



**Minutes of the 2022 Spring Council (Reconvening of Council)
23 April 2022
ZOOM Tele-A-Conference**

Call to Order: The Council was called to order at 1202 by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, S

Invocation: D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Flag officer Alice Whitttemore, AP

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.

The District Secretary (Wm. Stano) asked if only the Council members can vote on the proposal to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. The Administrative Officer, Al Schwaller responded that only Council Members can vote to Approve the Budget. Then The Administrative Officer asked if there is a quorum of Council Members present to vote on the budget. The Secretary did a roll call of Council members present at the meeting.

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

2022-2023 District Budget Proposal: D/C Hartesvelt requested the Treasurer, Chester Dunbar, to restate the Budget Proposal. Per D/Lt/C Dunbar, money was made from the PENTA Conference. For 2021-2022, total revenue was \$8,053.00, expenses were \$3,371.0 and net profit of \$ 4,882.00. All expenses have been paid, and all monies sent to the treasurer have been deposited. Per the Treasurer, the District is doing well financially. At the 2022 Spring Council Meeting, there was no report from the Budget & Finance Committee so the Council could not vote on a budget for 2022-2023. Cdr Dale Lashbrook is present at the council meeting and will give a report from the Budget & Finance Committee. Per Cdr Lashbrook, because of the lack of activities for the past 2-3 years, due to the pandemic, the Budget & Finance Committee agrees with the Treasurer's recommendation to roll the 2021-2022 budget to the 2022-2023 budget. The Treasurer made a motion to accept the report from the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was second by D/Lt/C Al Schwaller. Discussion from P/D/C Ralph Zeigler, JN. P/D/C Zeigler is questioning the Squadron Assessment since nothing has been done by District for the past 2 years. P/D/C Zeigler is questioning the need to continue the Squadron Assessment. Perhaps some financial relief can be given to district members. P/D/C Zeigler requested the Council consider his request.



**Minutes of the 2022 Spring Conference
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Call to Order: The Conference Meeting was called to order at 1220 by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, S
Determination of Quorum: Quorum for the Conference was confirmed by D/Lt/C William Stano, JN.
Invocation: D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Flag officer Alice Whitttemore, AP
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.

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

Birmingham	P/C Marlys Vickers, SN P/C Michael Olexsy, AP
Dearborn	P/C Alfred J. Spiteri, SN P/D/C Linda LaLonde, AP
Detroit	P/C Robert L. Couto, AP
Flint	P/C John Haley, AP
Grand Rapids	P/C Don Matthews, AP
Grand Traverse Bay	Jeanne Snow
Grosse Pointe	Michael Adams
Mid-Michigan	P/D/C Robert C. McLravy, JN Phyllis A.R. Buskirk, P

Introduction of Guests-P/D/C Ralph Zeigler
V/C William McManimen, SN-OLN National Educational Officer

Introduction of National Officers and Past District Commanders:

National Officers

R/C Julian Fiander, SN, Stf/C David Kolowski, SN



Past District Commanders

P/D/C James Knaggs, SN	P/D/C Dawn Flynn, JN	P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP
P/D/C James Draper, JN	P/R/C, P/D/Lt/C Don Fiander, SN	Stf/C, D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN
P/R/C, P/D/C Mary Ann Jenson, SN	Stf/C, P/D/C Ralph Zeigler, JN	Stf/C, P/D/C William Stano, JN

Review of the Voting & Floor Privileges – Red by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

Approval of the 2021 Fall Conference Minutes

- Motion to approve the 2021 Fall Conference Minutes made by D/Lt/C Al Schwaller
- Motion second by D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar
- Discussion – No discussion
- Motion passed by visual hand waving & voice. No voiced opposition to the motion.

Chief Commander’s Message presented by V/C William Mc Manimen, SN-OLN – this presentation can be located on the National Web site under click on Site Index then click Chief Commander. This presentation is too long to note in this recording of the minutes. The District Secretary has the Chief Commander’s Message on file.

