



**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**  
**SAIL AND POWER BOATING**  
**DISTRICT 9**



**Fall 2010 District Council Minutes**  
**18 September 2010**

**Call to Order**

The 2010 Fall Council Meeting of District 9 was convened on 18 September, 2010 at Ike's Restaurant, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 1000 by District Commander James D. Draper, JN.

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

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome & Comments**

**D/Lt Chet Dunbar, AP**  
**D/F/Lt Patricia Johnston, SN**  
**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

**Order of Business**

Without objection, Cdr Draper announced that the meeting was subject to changes in the order of business from the published agenda as necessary to expedite the business of the Council.

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

**Introduction of National Officers and Past District Commanders**

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**

Past District Commanders

P/R/C, P/D/C James C Acheson, SN (1978)  
P/R/C, P/N/F/Lt, P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN (1987)  
P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN (1990)  
Stf/C, P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN (2001)  
P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN (2004)  
P/D/C James G. Knaggs, SN (2005)  
Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP (2006)  
P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP (2008)  
P/D/C Bryan L. (Junior) Bartlett, SN (2009)

National Officers

P/R/C Patricia A. Johnson, SN  
P/R/C, P/N/F//Lt, P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN  
Stf/C, P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN  
Stf/C Donald C. Fiander, SN  
P/Stf/C Linda J. Lalonde, P  
Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP

**Review of the Voting and Floor Privileges**

**P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN**

**Determination of a Quorum**

The District Secretary announced that a quorum was present.

**D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, JN**

**Approval of Minutes – 2010 Spring Council**

The minutes of the 2010 Spring Council is included in the seat packet.

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

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

The 2010 Spring Council minutes are filed in the 2010 Spring Council Report.

**District Calendar**

The District Calendar is included in the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**

## District 9 Committee Reports

### Report of the Planning Committee

**D/Lt David Brooks, AP**

The Report of the Planning Committee, Dave Brooks, Chair, is included in the seat packet. There are no actionable items at this time.

### Report of the Nominating Committee

**P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN**

The Nominating Committee, P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett Chair, is in the process of interviews for the 2011 elected office positions.

### Report of the Conference Coordinator

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

Fall Conference 2010 – Our upcoming Fall Conference is a joint conference with D29, 22-24 October, 2010 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, OH. The theme for the conference is “Famous Pairs.” We have received a flyer from District 29, and we are encouraged to dress in “famous pairs” costumes for the hospitality event on Friday night.

We will have two national representatives. District 9’s representative will be R/C Kenneth D. Link, SN, USPS Nominating Committee Chair. District 29’s representative will be R/C Jeff C. Hamilton, SN, USPS Planning Committee Chair.

Hospitality for the Fall Conference will be in the hotel atrium. All hospitality rooms will open onto the atrium. There will also be a District reception Friday night hosted jointly by District 9 and District 29. Saturday evening we’ll have a common hospitality area as well. Hospitality rooms will be open to all members of both District 9 and District 29.

We will have seminar presentations Saturday morning. The seminar schedule is included in the seat packet.

Lunch Saturday will be in the atrium. We’ll be intermixed with members of both districts to give us a chance to meet other USPS members.

Dress for Saturday night will be Uniform A or appropriate attire.

Spring Conference 2011 – After the upcoming Fall Conference, only one other District Conference is presently scheduled. That Conference is the Spring 2011 conference at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, Michigan, 25-27 March, 2011.

### Report of the Membership Committee

**D/Lt Alanna Harvey, S**

AO/Membership Seminar – Membership remains Number One. Administrative Officers are responsible for membership, so for this conference we are combining the Membership and Administrative Officers Seminars. If you already know who your AO is for next year, that person should plan to attend this seminar. It will be in Depot 2 from 1010 to 1200.

Poster Contest – We’ll be holding our youth poster contest. Please bring your youth posters to Conference. For more information, contact D/Lt Alanna Harvey, S.

### Report of the Budget Committee

**D/Lt Chet Dunbar, AP**

The Budget Committee, D/Lt Chet Dunbar, Chair, has reviewed the upcoming budget proposals (later agenda items). The Budget Committee supports the proposal for membership refund and boat show display.

## District 9 Department Reports

### **Treasurer's Department**

**D/Lt/C William Stano, JN**

The Treasurer's written report, including a balance sheet and profit and loss statement through 11 September 2010, is included in the seat packet. The Treasurer reports that all bills are paid.

