



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 9



District 9 Spring Conference Minutes
Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan
 24 March 2012

Call to Order

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

The meeting was called to order at 1330 by the District Commander immediately following the 2012 Spring Council Meeting.

Order of Business

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

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

Recognition of Departed Members

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN
D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Douglas R. Bassil	Anchor Bay
P/C Daniel N. Pevos, SN	Birmingham
Lt Robert H. Schmaltz, AP	Detroit
Sylvia Rhodes, S	Detroit
P/C Stuart D. Willson, AP	Detroit
Andrew H. Huggler	Flint
P/C Hal Noreng, P	Grand Rapids
Lt. C. Linn Cowsert II, P	Grand Traverse Bay
Dr. Daniel R. Duciuk, AP	Grand Traverse Bay
Chester L. Swanson, P	Grand Traverse Bay
P/D/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN	Grosse Ile
Paul V. Schultes, P	Grosse Pointe
George E. Gerow, SN	Grosse Pointe
P/C Robert M. Smith, N	Grosse Pointe
P/Lt/C Douglas R. Austin, P	Port Huron
Ronald G. Carlisle	Saginaw Bay
Brian L. Nolley, S	Saginaw Bay
Joseph Anthony Caporale	St. Clair Shores
P/C Harrison W. "Woody" Talcott, P	South Bend
P/C John P. Kirkpatrick, JN	Wyandotte

Prayer

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

Introduction of Guests

**P/D/C John Bennett, SN
Dick Jarmon**

Dist. Chief of Staff Llorens (Joe) Chenevert USCG-AUX, 9th District Central Region

Judy Chenevert

Nick V. Baratta USPS Liaison Officer, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

Alice Baratta

P/V/C Sharon Connor Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C Jay Connor Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C Larry Hicks Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C Joan Hicks Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

V/C Joe Gatfield National Executive Officer, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

D/C Mike Smith Western District of Ontario, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron

Review of Voting and Floor Privileges

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

Review of Election Procedures

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

Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

National Officers

P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN

P/Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, P

P/Stf/C John C. Bennett, SN

R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN

P/Stf/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP

P/R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN

Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

Past District Commanders

1987 P/R/C, P/N/Flg/Lt, P/D/C Dick Jarmon, SN

2001 P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN

2005 P/D/C James G. Knaggs, SN

2006 P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP

2007 P/D/C Jerry L. Steffan, AP

2008 P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP

2009 P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

2010 P/D/C James E. "Junior" Draper, JN

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

Acceptance of Minutes of 2011 Fall Conference

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

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

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

Chief Commander's Message

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN

The Chief Commander's message was delivered by the Chief Commander's representative, V/C Louie Ojeda, SN. A copy of those remarks is attached to these minutes.

Awards

**D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN
D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
V/C Louie Ojeda, SN
D/Lt Frank Muylaert, SN**

The Awards Ceremony report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Report of the Audit Committee

D/Lt Frank Muylaert, SN

The Audit Committee's report was included in the seat packet, and is attached to this report. The Audit Committee met with the treasurer and went over the books, and found everything to be in proper order.

Report of the Budget Committee

D/Lt Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP

The proposed 2012-2013 budget was distributed in the seat packet, and is attached to this report.

The District Commander has the authority to approve unbudgeted items up to \$500.00. Each District officer has the authority to approve expenses within their own operating budget. Items may be moved within line items. One item that must be approved is the funding for the Educational Cruise.

Item 1 – Educational Cruise: The Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee reported that he had received a request from the District Commander advising that it was anticipated that the revenue from the 2011 Educational Cruise would be shared with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard Morale Fund. The action has been approved by the Council.

Motion – it was moved and seconded that we share the amount of \$880 to the United States Coast Guard Morale Fund and \$440 to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary from the Educational Cruise receipts. These funds would be paid out of last year's funds. After discussion, the motion carried.

Item 2 – 2012-2013 Budget: The Budget Committee presented the proposed 2012-2013 budget. The Committee proposes a budget of \$10,035.00 income, \$10,505.00 expenses, resulting in a deficit of \$470.00. The proposed budget has been approved by Council.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the 2012-2013 budget presented by the Finance and Budget Committee and approved by Council be approved by the Conference. After discussion, the motion carried.