Award Presentations

Special Recognitions

- Governing Board Emeritus (50 Merit Marks) – Lt/C Leon B. Collins, SN Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron
- New Life members (25 Merit Marks & 25 Years of Paid Dues) – P/C Joseph C. Tatham, SN- Detroit Power Squadron, P/Lt/C Peter R. Jones, SN-Port Hurn Sail & Power Squadron.

Distinctive Communicator Awards

PUBLICATIONS

D/9 – Interlaker
 Ann Arbor – The Porthole
 Birmingham – The Bilge Chatter
 Dearborn – Anchor Lines
 Detroit – Dumping Grounds
 Grand Traverse Bay – The 45th Parallel
 Grand Rapids – Waterspout
 Lansing – Crow’s Nest
 Port Huron – SPLASH!

WEBSITES

District 9
 Anchor Bay Power Squadron
 Ann Arbor Power Squadron
 Birmingham Power Squadron
 Detroit Power Squadron
 Grand Traverse Bay Sail & Power Squadron
 Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
 Mount Clemens Power Squadron
 Port Huron Sail & Power Squadron
 Saginaw Bay Sail & Power Squadron



INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION AWARDS-PRESENTED BY D/Lt/C Judith Delargy, SN

EDUCATIONAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS-For the Educational Year that began July 1, 2020, and ended June 30, 2021, Educational Proficiency is awarded to anyone achieved a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and completed at least three Elective Courses.

- TRUDY MORSE, AP, Birmingham-Year Obtained 2021

EDUCATION AWARDS FROM FALL 2021

TROPHY / RECOGNITION

RECIPIENT(S)

R/C JAMES E. RYAN, SN Highest percent of squadron members earning advanced grades to number of members not already holding N grade at beginning of year	3rd 2nd 1st	Port Huron Grand Traverse Bay Saginaw Bay
R/C GLEN H. HOWELL SN Highest percent of squadron members completing electives to number of members not holding Educational Achievement Award at beginning of year		Saginaw Bay
P/R/C GEORGE (BUD) A. RICHARDSON, SN Highest percent of total number of advanced grades earned and elective courses completed to number of members not holding Educational Achievement Award at beginning of year	3rd 2nd 1st	Grand Traverse Bay Birmingham Saginaw Bay
PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR Highest percent of squadron members achieving grade of N to number of members eligible		Grand Traverse Bay



2021 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK AWARDS PRESENTED BY Stf/C William Stano, JN

DISTRICT 9 VSC SQUADRON AWARDS

	RECIPIENT(S)	TOTALS
3rd	Grosse Pointe	137
2nd	Detroit	328
1st	Grand Rapids	401

DISTRICT 9 VSC INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (COUNT)

	RECIPIENT(S)	TOTALS
3rd	STF/C WILLIAM A. STANO, JN, Grosse Pointe	31
2nd	P/C WILLIAM R. SMITH, AP, Detroit LT MAUREEN J. SMITH, Detroit	55
1st	TERRY D. GROTEMAT, P, Grand Rapids	55
		181

2022 SQUADRON AWARDS PRESENTED BY D/Lt/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN

COMMANDER'S CUP – MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percentage of merit marks awarded based on eligible squadron members as of 1 January.

