

**United States Power Squadrons**  
**District 9**  
**For Boaters by Boaters**  
**Minutes of the 2019 Spring Council**  
**23 March 2019**  
**Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236**

**Call to Order:** The council was called to order at 1112 by D/C Michael Babiarz, AP

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by D/C Michael Babiarz, AP

**Invocation:** Led by D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Chester Dunbar, JR, AP

**Welcome Comments:** By D/C Michael Babiarz, AP D9,

**Order of Business:** Completed by D/C Babiarz, AP

**Review of Voting and Floor Privileges:**

Completed by D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

**Determination of Quorum:** D/Lt/C Al Schwaller JN-CN

Quorum is 17 Council Voters

8 Squadrons represented, 6 Bridge Officers, 4 P/D/C, Total of 18 Council Voters

**Approval of Minutes – 2018 Fall Council:** Completed by D/C Michael Babiarz, AP

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of Audit Committee:** Led by D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P

Deferred to Conference

**Report of Budget Committee:** Led by D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN

Deficit of \$3,000. Planning with Investor for Growth Investments.

Recommended forwarding to Conference for approval.

**Report of the Planning Committee:** Led by P/D/C William Stano, JN

Removed request for Training Boat purchase.

Working with Planning Committee on investments

**Report of the Rules Committee: Led by P/D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN**

SOP for District Debit Card Use.

Recommend forwarding to Conference for approval

SOP for Squadron Dissolution.

Recommend forwarding to Conference for approval

SOP for Americas Boating Club name.

**Report of the Conference Coordinator: Led by D/C Michael Babiarz, AP**

No Report

**Report of the Nominating Committee: Led by P/D/C Dawn Flynn, JN**

The Budget and Finance Committee and the Planning Committee nominees were approved. The nominations for the D9 Bridge, Audit, Nominating and Rules committees were forwarded to Conference for approval.

**Meeting Suspended for lunch 1203**

**Meeting Resumed after Lunch 1240**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** Led by D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P

Balance Sheet and Budget and Income Statements approved.

Discussion of Education Fund, Money due the USCGAUX and money held

For the Bristol Bay. Hope to disperse this year. Investments being looked at for future Growth. We are in good shape.

**Secretary:** Led by D/Lt/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN

Jay Stevens is retiring as WEB Administrator and we need to find a replacement.

D9 is implementing a new WEB from USPS IT. New site in couple of months.

**Administrative:** Led by D/Lt/C Jan Hartesvelt, P

No Report

**Education:** Led by D/Lt/C David Kowalski, SN-CN

Issues with the ABC Course-being corrected-Section 8 (State info)

see Dave or Tom Smith if any problems or questions.

**Executive:** led by D/Lt/C Ralph Ziegler, JN

Squadron commanders are to announce the passing of any of their members.

Boat show coordinator Bill Smith did a great job.

Watch the DNR for new laws change the time of boating Daily start time and end time.

DNR officer will be at seminar to discuss alcohol and drug laws – State vs Federal

**Commander:** Led by D/C Michael Babiarz, AP  
Council good place to share ideas and plan rendezvous.  
Still some District positions open.

**Unfinished Business:** Led by D/C Michael Babiarz AP  
No Report

**New Business/Announcements:** Led by D/C Michael Babiarz AP  
South Bend Dissolution  
Recommend forwarding to Conference for approval.

Grand Rapids Name Change  
Grand Rapid wants to change legal name.  
Must start process with National. By-Law Change.  
District cannot do anything until National makes decision. Recommend to Grand Rapids  
if they want to continue to contact USPS HQ.

Squadron America's Boating Club Names

D/C Babiarz reminded all members that any DBA change should start with the  
district approval. You can change your DBA by submitting a new request to the  
State of Michigan with the new DBA. Squadron can have many DBA's. Just use  
one.

Anchor Bay (ABC of Anchor Bay)  
Ann Arbor (TBD)  
Birmingham (ABC Birmingham Squadron)  
Dearborn (ABC of South East Michigan)  
Detroit (ABC of Detroit)  
Flint (ABC of Flint)  
Grand Rapids (ABC of West Michigan) Discussion.  
Grand Traverse Bay (ABC Grand Traverse Bay)  
Grosse Pointe (ABC of Grosse Pointe)  
Lansing (ABC of Mid Michigan) Discussion  
Mount Clemens (ABC of Mt Clemens)  
Port Huron (ABC of the Blue Water Area)  
Saginaw Bay (ABC of Saginaw Bay)  
St Clair Shores (ABC of St Clair Shores)  
Wyandotte (ABC of Downriver)

Lengthy discussion on Grand Rapids using DBA of ABC Western Michigan then council  
approved.

Lengthy discussion on Lansing using Mid Michigan (Flint was concerned that Mid Michigan would impact their area of coverage). Council and Flint agreed to support Lansing keep Mid Michigan.

**Matters of Interest:** Led by D/C Michael Babiarz AP

Tall Ships will arrive in Bay City 18-21 July. D9 will support the Flint Power Squadron hosting the USPS display and trainer. Volunteers will be needed

2019 Spring Conference in Grand Rapids Led by P/D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN  
Number of room and lunch reservations tracking well.

**Benediction:** Led by D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Chester Dunbar, Jr, AP  
Completed

**Adjournment:** D/C Michael Babiarz AP

**ADJOURNED AT 1354**

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