



**Minutes of the 2021 Fall Council
09 October 2021
ZOOM Tele-A-Conference**

D/C Hartesvelt conducted a brief Council Meeting.

Call to Order: The Council was called to order at 0901 by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, S

Invocation: D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

Welcome Comments: D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

Order of Business: D/C Hartesvelt, The Chair reserves the right to change the order of business as needed.

Determination of Quorum: Quorum for the Council was confirmed by D9 Secretary, D/Lt/C William Stano, JN.

Approval of the Minutes for the 2021 Spring Council:

- P/D/C Dawn Flynn made a motion to approve the 2021 Spring Council Minutes.
- A second to the motion was made.
- The motion was approved by hand vote.

Council Committees and Department Reports are deferred to 2022 Fall Conference. Council Meeting adjourned at 0905.



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Call to Order: The Conference Meeting was called to order at 0905 by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, S

Welcome Comments: D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

Recognition of Departed Members: D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

Anchor Bay	Tom Brown
	Rita Brown
Detroit	Ann Van Norman
	Dick Wolegga, SN
St Clair Shores	Douglas Grafton
Port Huron	Marvin Kribrink

Introduction of National Officers and Past District Commanders:

National Officers

Julian Fiander, SN	Thomas Geggie, SN	Joyce Strey, P	James Ratcliff, AP
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Past District Commanders

P/D/C James Knaggs, SN	P/D/C James Draper, JN	P/D/C William Stano, JN
P/D/C Dawn Flynn, JN	P/D/C Anthony Lewandowski, AP	P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP
P/D/C Michael Rachuk, SN		

Determination of Quorum: Quorum for the Conference was confirmed by D9 Secretary, D/Lt/C William Stano, JN.



Approval of the Minutes for the 2021 Spring Conference:

- Name and Date Change in the minutes completed by the D9 Secretary, Lt/C William Stano, JN.
- Motion to approve the 2021 Spring Conference Minutes and second by P/D/C James Draper. The motion was second.
- No discussion on the minutes.
- The motion was approved by hand vote.

Awards (Recognition only)

- Eastside Predicted Log Winner: Lt David Charvet, JN Grosse Pointe Squadron.
Westside Predicted Log Winner: No Westside Predicted Logg was conducted in 2021.
- Membership Acquisition Award Winner: St. Clair Shores with a membership increase of 36.66%.
- R/C Glenn H. Howell Award and Trophy:
 - 3rd Place:* Birmingham Squadron with 6 completions of Cruising and Cruise Planning.
 - 2nd Place:* Grand Traverse Bay Squadron with 8 completions of Sail.
 - 1st Place:* Saginaw Bay Squadron: with 14 completions of Boat Handling.

Fifty Years of Membership:

Dearborn	P/C Charles E. Parkinson, SN
Detroit	Lt Eugene W. Blanchard, SN
Detroit	D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P
Flint	P/C John C. Riggs, AP
Grand Rapids	G. Burrill Colburn, AP
Grand Traverse Bay	P/Lt/C Kenneth H. Musson, SN
Lansing	P/C Roy E. Uchigashoma, AP

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee: Will report in the Spring of 2022. Budget and Finance Committee to report in the Spring of 2022.
- Planning Committee: No Report.
- Rules Committee: No Report.
- Conference Coordinator Report: Michael Rachuk, SN; District 9 has a signed contract at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI for the Spring of 2022. The dates are 22-24 April 2022.



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- Nominating Committee: P/D/C Michael Babiarz; The position of District Assistant Educational Officer: Thomas Geggie, SN from the Birmingham Squadron. If anyone is interested in a district position, contact the District Nominating Committee.