IRS Form 990 – In the national treasurer's report to the Governing Board Meeting in Seattle, the IRS 990 form was stressed. All squadrons are strongly encouraged to timely file their IRS Form 990 or 990-N e-Postcard, or risk losing their tax-exempt status. The deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Secretary's Department**

**D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, JN**

The Secretary's written report is included in the seat packet.

SailAngle – Members are encouraged to sign up for SailAngle to facilitate USPS, District, and Squadron communication.

USPS Website Security and Member PINs – Beginning around the first of the year, the USPS website is going to a more secure system of logon. Members should set up their security question and PIN to maintain full access to the USPS site. Information about setting up and using PINs is on the USPS website, <http://www.usps.org>, under the "Member Stuff" tab. Click on the "All about PINs" link, or go to <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/pages.cgi?pins>.

### **Administrative Department**

**D/Lt/C Linda LaLonde, P**

The District Administrative Officer's written report was distributed with the the seat packet.

Membership Figures – USPS membership is on the upswing. USPS membership for the period 1 January to 1 June is up 2.2%. D9 membership has shown a slight loss of 0.4%, or nine members. We have 59 new members so far this year.

MemComments Toolkit – A publication from National, *MemComments Toolkit*, was distributed with the seat packet. All attendees are encouraged to share the publication and the ideas it contains with their squadrons.

### **Education Department**

**D/Lt/C Donald Fiander, SN**

The District Educational Officer's written report is included in the seat packet.

USPS Headquarters Computers – The computers at USPS headquarters have been upgraded recently. DB2000 is a much faster download than it was before. Other benefits of the computer upgrade that have been put into place or are in the works are:

- Listing on the USPS website for the public to find not only public courses, but advanced courses and seminars.
- Display of and registration for all advanced grade course.
- A five year database of squadron information to print certificates and retrieve information.

Advertising Courses – Now that courses are open to members of the public, future courses should not be identified as "Member" courses. They should be called "Advanced" courses or "Marine" courses.

Future USPS courses should stress the USPS name to promote name recognition. It is suggested that courses be advertised as a USPS course "hosted by \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron" rather than simply as a Squadron course.

BOC Program Expanded – The BOC program has been expanded to the second level. "Coastal Navigator" has been published. The kit number is not yet available on the website. Once it's available, squadrons can order kits.

The fee structure for BOC has been changed. There is now a flat fee of \$40.00 for each level and any associated endorsements.

Course Attendance – It's been a good year for member courses. For the education year ending 30 June, we have 22 new JNs and 13 new Ns, with seven new SNs. Public courses are down to 552 for the year.

Cyber Squadron – All new ABC3 graduates are now members of the “cyber squadron.” Please do everything you can to bring these members into the local squadrons.

Instructor Certification – We have a number of instructors who are about to lose their certifications. Certification is important because of the NASBLA requirements. There will be a recertification course at the Fall Conference.

USPS Insurance Discounts – Our USPS insurance group has increased discounts, in addition to already giving discounts for completing our courses, they have now added discounts for BOC certifications as well.

**Executive Department**

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**

The District Executive Officer's written report is included in the seat packet.

Inflatable PFD Report Due – USCG provided inflatable life jackets to Vessel Safety Check examiners, with the condition that we annually report on them. The report is due 15 November, 2010. You can file the report on-line.

Cooperative Advertising Discontinued – Cooperative Advertising will not be available next year. Requests for reimbursement for this year are due no later than 15 October. Any squadron who does not expect to use all of its allotted funds is strongly encouraged to contact the Cooperative Advertising Chair and release any excess funds for use by the District.

**District Commander**

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

The District Commander's written report is included in the seat packet.

Conference Representative – Our Conference Representative from National will be R/C Kenneth D. Link, SN, Chair of the USPS Nominations Committee. R/C Link lives in North Carolina. He was in the Air Force for many years. R/C Link joined National's Marketing Team in 1997 later becoming R/C. In 2007 he joined the USPS NomCom, which he currently chairs.

2011 National Meeting – Bob Cox, our National Meetings Coordinator, is not present, but he is encouraging everyone to come to the National Meeting in Orlando next year.

Teaching Aids – Bob is also chair of our Teaching Aids section. All squadrons are encouraged to bring their teaching aids to the Fall Conference.