Item 3 – District Assessments FY 2013 – The Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee presented as an information item that the Budget and Finance Committee will be

recommending an increase of \$1.00 per active member and \$1.00 per family unit for FY 2013. No action was required on the recommendation. The issue will be presented for action at the 2012 Fall Council and 2012 Fall Conference.

Item 4 - Short and Long Term Accounts – The Finance Committee is requesting authority to find a no-risk short term and long term solution to place funds not being used for current operations.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the Finance and Budget Committee be directed to find a no-risk short-term and long-term interest bearing solution for funds not being used for current operating expenses, and report findings at the next Conference. After discussion, the motion carried.

Report of the Planning Committee

D/Lt Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

The Planning Committee report was distributed in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report.

Item 1 - Council/Conference Timing – The recommendations are contained in the Planning Committee report. The Committee's recommendations are included in the proposed SOPs.

Item 2 - SOPs – the Planning Committee has reviewed SOPs 1-10 to correct and replace the SOPs to bring them into line with current practices. The proposed revisions are included in the Committee's report.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the revisions to SOPs 1-10 and that SOP 15 be suspended. After discussion, the motion carried. The revised SOP 1-10 are attached to this report.

Report of the Rules Committee

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

The Rules Committee has no report at this time.

Report of the Conference Coordinator Committee

D/Lt Frederick J. Hoitash, SN

The Committee thanked Dearborn for the great job it has done coordinating this Conference.

Upcoming Conferences

Fall 2012 – The 2012 Fall Conference will be 26-28 October 2012 at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights, Michigan. It will be hosted by the St Clair Shores Sail and Power Squadron.

Spring 2013 – The 2013 Spring Conference will be 05-07 April 2013 at the Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills, Michigan. It will be hosted by Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

Fall 2013 – The 2013 Fall Conference will be 11-13 October 2013 at the Concord Inn, Clinton Twp, MI. It will be hosted by Birmingham Power Squadron.

Report of the Detroit Host Meeting Contact (Governing Board) Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP

The Governing Board is meeting in Detroit It's important to register for events now. Information is on the website. D/9 will be responsible for registration desk, and will need volunteers. District 9 is fundraising to pay for the entertainment on Thursday and Saturday night dinners to keep the cost of the dinners reasonable. It's also important to book hotel rooms early, as the War of 1812 Centennial Celebration will be the same week.

D/9 Department Reports

Treasurer

D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN

The Treasurer's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report. The District Treasurer recognized and thanked the members of the Treasurer's Department.

Secretary

D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

The Secretary's Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report.

Special Presentation – D/Lt Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP was presented with a special award in recognition of his twelve years of service as District Webmaster. The award was engraved as follows:

District Lieutenant Chester Dunbar, AP in appreciation of your contribution as U.S.P.S. District 9 Webmaster 2001-2012.

The District Secretary recognized and thanked the members of the Secretary's Department.

Administrative

D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN

The Administrative Officer's report was included in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report.

Educational Cruise – The 2012 Educational Cruise aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Bristol Bay is scheduled for 20 June 2012.

Membership Statistics – Membership for D/9 is down by about 148 members over last year. D/Lt Alanna W. Harvey, S, is working as Membership Chair to help us bring those numbers up.

The District Administrative Officer recognized and thanked the members of the Administrative Department.

Educational

R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN

The District Educational Officer's Report was distributed in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report.

The District Educational Officer recognized all of the individuals in D9 who are committee chairs, SEOs, ASEOs, instructors, and proctors as a valuable part of our educational program.

Executive

D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

The Executive Officer's Report was distributed in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report. The Executive Officer recognized the many committee chairs, members, commanders, and executive officers for their contributions.

Commander

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

The Commander's Report was distributed in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report. The Commander thanked all of the members of the Commander's Department for their work.

Unfinished Business

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

Dissolution of Grosse Ile Sail and Power Squadron

The Commander reported that a letter had been received from Grosse Ile Sail and Power Squadron requesting dissolution. The Council has approved the request.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the Conference approve the request of Grosse Ile Sail and Power Squadron for dissolution of the squadron.

