

United States Power Squadrons  
District 31 Fall Council Minutes - DRAFT  
24 October 2008  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

District 31 Fall Council Meeting was called to order by District Commander William Miller, P at 2003. Agenda for the Council Meeting were provided to all members present.

### **ATTENDEES**

Voting members are:

**Bridge:** D/C William Miller, P; D/Executive Officer Marilyn Rose, P; D/Education Officer Tom Unger, SN; D/Administrative Officer Louis Persons, AP; D/Treasurer Susan Unger, N; P/D/C Earl Rose, JN

**District General Committee Chairman:** D/Auditing Paul Keller, P; D/Planning Margaret Miller, S.

**Squadron Commanders:** Cdr John Fairhead, JN, Beaver Lake; Cdr Richard Dayringer, P, Grand Lake; Cdr Danny Goss, AP, Oklahoma City; Cdr Marilyn Rose, P; Tulsa

**Squadron Education Officers:** Richard Pett, S, Grand Lake; Alice Whittington, JN, Oklahoma City; Earl Rose, JN, Tulsa.

Non Voting members are:

Lt/C Jane Montgomery, AP, Grand Lake; P/D/C Julian Rolandelli, AP, Beaver Lake; D/Lt Elsie Rolandelli, AP, Beaver Lake; Lt/C Sally Bowen, S, Beaver Lake; Lt/C Marcia Pett, P, Grand Lake; P/C Terry Chastain, AP, Grand Lake; P/C Jim Chastain, AP, Grand Lake; P/D/C Ben Owen Atlanta; P/D/C Janis Owen, Atlanta; P/C Larry Stout, AP, Grand Lake; D/Lt Denise Winn, S, Grand Lake; Lt Laurie Hestand, P, Oklahoma City.

P/D/Lt/C Margaret Miller, S verified a quorum was present.

D/C William Miller, P recognized Lt Laurie Hestand, P as Secretary for taking the minutes.

D/C William Miller, P requested for changes or approval of the District 31 Summer Council Minutes. D/Lt/C Tom Unger, SN requested change to paragraph 5, first line, first word, change "District" to "Squadron"; change to paragraph 9, first line, fourth word from "Fall" to "Winter". D/Lt/C Marilyn Rose, P, made a motion to accept the changes and approve the Summer Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lt/C Richard Pett, S. Motion Passed unanimously.

D/C William Miller, P comments: D/Lt/C Louis Persons will attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Anaheim CA and the 2009 Fall Governing Board in Kansas City.

District Executive Officer Marilyn Rose, P

Request all Squadron Commanders to ask members from each Squadron to help with manning the District 31 Booth and giving seminars at the Tulsa Boat Show on 2-8 Feb 09. New Tri-Folds from the Squadrons need to be ready by 1 Feb 09. Contact Marilyn

for details and signing up. Discussion to hold the Winter Council Meeting during the Boat Show on 7 Feb. .

Plans for 2009 meetings are:

- New Bridge – 26 October 08, Oklahoma City
- Winter Council – 7 February 09, Forest Ridge, Broken Arrow
- Spring Conference – 27 & 28 March 09 (D31 Host), Clarion, Broken Arrow
- Summer Council – 25 July 09, Forest Ridge, Broken Arrow
- Fall Conference and COW – 23 & 24 October 09 (Tulsa Host), new Hotel by BOK Center, Tulsa

Introduction of new members Ben & Janis Owen from Atlanta Georgia have recently signed up with Tulsa.

D/C William Miller, P introduced National Rep R/C Noel McKeown, SN and P/C Marilyn McKeown, AP welcomed them to District 31 Fall Conference.

District Administration Officer Louis Persons, AP: Our largest concerns are retaining our members and adopting new members. We need to get back to our grass roots. The calling committee is a great way to stay in touch with our members and mentoring them by reminding them how important they are to the District as well as the Squadron.

District Education Officer Tom Unger, SN: Waived report to Conference Meeting.

District Treasurer Susan Unger, N

Income Balance Sheet for 1 Sep 07-31 Aug 08 was provided.

Beginning Checking Account balance \$9,192.07; Income \$6,794.32; Expenses \$11,234.24; (Loss - \$4,439.92). Funds on Hand: Ending Checking Balance \$4,752.15; Investment Account with USPS: Beginning Balance \$7,066.36; Additions \$3,300.00; Interest \$1,041.08; Ending Balance \$11,407.44; Total Funds \$16,159.59.

Proposed 2009 Budget:

Under the Executive Officer:

Add for Boat Show \$1000.00

Increase to \$3500.00

Under the Secretary

Publications increase to \$800.00

Council Meetings increase to \$650.00

Discussion on mailings of the District Newsletter "The Daymark". Currently is available by email and through the District Website. The current Daymark Editor, D/Lt Denise Winn, S agreed to mail the newsletter. After lengthy discussion concerns and comments, P/D/Lt/C Margaret Miller, S made the motion to "Mail the Daymark First Class", seconded by D/Lt/C Marilyn Rose, P. Cdr Danny Goss made motion to amend motion to drop words "First Class", seconded by P/C Jim Chastain, AP. Motion now states to "Mail the Daymark next year". D/Lt/C Marilyn Rose, P and Cdr John Fairhead, JN Opposed. Motion carried. P/C Jim Chastain, AP offered to handle the actual mechanics of preparing and mailing of the Daymarks.

P/C Elsie Rolandelli, AP provided a Public Relations Report. Squadrons utilized their monies on membership to Chamber of Commerce, banners, posters, and computers. Propose to increase the Public Relations Funds for each Squadron to \$500

D/Lt/C Tom Unger, SN made motion to Approve the Proposed 2009 Budget as modified for approval at Fall Conference, seconded by D/Lt/C Marilyn Rose, P. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports waived to Conference Meeting.

Old Business:

Nominees for 2009 Bridge

Commander: Marilyn Rose, P

Executive Officer: Louis Persons, AP

Administrative Officer: Larry Stout, AP

Treasurer: Susan Unger, N

Secretary: Vacant

D/C William Miller, P recognized P/D/C Julian Rolandelli, AP for his efforts in putting the nominations together. However, we do not have a Secretary yet. Squadrons this is your District and we cannot run this District without a Secretary.

Future of District 31 – “It takes the input from all the Squadrons and there has been a lack of input from the Squadrons. Recognized Lt Peggy Anglin, P for publishing every District Commander message in Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron newsletter “The Dinghy Painter”. Personal letters were sent to every Past District Commander. With that said, we have an amendment to Article 10 of our Bylaws and if we can pass this we will have a much clearer definition of the steps we need to take if we dissolve the District. More comments will be provided at the conference.” A poll was taken from each of the Squadron Commanders in attendance; all are in agreement to continue the District.

New Business:

Shipping Over Award – Cdr John Fairhead, JN waived to Conference

Education Fund/Century Fund – P/D/C Julian Rolandelli, AP announced the District has won the Certificate for every member in the District donating \$1.

D/Lt/C Marilyn Rose, P made a Motion that “Council pays for room and meals for National Rep and Spouse”, seconded by P/D/Lt/C Margaret Miller, S. Motion passed unanimously.

Lt/C Richard Pett, S made motion to adjourn Council Meeting, seconded by P/D/Lt/C Margaret Miller, S. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Lt Laurie Hestand, P