



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



**Spring Council 2010 Minutes**  
**27 February 2010**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by District Commander Bryan L. Bartlett, SN.

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

**Invocation**

**D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Welcome Comments**

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

**Order of Business**

Without objection, Commander Bartlett announced a change in the order of business from the published agenda to facilitate the business of the Council.

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

**Introduction of National Officers and PDCs**

D/Lt/C James Draper introduced the National Officers and Past District Commanders in attendance:

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

P/R/C	Patricia A. Johnston, SN
P/Stf/C	Dianne M. Dawes, JN
Stf/C	Donald C. Fiander, SN
P/D/C,P/Stf/C	Edwin R. Schwenk, SN
P/D/C,Stf/C	John C. Bennett, SN
P/D/C	James G. Knaggs, SN
Stf/C,P/D/C	Denise C. Samu, AP
P/D/C	Denise Brooks, AP

**Review of the Voting and Floor Privileges**

**D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN**

**Determination of a Quorum**

The District Secretary announced that a quorum was present.

**D/Lt/C Robyn Levene, AP**

**Approval of Minutes – 2009 Fall Council**

The minutes of the 2009 Fall Council were distributed as a part of the seat packet.

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

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

The 2009 Fall Council minutes are filed in the 2009 Fall Council Report.

**District Calendar**

The District Calendar was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

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

**Report of the Audit Committee**

D/Lt Hudson, Chair of the Audit Committee, advised that the Audit Committee has been working on Treasurer's records. As a preliminary report, no problems have been noted to date. A final report will be submitted to the 2010 Spring Conference.

**D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN**

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

The budget report was presented in the absence of the Chair. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to the Council minutes.

The budget has been finalized, and is a bit different from last year. We no longer receive income from the credit card program. Cooperative advertising funds are no longer funneled through the District. Our total expenses in the 2010-2011 budget are down \$2900.

Motion: It was moved, and seconded that the proposed budget be approved as submitted. Following discussion, the motion carried.

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

**D/Lt David Brooks, AP**

The report of the Planning Committee was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes. Two items remain on the Planning Committee agenda.

PlanCom Item 19 is a directive to review the District meeting schedule and Council and Conference meeting date requirements. The Planning Committee, Rules Committee, and Conference Coordinator will create a strategy to implement any recommended changes to meeting schedules and report to Conference.

PlanCom Item 20 is a directive to review the time frame considered for awarding Commander's Cup award. This item remains under review, and a report will be made to Conference.

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

**D/Lt Keith Cadman, JN**

No report by the Committee Chair.

The Commander reported that the Bylaws passed at Fall Conference were approved and have been posted on the website. They are now up to date.

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

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

In the absence of the Conference Coordinator, the Commander read the Conference Coordinator's report. A copy of the Conference Coordinator's report was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

Two conferences are scheduled in addition to upcoming Spring conference – Fall Conference 2010 will be a joint conference with District 29. The Conference will be 22-24 October 2010 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Lansing has volunteered to host the Spring Conference 2011. The dates and location are yet to be determined.

The Spring Conference 2013 will be hosted by Birmingham. No other conferences are presently scheduled. Commanders are asked to go back to their squadrons and talk about volunteering for one.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve Lansing as the host of the Spring Conference 2011. The motion carried.

For the Fall Conference 2010 we are forming committees with co-chairs to coordinate between District 9 and District 29. A list of committees is in the written report attached to the Council minutes. Squadrons are asked to contact the Conference Coordinator to volunteer.

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

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

The report of the Nominating Committee was included as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

The Chair reported that the Committee considered the top issues facing the District to be membership and planning. Nominees were selected based on those needs.

The Chair advised that there was a correction to the written report. The Dist. Asst. Secretary nominee should be listed as Cdr Dawn L. Flynn, AP.

The Secretary reported that a nomination petition has been received on behalf of D/Lt/C Robyn D.M. Levene, AP, with a petition nomination for the position of District Administrative Officer.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Department**

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

The Treasurer's Department report was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

As of the date of the Council meeting, the District's only outstanding bill is for expenses of the Orlando meeting. Our Citizens Bank checking balance as of 29 January, 2010, was \$19,902.76. Our money market account balance was \$11,020.99. Our checking and money market accounts have been moved to Chase Bank.

The appropriate reimbursement form should be used for all requests for reimbursement, with an appropriate bridge member signing. The reimbursement form is on website.

District is not increasing dues this year. The dues transmittal form should be used to send in new member District dues. The form is on the website.

As of 1 January 2010, USPS ended the certificate of deposit jumbo CD program. On 7<sup>th</sup> of this month the District Treasurer and the District Commander signed letter requesting balance of D9 money. We have now received \$46,013.92.

The District also received notice that the former St Joseph Squadron had a CD on deposit with USPS. On 7 January 2010 the District Treasurer and the District Commander requested that St Joseph funds be transmitted to District 9. We have now received \$10,460.00. That money was placed in separate account pending decision on disbursement.

The District Commander reported that the St. Joseph Squadron ceased to exist some time ago for failure to file corporate papers. It ceased to exist as a squadron of USPS in Kansas City. According to their bylaws assets revert to USPS. USPS in turn sent the assets to District.

The District Educational Officer reported that St. Joseph Squadron's computer and projector are still in their possession, and we are attempting to retrieve them. It is questionable whether they are of sufficient value to make it worth the cost of attempting to retrieve them.

#### **Secretary's Department**

**D/Lt/C Robyn Levene, AP**

As earlier reported by the District Commander, the District Bylaws have been updated, approved by National and posted on website.