Report of the Nominating Committee

P/ D/C James D. Draper, JN

The Nominating Committee Report was included in the seat packet. A copy is attached to this report. Pursuant to Bylaws Sections 2.9.1 and SOP 31, the Nominating Committee submitted the following nominees:

District Commander	D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P	Dearborn
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C William J. Stano, JN	Grosse Pointe
District Educational Officer	D/1/Lt Duane Carlson, SN	Mt. Clemens
District Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN	South Bend
District Secretary	D/1/Lt Anthony Lewandowski, AP	Birmingham
District Treasurer	D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN	Lansing
District Assistant Education Officer	P/C Michael R. Israel, SN	Birmingham
District Assistant Secretary	D/Lt Janet M. Plump, AP	Mt. Clemens
Audit Committee (3 yr term)	P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN	Grosse Pointe
Nominating Committee (3 yr term)	D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN	Lansing
Nominating Committee (3 yr term)	P/D/Lt/C William Stewart, SN	Dearborn
Rules Committee (3 yr term)	P/C Vincent Cooley, JN	Detroit

Election of Officers

D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

The Commander inquired whether any other nominations or petitions had been received. The Secretary reported that none had been received.

Motion – It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

Change of Watch

The new bridge, officers, and committees were administered the oaths of their respective positions by V/C Louie Ojeda, SN. The list of committee appointments is attached. Also attached as a separate program is the order of the Change of Watch.

New Business, Resolutions & Referrals from Seminars

D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

There was no new business and no resolutions or referrals to present to the Conference.

For the Good of the District

D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Fall Conference 2012

As a reminder, the 2012 Fall Conference will be 26-28 October 2012 at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights, Michigan. It will be hosted by the St Clair Shores Sail and Power Squadron. The hospitality theme will be "Islands."

Spring Conference 2013

Also as a reminder, the 2013 Spring Conference will be 05-07 April 2013 at the Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills, Michigan. It will be hosted by the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. The hospitality theme will be "Age of Aquarius."

Other Business Announcements

D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

There were no other business announcements.

D/Lt Rose Stano was called upon to announce the winners of the raffle.

Benediction

D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P

Adjournment

D/C Linda J. LaLonde,

The Conference was adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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Change of Watch Program
2012 Spring Conference

Thank & Relieve Appointed Officers & All Committee Members D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

Thank & Relieve Elected Assistants D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

Asst. Sec D/1st/Lt Anthony J. Lewandowski, AP
Asst. DEO D/1st/Lt Duane Carlson, SN

Thank & Relieve Bridge Officers D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

Treasurer D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN
Secretary D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN
Administrative D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN
Executive D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
Educational R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN

The Commander presented a special award to R/C Fiander in recognition of his three years service as District Educational Officer. The award read as follows:

Presented to D/Lt/C Donald C. Fiander, SN in appreciation for dedicated service as District Educational Officer, 2009-2011.

D/C Farewell Address D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

D/C Elect is escorted to Front of Stage D/F/Lt Patricia Johnston, SN

D/C Elect - Pledge of Office V/C Louie Ojeda, SN
Retiring D/C asks Permission to Leave the Bridge Junior Mary Ann Jensen, SN
Retiring D/C escorted to P/D/C's table D/F/Lt Patricia Johnston, SN
New Junior welcomed to P/D/C's

Call Up New D/9 Bridge D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

Asst Secretary D/1st/Lt Janet Marie Klumpp, AP
Asst. DEO D/1st/Lt Michael Robert Israel, SN
Treasurer D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN
Secretary D/Lt/C Anthony J. Lewandowski, AP
Administrative D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN
Educational D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN
Executive D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN

New Bridge - Pledge of Office	V/C Louie Ojeda, SN
Introduction of New General Committee Members	D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
Introduction of Appointed Officers and Committees	
Commander's Department	D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
Executive Department	D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN
Educational Department	D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN
Administrative Department	D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN
Secretary's Department	D/Lt/C Anthony J. Lewandowski, AP
Treasurer's Department	D/Lt/C Dawn L. Flynn, JN
New Committees & Appointed Staff- Pledge of Office (A list of Committee Chairs is attached to this report.)	V/C Louie Ojeda, SN
D/C Inaugural Address	D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P
D/C Jr. Recognition (plaque)	D/C Linda J. LaLonde, P

End of Change of Watch Program