



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 9



Spring District Conference Meeting
25 March 2011
Marriott Hotel-Southfield, Michigan

Call to Order

The 2011 Spring District 9 Conference was called to order by the District Commander at 1322.

D/C James D. Draper, JN

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthems (United States and Canadian)

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P
D/Lt Patricia Johnson, SN
District 9 and Guests

Welcome Comments

Host Squadron - Lansing

D/C James D. Draper, JN
Cdr Douglas B. Twiss, P

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 James D. Draper, JN

Recognition of Departed Members

P/C John S. Hamilton, N	Birmingham
James Robertson, N	Detroit
Lt James L. Stowell, SN	Detroit
Tom J. Rau	Sable Point
Joseph A. Meyer, AP	Wyandotte

D/C James D. Draper, JN
D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

Prayer

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

Introduction of Guests

V/C Joe Gatfield, National Training Officer, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron
P/V/C Sharon Connor, General Director, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron
P/D/C Jay Connor, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron
Nick V. Baratta, USPS Liaison Officer, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron
Alice Baratta
P/D/C Joan Hicks, P, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron
P/D/C Larry Hicks, AP, Director, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN

Introduction of P/D/Cs

1984 – P/C/C, P/D/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
1987 – P/R/C, P/N/F/Lt, P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN
1990 – P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN
2001 – Stf/C, P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN
2004 – P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN
2005 – P/D/C James G. Knagg, SN
2006 – P/Stf/C, P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP

D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

Introduction of P/D/Cs (Contd.)

2008 – P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP
2009 – P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

Introduction of National Officers

P/C/C, P/D/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN
P/R/C Ronald D. LaPlante, SN
P/R/C, P/N/F/Lt, P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN
P/Stf/C Diane Michele Dawes, JN
P/Stf/C Sally Lemus, S
Stf/C, P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN
R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN
P/Stf/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
P/Stf/C, P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

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

Determination of a Quorum

The District Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

Acceptance of Minutes of 2010 Fall Conference

A copy of the minutes of the 2010 Fall Conference was previously distributed.

D/C James D. Draper, JN

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2010 Fall Conference be approved. The motion carried. The approved minutes are filed with the 2010 Fall Conference Report.

Chief Commander's Message

National Representative R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP, National Law Officer, delivered the Chief Commander's Message on behalf of the Chief Commander. The Chief Commander's Message is included in the attachments to these minutes.

R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP

Awards

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, N
D/C James D. Draper, JN
R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP
D/Lt Frank Muylaert, SN**

A listing of the awards presented is included in the attachments to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee Audit Letter was included in the seat packet and is included as an attachment to these minutes.

D/Lt Mike Zaborowski,

Report of the Audit Committee (Contd.)

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Audit Letter be accepted and approved. After discussion, the motion carried.

Report of the Budget Committee

D/Lt Chet Dunbar, Jr., AP

A copy of the recommended 2011-2012 budget was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the budget for 2011-2012 be approved as submitted. After discussion, the motion carried.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/Lt David Brooks, AP

A copy of the Planning Committee Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. There are two action items that have been referred to the Committee.

PlanCom Item 19: District Meeting Process. Following this meeting, PlanCom will be again addressing the district meetings process. Squadron commanders are asked to provide any input to the PlanCom on the effectiveness of our experiment in scheduling Council the same weekend as Conference. No further action will be taken at this meeting pending further review and recommendations from PlanCom.

PlanCom Item 21: Review and Revise the Vessel Safety Inspections Award section of SOP 17. Several recommendations have been made. First, the name would be changed to Vessel Safety Check Award. Second, the eligibility period would be changed from 1 Dec to 30 Nov, to 1 Jan to 31 Dec to coincide with the calendar year. Third, the award calculations would be made by the District Vessel Safety Check Chair. Finally, the revised SOP would change the methods of calculations and formulas.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the recommendations for revisions to SOP 17 as submitted by Council be approved. The motion carried.

Report of the Rules Committee

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

The Rules Committee had no report.

Report of the Conference Coordinator

P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN

At present, the Conference Committee has three possible venue selections for the Fall 2011 District Conference. A decision will be made before the end of April. The committee would like to add eight to twelve people to the Committee, because most likely the District will be handling the Fall 2011 Conference. Please contact the Conference Chair if you are willing to serve.

Spring 2012 - Dearborn will be hosting the Spring 2012 Conference at the Bay City Doubletree on 23 March 2012. Lt. Frederick J. Hoitash, JN, Dearborn, was introduced as the Squadron representative.

Fall 2012 - St. Clair Shores has requested to host the Fall 2012 District Conference.

Report of the Conference Coordinator (Contd.)

Motion: It was moved and seconded that St. Clair Shores be approved to host the Fall 2012 District Conference. The motion carried.