Department Reports

- Treasure Report: The Treasurer Report as of 31 August 2021, the largest expense incurred was the seed money (\$949.00) for the 2021 Fall Conference at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. Balance Sheet-\$108, 354.00 in assets. This amount balances with the previous balance of net revenue over expenses of \$6126.00. The Treasurer's Report is in the Seat Packet. Flint Commander, Joe Grathoff asked if the minimums for the Kalahari Conference were met. D/C Hartesvelt explained the room requirements were removed to keep the meal discounts.
- Secretary Report: The Secretary Report is in the Seat Packet. Additional information presented by the Secretary: Lt/C Rose Stano contacted Marty and Sari Lafferty of America's Boating Channel and filmed multiple videos for America's Boating Channel in Michigan. The video with only District 9 members is now in You Tube. Secretary Stano expressed his appreciation to all District 9 members who participated in the video shoots. Secretary Stano informed everyone to check out his report in the Seat Packet regarding the National Bylaw changes discussed at the 20921 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Administrative Officer's Report: The Administrative Officer's Report is in the Seat Packet. Merit Marks: Submit your merit marks to your squadron's merit marks chairperson as soon as possible. D9 Commanders, submit your merit mark information to the district administrative officer as soon as possible. The Administrative Department is involved with the district-wide boating activities and rendezvous. Please inform the D9 Administrative or Secretary Departments of what your squadron is doing so the information can be distributed throughout the district and enjoy each other squadron activities and placed on the District's Calander located on the D9 web site.
- Education Officer's Report: Completed the Instructor re-certification course in the Spring of 2021. D9 participated at the Fall Boat Show at Lake St. Clair Metro Park and taught an hour-long session in the training tent. Robert Blau, SN discussed docking and demonstrated on the virtual trainer. At the PENTA Conference, Judy Delargy lead an instructor re-certification like seminar focusing on special situations and not the usual discussion topics. Covid has affected our educational offerings however some squadron offered in-classroom experiences, and some offered virtual experiences. Non-member on-line registration for ABC and boat handling classes have skyrocketed. Covid affected the live presentations at the PENTA Conference. Several seminars were cancelled, and some were offered virtually.



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- **Executive Officer's Report:** The Executive Officer's Report is in the Seat Packet. Willam Smith, Boat Show Chairperson, received information from MBIA that the January Boat Show at the TCF Center in Detroit has been cancelled. No boats available to display at the boat show. The Executive Office to organize a team to get the word out to new boaters that America's Boating Club is offering classes. If your squadron is having a change of watch and would like a D9 Bridge member to attend your COW, complete the D9 Representative Advanced Information Form, from the D9 Web site, and send the completed form to the D9 Executive Officer.
- **District Commander's Report:** D/C thanked Bill and Rose Stano for attending the Fall Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC, and hosting America's Boating Channel. The Commander asked about the seed money for the PENTA Conference, can some of the seed money be refunded back to District 9? Judy Delargy stated the conference may fall short of having enough money for expenses due to poor registration.

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business.

Matters of Interest

- D/C contacted by the Harbor Master from Motor City Marina in Wyandotte, MI requesting boating classes. The Detroit Squadron, with the Wyandotte Squadron's permission, registered 26 students for a ABC class and 15 students completed the class. A Chart Smart class was also taught. The Detroit Squadron was invited back to Motor City Marina in 2022.

New Business and Announcements

- Happy Birthday D/C Hartesvelt
- Years ago, Rose Stano started a USPS/District 9 Facebook Group. 43 people are members of the group. Rose places a lot of information related to boating on this face book group. To join this group, request to join. Search District 9 USPS on Face Book. Also, America's Boating Channel is on Instagram and Twitter.
- Cdr of Anchor Bay asked about the flat rate membership dues. Secretary Stano informed everyone that the flat rate membership dues was not discussed at the Fall Governing Board Meeting. Secretary stated at the Governing Board Meeting, the Finance Committee stated the \$3.00 assessment did not go through proper channels and thought the money should be refunded.
- D/C Hartesvelt thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Benediction



Meeting adjourned at 0946

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt Commander William Stano, JN
District 9 Secretary



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ANCHOR BAY – ANN ARBOR – BIRMINGHAM – DEARBORN – DETROIT – FLINT – GRAND RAPIDS
GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – GROSSE POINTE – LANSING – MT. CLEMENS
PORT HURON – SAGINAW BAY – ST CLAIR SHORES – WYANDOTTE