lt Draper reported that she was researching state records to determine if the Irish Hills Power Squadron was still an active corporate entity requiring dissolution. She expected to be able to have a final determination on its status at the 2008 Spring Conference. [Note: Irish Hills Power Squadron was dissolved at the recent USPS Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX]

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

**D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN**

D/Lt Hudson reported that the committee had audited the first 6 months of records and that everything was OK.

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

**D/Lt Chet Dunbar, Jr, SN**

See report in the District Officer Reports section.

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

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

P/D/C Knaggs reported the names of the candidates recommended by the nominating committee for election to district office in 2008-9. The nominees selected were also listed in the spring 2008 online issue of the *Interlaker*. The slate will be voted upon by the delegates at the 2008 Spring Conference Business Meeting. See report in the District Officer Reports section.

### **Report of the 2008 Conference Coordinator**

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

Host squadrons for conferences are lined up through the spring of 2009, which will be hosted by South Bend Squadron. Mt Clemens Power Squadron has volunteered to host the Fall 2009 Conference.

**Motion:** It was moved by P/D/C Rachuk to accept the Mt. Clemens bid to host the Fall 2009 Conference; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P/D/C John Bennett; Motion passed.

### **Report of the 2008 Governing Board Coordinator**

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

Things are coming along well for the Governing Board Meeting in Detroit on 2-7 September 2008. A brochure outlining the activities and tours planned for the Governing Board attendees is included in the District Officer Report section.

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

**D/Lt Frank Muylaert, P**

Most of the awards are distributed in the fall with the exception of a couple of individual awards presented by the Educational Department.

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

**D/FI/Lt Patricia Johnston, SN**

D/FI/Lt Johnston reported that she was trying to get the Squadron Development Committee into the Operations Manual.

At this point there was a short break for a 50/50 raffle. There were three \$60 winners.

## **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. Of special interest and insight to the inner workings of our government was a payment to the IRS, which had billed the District \$8.29, which was paid by District 9. This was subsequently followed some months later by a check from the IRS to the District for \$8.31 (interest) for overbilling us.

### **Secretary's Department**

**D/Lt/C James Draper, JN**

- D/Lt/C Draper advised that his written report had been 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.
- 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 at our 2008 Spring Conference with the winners to be judged at the national level at the 2008 fall Governing Board meeting that D/9 is hosting in Detroit.
- A proposal by National to accept new members via internet using an averaged dues structure will be reviewed 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 there are seminars ready for squadron use and they are phenomenal.
- Advanced and Elective courses are undergoing a major rewrite.
- The new navigation course is undergoing beta testing.
- Chart Smart and Boat Smart courses are no longer being published; however squadrons may use existing materials and examinations thru 2008.
- National has volunteered to send a trainer to District Conferences to train the trainer for seminar presentations.
- Full Report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **Executive Department**

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

- D/Lt/C Brooks encouraged the attendees to visit other squadrons for fun and camaraderie.
- Regarding 2008 spring conference seminars: check schedule as start time is 0830.
- There will be a brainstorming session in the new boater seminar at conference—theme: “what can we do to engage them.”
- District Calendar of Events is online and will be available at the Spring Conference (it is also included in the District Officer Reports section)
- She needs the squadron commanders to forward the names of their deceased squadron members so that they may be appropriately recognized at conference immediately.
- Full Report is included in the District Officer Reports section.

### **District Commander’s Report**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

- D/C Stephan thanked his Bridge for doing a great job and asked them to stand for a round of applause.
- The National Education Officer, V/C Richard E. Kyle, SN will be our guest speaker at the spring conference.
- There will be an SEO/DEO/NEO open forum at conference so our SEO’s can meet and express their concerns to the NEO regarding the educational programs.
- The District Directory issued was not a workable product in 2007. It will be revamped next year by D/C Stephan who will be coordinating its implementation.
- A seminar *Introducing the Leadership Development Workshop* (Train the Trainers) will be coordinated by Stf/C Landeros at the spring conference.

### **Unfinished Business**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business and Resolutions**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

- P/D/C Samu had submitted an agenda item to the District Commander and the District Secretary proposing that Past District Education Officers who have served 6 years be awarded delegate status at Council and Conference. D/C Stephan remanded this to PlanCom for review.
- D/Lt/C Draper advised that the Sharp Digital Laser Copier/Printer (AL-1551) that currently moves with the District Secretary’s position can not be used with Vista software and may be surplus. Any squadrons interested in obtaining it should contact the District Secretary prior to the spring conference.

### **For the Good of the District**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

- D/Lt/C Brooks asked for squadron action pictures that may be used for a presentation at the Spring Conference.
- Lt Sue Rayburn (Dearborn) suggested that district conferences not be scheduled on Halloween weekend as this limits participation by those members with younger children
- Cdr William Stano: 2008 Spring Conference
  1. Hosted by Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
  2. 4-6 April 2008
  3. Conference at the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy, MI
  4. Theme is Prohibition
  5. Dress is Gangster and Flapper Style
  6. Great Entertainment/Jazz Music Scheduled

- P/C Karen Strand: 2008 Fall Conference-Hosted by Kalamazoo Power Squadron
  1. Hosted by Kalamazoo Power Squadron
  2. 31 October to 2 November 2008
  3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Diamond Jubilee/combine education & elegance
  4. Conference at McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, MI

**Benediction**

**D/Lt Doug Rocho, P**

**Adjournment**

**D/C Jerry Stephan, AP**

D/C Stephan adjourned the meeting at 1119.

**Mentors and Squadrons Meet**

**Mentors & Squadron Commanders**

Following the meeting adjournment the District Bridge and 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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