Spring 2013 - Grosse Pointe has requested to host the Spring 2013 District Conference.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that Grosse Pointe be approved to host the Spring 2013 District Conference. The motion carried.

Fall 2013 - Birmingham will be hosting the Fall 2013 District Conference.

Report on the Fall 2012 Governing Board Meeting

P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP

The District Commander advised that this item had been added to the agenda. We will be hosting the Fall 2012 National Meeting at the Downtown Renaissance Center Marriott Hotel in Detroit for the Fall Governing Board. The meeting is in the planning stages now. We are responsible for tours and entertainment. We will need to report back to National on about four tours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and on entertainment for Thursday evening. National will be running a fund-raising effort as well. Later in the process, we'll need a number of volunteers to help coordinate at the Governing Board meeting.

D/9 Department Reports

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN

A copy of the District Treasurer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. At Fall Conference 2010 Conference approved reimbursement of initiation fees through December 1, 2010. That amount totaled \$2,250.00. Those reimbursements have now been distributed. Also at Fall Conference 2010, the Conference approved purchase of a new boat show display. \$1,650.00 was approved. The boat show display has been purchased at a cost of \$1,222.00. District received cooperative advertising funds from squadrons totaling \$1,222.00, which helped offset the cost.

Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

A copy of the District Secretary's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes.

Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

A copy of the District Administrative Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. The Membership Seminar was an excellent program, and participants are encouraged to take the ideas back to their squadrons. The D9 Educational Cruise is scheduled for 29 June 2011. The registration form is on the D9 website. D7 and D29 have been invited, and all USPS members are welcome to participate.

Educational Department

D/Lt/C Donald C. Fiander, SN

A copy of the District Educational Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. At the annual meeting there was a structural change at the national level. We now have two ANEOs. We now have a new online registration

system that allows us to report not only public courses, but seminar courses and all elective and advanced courses. We now have the second level of the Boat Operators Certification, Coastal Navigator, available. P/D/C Denise Samu, AP is the Chair. New online registrants of ABC3 are getting the free six-month membership, and if your squadron elects to participate, your classroom students will also receive the free six-month membership. On the water training modules are being developed for all of our courses. Teaching aids competition has been reborn. Each district will be allowed to send one entry to the national meeting. Finally, the Chapman Award process is starting in the spring. Squadrons need to start work now on the application process.

Executive Department

D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

A copy of the District Executive Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. The new agreement with the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been posted on SailAngle. Please work with Coast Guard Auxiliary to incorporate them in our programs. One correction needs to be made to the calendar. Wyandotte's Commander's Ball, which is shown as scheduled for 21 May, will be rescheduled.

Commander's Report

D/C James D. Draper, JN

A copy of the Commander's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. The District Commander reviewed the Squadron Administrator Officer Program Resource initiative. The materials are on the D9 website in the Download area, in the "AO Info" folder. There are nine different programs already on the list.

Unfinished Business

D/C James D. Draper, JN

Dissolution of Rogers City Squadron – The Rogers City has requested authority to dissolve the squadron and turn in its charter. Council has approved the request. If approved by Conference, it will go to the Governing Board in the fall, at which point the charter will be returned.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Conference approve the request of Rogers City to dissolve the squadron and turn in its charter and that the request be forwarded to the Governing Board for approval. The motion carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

The Nominating Committee's report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. The Nominating Committee made the following nominations for District elected offices:

District Commander	D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, N	Lansing
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P	Dearborn
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Donald C. Fiander, SN	Birmingham
District Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN	Grosse Point
District Secretary	D/L/C H Jay Stevens, SN	South Bend
District Treasurer	Cdr Dawn L. Flynn, AP,	Lansing
Asst DEO	D/1/Lt Duane Carlson, SN	Mt. Clemens
Asst Secretary	P/C Anthony C. Lewandowski, AP	Birmingham

Report of the Nominating Committee (contd.)

Audit Committee (3 year term)

D/Lt Frank Muylaert, SN

Dearborn

Nominating Committee (3 year term)

D/C James D. Draper, JN

Flint

D/Lt Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP

Grosse Pointe

Rules Committee (3 year term)

Lt/C Vincent Mulford, P

Muskegon

Election of Officers

D/C James D. Draper, JN

Review of Election Procedures

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

On behalf of the Rules Committee, D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson, Jr. reviewed the election procedures.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for all candidates and to declare them elected. The motion carried.

Change of Watch Program

The Change of Watch Program is attached to these minutes.

New Business, Resolution & Referrals from Seminars

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

There were no new business items, resolutions, or referrals from seminars.

For the Good of the District

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, N

D/Lt Chester Dunbar, Jr., Grosse Pointe, offered to travel to any squadron needing help with DB2000.

Benediction

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

Adjournment

The 2011 Spring Conference was adjourned at 1550.

Respectfully submitted,



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