

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 9

FALL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

03 OCTOBER 2009

Call to Order
1000 by D/C Bartlett

D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

Invocation

Lt/C Diane Dawes, JN

Pledge of Allegiance

P/R/C Patricia Johnston, SN

Welcome and Comments

D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

D/C Bartlett welcomed everyone. His first order of business was to swear in Assistant Secretary Jay Stevens. Jay was not able to attend the Spring Conference to be sworn in.

Bryan requested to change the order of business as needed to expedite the meeting.

Introduction of National Officers & PDCs

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

D/Lt/C James Draper introduced National Officers and Past District Commanders attending the Council Meeting. They were: P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP; P/D/C Denise Samu, AP; P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, N; P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN; P/D/C Rich Gallop, SN; P/D/C James Leonard, SN.

Review of the Voting and Floor Privileges

D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

Voting and floor privileges were defined by D/Lt Hudson according to the current By Laws of District 9.

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C Robyn Levene

D/Lt/C Levene confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes - 2009 Spring Council

D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

Minutes for the D9 Spring Council Meeting were approved.

District Calendar

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

D/Lt/C James Draper distributed a current District 9 Calendar. Mount Clemens COW and Commander's Ball were added as additions.

D/C Bartlett requested that squadrons submit all dates to D/Lt/C James Draper and copied to himself.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/Lt David Brooks, AP

P/D/C Denise Brooks distributed the Planning Committee report. Each seat packet has a copy of it. Items in their report included reviewing the meeting process. Both Council and Conference meetings and the suggestion that they be combined are detailed.

Report of the Rules Committee

D/Lt Keith Cadman, JN

D/C Bartlett presented the proposed By Laws changes in the absence of D/Lt Cadman. These were the same By Laws proposed at the D9 Spring Conference. Because of a protocol mixup, the correct channels were not followed to finalize the proposed By Laws. D/C Bartlett explained the situation and why National rejected the proposed By Law change to have P/DEOs as voting members of the District Council. P/D/C Rachuk made a motion to accept the By Law changes as proposed at the Spring District Conference. Discussion made. Motion passed. The proper form will be administered by the Chair of the Rules Committee, then Secretary D/Lt/C Robyn Levene, AP will submit the By Law proposals to National for their final approval. Once okayed by National, the new By Laws will be posted on the D9 website.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP

Nominating Chair P/D/C Denise Brooks reported that members of the Nominating Committee will be working over the next several weeks to develop names of parties qualified and/or interested in positions at the District level. Interviews will take place at the Fall Conference.

She also announced that P/D/C Jerry Stephan, AP has resigned his position as Nominating Committee member. P/D/C Mike Rachuk made a motion to accept P/D/C Rich Gallop as the replacement for J. Stephan. The motion was seconded, no discussion, motion passed.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN

P/D/C Rich Gallop announced progress on the D9 Conference for Fall. Reservations have been extended to 06 October 2009. He suggested that each Squadron Commander send out a last blast via electronic mail to their respective squadron members about the Fall Conference.

Spring 2010 D9 Conference will be hosted by Flint Power Squadron, 19 March - 21 March 2010. It will be held at the Southfield Marriott.

P/D/C Mike Rachuk has been working with Jack Runner at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Harrisburg, Ohio for a joint conference. All duties would be split and shared 50-50. Profit and losses will be shared equally. The dates for the Fall 2010 Joint District Conference are 22 October - 24 October 2010. The motion was seconded. With some discussion the Motion passed.

A recommendation was made to work with the Budget Committee to get the appropriate funds allocated for that year's budget for the Joint Conference.

D9 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C William Stano, JN

We are in the black and all bills have been paid. Everything is within budget so far. Please be sure to send all receipts to D/Lt/C Stano. Bill is investigating changing District bank accounts to another bank. The current bank hours do not allow the Treasurer to make deposits or take care of business within his work schedule. He is favoring Chase Bank. All 990 forms have been sent in for all squadrons except St. Clair Shores. They have been notified. D/Lt/C Stano's complete report is in each seat packet.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C Robyn Levene

D/Lt/C Robyn Levene spoke about Sail Angle and how it would benefit the National, District, and local levels. She reminded everyone to take a minute and join SailAngle.com. It takes less than five minutes. Go to USPS.org and click on the SailAngle.com window. Follow the directions. Her complete report is in each seat packet.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN

D/Lt/C Jensen's complete report is in each seat packet. She will be elaborating on Sail Angle at the Administrative Officer seminar at the Fall Conference. She gave a brief rundown of each AO sub department.

Awards will be presented by a Power Point presentation at the Fall Conference.

Education Department

D/Lt/C Donald Fiander, SN

As reflected in the declining membership numbers for the past year total course completion continues to decline. There were 636 public boating courses completed this year. As a District, advanced grade and elective courses completed matches or exceeds National rates.

National is working to develop a data base for all squadron instructors. It would be a cross reference list of anyone who has taught a course or has passed a course, so that we can work and share each others' expertise. He asked Squadron Commanders to have their SEOs send him information on members who have taught and/or completed seminars and courses to help in the development of this database.

The Detroit Boat Show will have seminars throughout the show. P/DEO Bill Stewart, SN is working with the Boat Show advisors at Cobol Hall to set those seminars up.

There are many certified instructors whose certificates will be expiring soon. There will be a two hour certification seminar during the second half of the morning on Saturday at the Fall Conference in Sterling Heights.

Need trainer for BCOC advanced certifier session 17 October 2010 at 0900 on Clinton River. Please email Don ASAP with names of anyone who may be interested in taking this course. Need buoys for maneuvers. Gallon jugs work the best, yellow or orange color.

He reminded squadrons to get their EDA forms in to National so their choice of SEO can be approved. They have to be in 60 days prior to the squadron elections.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C James Draper, JN

D/Lt/C Draper's complete report is in each seat packet. He requested a list of deceased squadron members to be sent to him from each squadron. District Safety Officer needs each Squadron's report. Send report to Jim ASAP.

District Commander Report

D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN

D/C Bartlett's complete packet is in each seat packet.

Bryan gave further details about Sail Angle and how it works. USPS plans to make Sail Angle their major transmission of information to individuals, squadrons, and Districts.

Chet Dunbar has placed District 9 information on SailAngle.com. It has been a slow process because of daily limitations. Chet has contacted USPS regarding this issue.

District Law Officer - Squadrons need to know if they are current as a corporation.

Merit Marks are due by 15 October 2009. National needs all merit mark information by 1 November 2009.

Unfinished Business

D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN

New Business and Resolutions

D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN

A new resolution is being submitted to Planning Committee. It concerns the Commander's Cup Award. The Commander's Cup Award is presented to the squadron with the highest percentage of members retained between the period 31 July through 31 May. It is based on USPS squadron membership records published at the end of May and July of the current year. This worked well when the membership year was the standard June 1 - May 31. With the advent of anniversary billing the membership years are staggered. At this time it has become less and less relevant. This request is to be sure there is a sufficient time for this award. D/C Bartlett is submitting this to the Planning Committee for study. He would like a report at the Spring Council Meeting.

For the Good of the District

D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN

Adjournment

D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN

The District 9 Fall 2009 Council Meeting was adjourned at 1116.

Respectfully Submitted,

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D/Lt/C Robyn D. M. Levene, AP
Secretary
District 9