	RECIPIENT(S)	PERCENT
3rd	Detroit	39%
2nd	Flint	49%
1st	Anchor Bay	76%



COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Audit Committee – Per Lt/C Chester Dunbar, he received a report from P/C Robert Malicki. The District exceeded expectations for the district's bookkeeping.
- Budget & Finance Committee-Per Cdr Dale Lashbrook, at the reconvened Council Meeting the Budget & Finance Committee and the District Treasurer recommended carrying over the 2021-2022 budget to the 2022-2023 budget. **Motion (made by Cdr Dale Lashbrook):** To continue the 2021-2022 Budget for 2022-2023 Budget. **Second** by Lt/C Chester Dunbar. **No Discussion voiced.** The **Motion passed.** No opposition to the motion.
- Planning Committee (Cdr Joseph Gratoff) – No Report
- Rules Committee (P/D/C Maryann Jensen) – No Report
- Report of the Conference Coordinator – A written report from the Conference Coordinator given by D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey. “Working on a possible location for the Fall 2022 Conference. For the Spring of 2023 Conference, have a hold on the weekend of April 15, 2023, at the Double Tree Dearborn. The weekend after Easter. We have also been approached by the Double Tree in Bay City, MI for conference business. The district MUST decide on how we will hold the first in person district conference. Before proceeding with any contract, we will need how member district members will attend the conference & what do the members want. Since the district has not had a in person conference in 2 years, it is impossible to guess the numbers that need to be used to negotiate a contract. We need a firm grasp on the numbers & the desire of the members in order to minimize the chance of the district losing money.” This written report was submitted by P/DZ/C Michael Rachuk, SN.
- Nominating Committee (P/D/C Ralph Zeigler) - Nominees for the following positions:

District Bridge Officers

District Commander - D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P (Lansing)
District Executive Officer - D/Lt/C Alert Schaller, JN (Detroit)
District Education Officer – D/Lt/C Judith Delargy, SN (Birmingham)
District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar (Grosse Pointe)
District Secretary – D/Lt/C William Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)
District Treasurer: Vacant
District Assistant Educational Officer – D/1st Lt Thomas Geggie, SN
District Assistant Secretary – Vacant



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District Audit Committee

- Year 3 of 3-year Term - D/Lt Paul Looke, JN (Birmingham)
- Year 2 of 3-year Term – D/Lt Bonnie Kreig, AP (St Clair Shores)
- Year 1 of 3-year Term – Vacant

Nominating Committee

- Year 1 of 3-Year Term - P/C Janet Hartesvelt, P (Grand Traverse Bay)
- Year 2 of 3-year Term - P/D/C Ralph Zeigler, JN (Lansing)
- Year 3 of 3-year Term – P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP (Grosse Pointe)
- Last 3 seats for the Nominating Committee are vacant

Rules Committee

- Year 3 of a 3-year Term – D/Lt Cherilyn Muylaert, JN (Dearborn)
- Year 1 of 3-year Term – P/D/C Maryann Jensen, SN
- Last seat on the Rules Committee is vacant

D/C Hartesvelt asked the Secretary if there are any members properly nominated by petition and the Secretary stated there are none. D/C Hartesvelt asked if there are any nominations from the floor. P/D/C Jensen responded "yes," and P/D/C Jensen nominated P/C Ronald Utz, AP (Grosse Pointe) for member of the Audit Committee. D/C asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, D/C accepted the motion to approve the nominations by acclamation. **Motion** made by P/D/C Michael Babiarz, Second by D/Lt/C Dunbar, **no discussion, motion passed**. No opposition to the motion was made.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Treasurer (Chester Dunbar) – See Seat Packet for Report. Net income of \$4682 for the year ending February 2022. Very few activities in 2022 but the district participated in the Fall PENTA Conference. D/Lt/C Dunbar thanked those who worked with him for the past 3-years.
- Secretary (William Stano) See Seat Packet for Report. Will re-send this Conference's Seat Packet due to many last-minute changes. D/Lt/C Stano thanked the members of his department for the outstanding work they did in the 2021-2022 year.



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- District Administrative Officer (Albert Schwaller) - See Seat Packet for Report. D/Lt/C Schwaller expressed his thanks & expressed his appreciation for the hard work members in his department provide this past year.
- Educational Officer (Judith Delargy) - See Seat Packet for Report. There was a decrease in number of classes in 2022. D/Lt/C Delargy's plan is to generate enthusiasm to resume the classroom mentality.
- Executive Officer (Alana Harvey) - See Seat Packet for Report. D/Lt/C Harvey thanked the members of the Executive Department. D/Lt/C Harvey thanked the Boat Show Chairs (P/C Wm. Smith & D/Lt Maureen Smith) for the coordination (from their residence in Florida) of the district display at the boat shows that occurred. Had a few special events throughout the district i.e., America's Boating Channel coming to Michigan. Thanked Cdr Rose Stano for being the district's PR representative.
- District Commander (Janet Hartesvelt) - See Seat Packet for Report. D/C Hartesvelt thank the members of the Commander's Department for their hard work: Flag Officer- Alice Whittemore (Anchor Bay), Assistant Flag Officer – Carolyn Knaggs (Flint), Photographers - D/Lt Leroy Strey (Detroit) & P/Stf/C Sally Lemus (Detroit).