The *Interlaker* has been completely revamped by Vera Blake.

Chet Dunbar continues working on website. Let him know of any suggestions.

SailAngle continues to grow. As of February 2010, nationally there were 2070 members, or 7% of the national membership.

Individuals who visit USPS site can join on-line now. They are assigned to a “cybersquadron” and are designated as unattached members. The four closest squadrons are then notified and asked to contact the new member. In 120 days 161 members added nationally.

National communications continue to improve. In addition to *Ensign* we have the *Compass*, the on-line newsletter. We also have a monthly electronic broadcast for squadron and district officers.

Squadrons can now sign up entire squadron for SailAngle.

The District Commander reported that a group mailing went out to squadron commanders with a sample notice and opt-out procedure. By the end of this year SailAngle will be USPS’s only national communication.

#### **Administrative Department**

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

The District Administrative Officer’s report was included as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

National has issued challenge for the next year for 6000 more members. Our part would be 378 new members, assuming that we losing no one.

A new six hour leadership development training program has been developed at National for DAOs and SAOs. The program was offered at the Annual Meeting in Orlando. The program will continue to build at the next annual meeting with a new program for DXOs and SXOs. USPS will be presenting ten sessions around the country for SAOs. The two scheduled in our area will be in Cleveland and Chicago.

#### **Education Department**

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

The District Educational Officer’s report was included as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

Since the release of the JN and N courses, there has been a resurgence of interest in celestial navigation. There has been a great deal of cooperation between the squadrons in such areas as checking sights.

The new Marine Electronics series first course was released last year. Marine Communication Systems *beta* was completed, but was held up because of amount of material in course. It should be in final release in a month or two.

The national education department has been restructured. Curriculum Development Coordination, Educational Departmental Operations and Publication Support have been consolidated to become the USPS Publishing Committee. The Boat Operator Certification program split off to its own committee, the Boat Operator Certification And On The Water Training. There is now a new educational outreach committee looking into online facilities.

Since the December 2009 Board of Directors meeting, anyone who orders ABC-3 on line becomes a member of the “cyber-squadron” for six months free with the course.

The big change at annual meeting is that prohibition against teaching to outside non-members has been removed.

The Boat Operator Certification beta testing of the on-water part of Coastal Navigator was done after the Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg. That information is to be released shortly.

#### **Executive Department**

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

The District Executive Officer’s report was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

The District Executive Officer requested that squadron commanders read the DEO report for detailed instructions on how to request a District representative for a Change of Watch or Commander's Ball.

If a squadron has deceased members the DXO should be notified before Spring Conference.

DB 2000 continues to present problems. The DB2000 records need to be cleaned up. The SQ rank takes precedence over the HQ rank for rank purposes. The OD-2 form for 2010 should be submitted to USPS if it has not yet been submitted. The Information Center, the HQ rankings, and the SQ rankings should be the same. Please check DB 2000 to be sure it's correct, and make sure you have the OD-2 turned in.

**District Commander Report**

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

The District Commander's Report was distributed as a part of the seat packet. A copy is attached to the Council minutes.

Commander's Packets were distributed at this Council meeting.

The new *Interlaker* contains a great deal more information and graphics, and the file is very large. Because of the file size we now have a high quality print version and a lower quality downloadable version of the *Interlaker* on the District webpage. There is also a download manager named Download Accelerator available on the webpage to assist in large downloads. Download Manager allows a user to stop in the middle of a download and resume the download at a later time.

**National Cooperative Advertising Coordinator**

**Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP**

Reimbursement of 50% of your allotment. It will go directly to your squadron via an automatic transfer. You need to be sure you have the amount, squadron treasurer's contact information, and squadron Executive Officer's contact information. You can send requests until about October 15<sup>th</sup>. Those squadrons who don't need funds will lose them unless you send an email to the Cooperative Advertising Coordinator with a copy to either the District Commander or the District Executive Officer, asking that your squadron's allocation go to the District.

**Unfinished Business**

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

None

**New Business and Resolutions**

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

No new business was raised.

Grosse Ile Power Squadron Dissolution Resolution

The Grosse Ile Power Squadron met in special session on 11 February, 2010 and voted by the required 2/3 majority to dissolve the Squadron. The matter now comes before the Council, whose responsibility is to review the resolution to ensure that the proper procedures have been followed, and if so to accept resolution and pass on to Conference. Upon approval by Conference, the resolution to dissolve the Squadron would go before the next Board of Governors meeting.

Motion: Following discussion, it was moved, and seconded to accept the Grosse Ile Power Squadron dissolution resolution. It was then moved, and seconded, with the concurrence of the Grosse Ile members present, that the motion be tabled. The motion to table passed. On inquiry, the Chair announced that the motion to table passed by a margin of at least 2/3.

**For the Good of the District**

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

Cdr Nancy E. Burkhardt, S, Flint Power Squadron, invited the District to the Spring 2010 Conference in Southfield. The theme will be, "Join the Seven Seas Adventure."

Sunday, March 14, at Mariner's Church, Detroit, Michigan, will mark the Blessing of the Fleet. The service starts at 1100.

The Spring Conference 2011, hosted by Lansing, is in negotiation now. The dates and location should be announced at Conference.

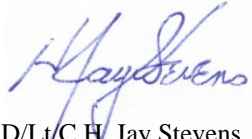
Yoooper Dooper Super Weekend is coming up 16-18 July, 2010. Among the activities is a trip to Drummond Island. There will be lots of free water activities and a pig roast.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1200.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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