Great Lakes Scuttlebutt – The District Commander was contacted by Eric Kyle, editor of the Great Lakes Scuttlebutt. The Great Lakes Scuttlebutt, <http://www.greatlakesscuttlebutt.com>, is a magazine offering coverage of all of the Great Lakes. The on-line version reaches over 100,000 boaters. The magazine is interested in USPS, and would give us on-line space at no cost if we in exchange will give them a link on our website and publications. Mr. Kyle will be at Fall Conference with more information.

**Unfinished Business**

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

There was no unfinished business to bring before the Council.

## New Business and Resolutions

D/C James D. Draper, JN

**Attendance at District Council Meeting via Conference Call** – A proposal was submitted by Stf/C Denise Samu, AP, to set guidelines for telephone and video conference meetings. Following discussion, Cdr Draper announced that the matter had been referred to the Planning Committee for further study. The District Bridge will likely experiment with the process to see how it works. Comments and suggestions should be submitted to the Planning Committee Chair, D/Lt David Brooks, AP. No further action is necessary at this time.

**Boat Show Display Purchase (unbudgeted)** – District Executive Officer Mary Ann Jensen, JN, submitted a proposal for funding for a new boat show display system. Our current system is cumbersome and difficult to set up. A 10'x8' display with Velcro and magnet attachment is available for about \$1,400.00. This system is a floor model that retails at \$3,000.00. Other systems are available for similar costs. The Executive Department would like authority to spend up to \$3,000.00 for a new system and graphics. Funds are not budgeted, and approval of the Council is necessary to approve these unbudgeted funds. One possible source to help with this funding is cooperative advertising funds released by squadrons.

Motion - It was moved and seconded that the Executive Department be authorized to expend up to \$3,000.00 in previously unbudgeted funds to purchase a new boat show display system and associated graphics. The motion carried.

**\$25 New Member Initiation Fee Refund (unbudgeted)** – District Administrative Officer Linda J. Lalonde, P, presented a request to reimburse the USPS new member initiation fee. Beginning December 1, 2010, USPS will eliminate the \$25.00 initiation fee for new members. This proposal would reimburse squadrons or individuals who paid the new member initiation fee for all new members between 1 March 2010 and 30 November 2010.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the District reimburse individuals or squadrons the \$25.00 initiation fee paid for those members who have joined between 1 March 2010 and 30 November 2010.

Amendment – Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that the motion be amended by adding the following:

That a \$25.00 certificate to be used toward an educational class be mailed to new members who have paid the initiation fee.

Following discussion, the proposed amendment was brought to a vote and failed to carry.

Amendment – Following further discussion, it was moved and seconded that the motion be amended to read as follows:

That squadrons be reimbursed the \$25.00 initiation fee paid by or on behalf of members during the period 1 March 2010 to 30 November 2010.

Following discussion, the amendment carried.

Motion, as Amended – The original motion, as amended, was then brought to a vote. The motion, as amended, carried.

### **2011 Spring Council Meeting Date, Time, & Location**

The District Commander presented a proposal to set the date and time of the 2011 Spring Council Meeting for 1600-1800, 25 March 2011, at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, Michigan. This would place the

Spring Council Meeting on Friday afternoon at the beginning of the Spring Conference Meeting. This would be a one-time change so we can see how it works.

Motion – it was moved and seconded that the 2011 Spring Council Meeting be scheduled for 1600-1800, Friday, 25 March, 2011 at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, Michigan. Following discussion, the motion carried.

**For the Good of the District**

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

2010 Fall District Conference – District Conference Coordinator P/D/C Michael Rachuk, SN, encouraged everyone to attend the 2010 Fall District Conference. Information about the Holiday Inn French Quarter, the site of the 2010 Fall Conference, can be found at <http://www.hifq.com>. Reservations can also be made at that site. Government employees get a special rate with government ID.

Michigan Non-Profit Corporations Report – P/D/C James Leonard, SN, advised that the Michigan state non-profit corporations report had been filed.

Spring 2011 District Conference – D/Lt Alanna Harvey, S, reminded everyone that the 2011 Spring District Conference will be 25-27 March 2011 at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, Michigan. Plan now to attend.

Flint Sail and Power Squadron – Flint Power Squadron has officially become Flint Sail and Power Squadron.

**Benediction**

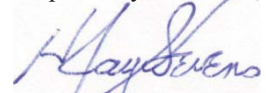
**D/Lt Chet Dunbar, AP**

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1142 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN  
District Secretary