



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 9



2011 Fall District Conference
Shanty Creek Resort – Bellaire, MI
29 October 2011

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1350.

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

Post Colors

United States and Canadian National Anthems

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Welcome and Comments

Color Guard

Everyone

P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

Order of Business

There being no objection, the District Commander announced that the order of the meeting may be altered to expedite the meeting.

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

Recognition of Departed Members

P/C Dudley "Skip" L. McCully, AP	Birmingham
P/C Daniel N. Pevos, SN	Birmingham
Thomas R. Neblett, N	Dearborn
Jack H. Venema, N	Grosse Ile
Lt/C Francis C. Kootsillas, AP	Grosse Ile
P/C Sally A. Rulan, SN	Grosse Ile
P/C Armin "Doc" Roe, AP	Lansing
Eleanor N. Renfrew, P	Lansing
P/C Norman C. Struebing, SN	Mt. Clemens
1/ Lt Lois E. Atkins, S	Port Huron
1/Lt Gareth L. McNabb, SN	Port Huron
P/C Claudia L. Landis, AP	St. Clair Shores
David Yoder	South Bend
P/C Kenner D. Murray, AP	Wyandotte

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Prayer

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

Introductions of National Officers and Past District Commanders

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

National Officers

P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN

P/R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN

National Officers (Contd.)

P/R/C Shirley Y. Van Rhee, SN
P/R/C P/D/C Gene R. Van Rhee, SN
P/R/C P/N/FI/Lt P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN
P/Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, S
Stf/C P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN
R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN
Stf/C P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP
Stf/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Past District Commanders

1986 P/R/C P/D/C Gene Van Rhee, SN
1987 P/R/C P/N/FI/Lt P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN
1990 P/D/C James Leonard, SN
2001 Stf/C P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN
2003 P/D/C Richard P. Gallop, SN
2004 P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN
2005 P/D/C James G. Knaggs, SN
2006 Stf/C P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP
2007 P/D/C Jerry L. Stephan, AP
2008 P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP
2009 P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN
2010 P/D/C James D. Draper, JN

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson, Jr., SN

Introduction of Guests

P/R/C P/N/FI/Lt P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN

Sgt Al Bavarkas, Michigan DNR
Donna Bavarkas
Capt. Joe Gregoria, USCGA
Marilyn Gregoria
V/C Joseph Gatfield, National AO, CPS

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

The District Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of 2011 Spring Conference

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

A copy of the minutes of the 2011 Spring Conference was previously distributed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2011 Spring Conference be approved. The motion carried. The approved minutes are filed with the 2011 Spring Conference report.

Chief Commander's Message

P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN

National Representative P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN delivered the Chief Commander's Message on behalf of the Chief Commander. The Chief Commander's Message is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Awards Ceremony

**D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N
P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN
D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
D/Lt Frank Muylaert, SN**

A listing of the awards presented is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Report of the Planning Committee

P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

The Planning Committee report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference Report.

The Planning Committee was tasked with improving the efficiency of Council in relation to Conference. A proposal was presented at the Council meeting. The information discussed was referred back to Planning Committee, and a recommendation will hopefully be presented to Spring Council for action at Spring Conference.

Report of the Rules Committee

D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson, Jr., SN

The Rules Committee is working on two issues – the model bylaws and the quorum requirements for Council meetings and Conference. The Rules Committee is not yet ready to make a final recommendation.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C James D. Draper, JN

The Nominating Committee is conducting interviews for the 2012 positions. We have positions on Nominating, Auditing, and Rules. Recommendations are solicited.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN

The first aid kits distributed to Conference attendees were provided by the Michigan DNR. The Michigan DNR also provided six PFDs as door prizes for the Conference.

Upcoming Conferences and Hosts

Spring 2012	Dearborn
Fall 2012	St. Clair Shores
Spring 2013	Grosse Point
Fall 2013	Birmingham

Detroit Governing Board: 05 Sep 2012 - 12 September 2012

Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP

A report of the Detroit Governing Board Host Committee was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report. District 9 is co-hosting the meeting with National. Members of all of our local squadrons are encouraged to participate. We are involved in fund raising now through raffles. Donations are also solicited.

D/9 Department Reports

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN

The District Treasurer's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

The District Secretary's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN

The District Administrative Officer's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

As of September 2011, our District membership is 2001, which is down slightly from last year.

Educational Department

R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN

The District Educational Officer's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

The organization of the National educational department is changing to increase member communication. We are also moving toward more of a market based program, and are looking at ways to increase distance learning and on-line classes.

We will have the BOC vessel at the Governing Board next fall to encourage people to get involved in on-the-water training.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

The District Executive Officer's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Vessel Safety Check PFD reports must go in annually. We are also looking for an Eastside Vessel Safety Check Chair.

We have a new Parades Committee chaired by D/Lt Rose Stano to encourage participation in parades throughout the state to raise awareness.

Commander's Department

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

The District Commander's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is included in the 2011 Fall Conference report.

Merit Marks – Merit mark information is due by 15 December. The squadron commander will not receive his or her merit mark until the squadron merit mark information is in.

Commander's Department (contd.)

Proxy Votes for National Meetings – The DSEO, R/C Donald Fiander, SN, is being nominated for National Assistant Educational Officer. Since this is an elective position, it is important that we vote all of our available votes. Squadron commanders who will not be attending the national meetings can give their squadron proxies to the District Commander or to another squadron member. It is not necessary that the commander use the USPS form. Even an email to the District Commander communicating the proxy is acceptable.

Unfinished Business

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

P/D/C James Draper, JN, was presented his Past District Commander flag.

New Business and Resolutions

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

There was no new business, and no resolutions were received that would require action by the Council.

For the Good of the District

Spring Conference 2012 – Dearborn Power Squadron

P/C Frederick J. Hoitash, SN

The 2012 Spring Conference will be at the Bay City Doubletree Hotel. There will be room judging for themed rooms. Saturday night will be at the planetarium across from the hotel.

Fall Conference 2012

P/C Michael A. Boyle, JN

The 2012 Fall Conference will be in Sterling Heights, MI the last weekend of October. The theme will be Halloween, with a Halloween Party dinner on Saturday.

Other Business

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

The Commander called for other business. There was none.

Adjournment

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

The meeting was adjourned at 1545.

Respectfully submitted,

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