Unfinished Business – None.

Matters of Interest – To be managed by the new district commander.

The 2022 Conference Meeting is ended at 1338 , moving onto the 2022 Change of Watch.



**Minutes of the 2022 Spring Conference
Change of Watch
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Change of Watch began at 1338

Review of the Election Procedure – Parliamentarian was not available.

Report of the Nominating Committee (P/D/C Ralph Zeigler)- See previous report of the Nominating Committee

D/C Hartesvelt asked the District Secretary (D/Lt/c Wm. Stano) to make a motion that an anonymous ballot be cast for the election of new district officers. The District Secretary made the **motion** for the election of new district officers, the **motion was second** by D/Lt Schwaller, **no discussion** and the **motion passed**. Voice vote. No voiced opposition to the motion.

Relieve 2021 D9 appointed and elected officers: by D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P

D/C Janet Hartesvelt Farewell Address:

- Thanked 2020 & 2021 Bridge for their support and help.
- The Grand Traverse Bay Club is celebrating their 75th year in 2022
- Thanked D9 members for their support in 2021-2022.

Election of 2022-2023 District Commander:

- D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P given oath by V/C William McManimen, SN-OLN

Oath of Office to 2022-2023 Bridge: given oath by V/C William McManimen, SN-OLN

- Treasurer D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP (temporary)
- Secretary D/Lt/C William Stano, JN
- Administrative D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP
- Educational D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN
- Executive D/Lt/C Albert Schwaller, JN-CN



Appointed Officers & Committees: given oath by V/C William McManimen, SN-OLN

D/C Alanna Harvey, P Inaugural Address

- Because of the pandemic, time to re-focus on who we are & what we do
- Need to find new ways to attract boaters to our organization
- Need to work with other organizations to get the word out of who we are and what we do
- Need to work smartly
- Communication is key
- We are in this together
- The District Bridge is available to help
- Contact D/Lt/C Stano to have your club's events placed on the D9 website calendar
- Time to resume your club's education & events

P/D/C Janet Hartesvelt recognition: D/C Alanna Harvey, P & D/Lt/C Schwaller presented the following to P/D/C Hartesvelt:

- P/D/C Flag
- P/D/C plaque
- Thankyou contributions from District 9
- Scrapbook

New Business: Dissolution of the Grand Rapids Club

- Members of the Grand Rapids Club voted to dissolve their club
- Members working on transferring to different clubs within District 9
- District Council voted to accept the dissolution of the Grand Rapids Squadron and forward the request to conference for a vote
- **Motion** to accept Grand Rapids request to dissolve made by D/Lt/C Schwaller, **second** by Don Fiander, **no discussion, motion passed** by voice vote. No voiced opposition to the motion.
- Will send Grand Rapids request to dissolve to the national organization. Dissolution will not be completed until September 2022 at the Fall Governing Board Meeting.



Other New Business:

- D/Lt/C Stano: Discussed P/D/C LaLande's Memorial Service & commended P/D/C Knaggs' commitment to America's Boating Club. Being at this meeting from his hospital bed.
- Cdr Guy Greve, asked how to access the Chief Cdr's message from today's meeting. C/C Harvey stated she will arrange a way to make the CC message available.
- D/C Harvey announced a virtual concert for the evening's entertainment on You Tube
- On 4/24/2022 at 1000 Commanders' Coffee (virtual). Invite sent by D/Lt/C Stano, at 1100 VSC Update (virtual) presented by D/Lt/C Stano. The Zoom link is in the Seat Packet
- The Interlake has information about a cruise after the National Annual Meeting in February 2023

Benediction: D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP

Adjournment: 1415 (2:15pm)

Respectfully submitted,

William Stano

Stf/C William Stano, JN
District 9 Secretary