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District 28 2008 Winter Council

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Mohave Community College  
Bullhead City, AZ

0915 The meeting was called to Order by D/C Katie Law, SN

The invocation was given by Bob Hubbard, AP.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by R/C Bob Schloeman, JN

D/C Law offered welcome remarks to all attendees and expressed her appreciation to the Lake Mohave Squadron for hosting the council meeting.

D/C Law acknowledged members of the District Bridge; D/Treasurer Bill Johnson, JN; D/EO Bill Bridge, SN; D/AO Connie Johnson, JN; D/Sec Doug Frazier, JN. D/XO Van Diehl, SN is currently sailing between Cabo San Lucas and Mazatlan.

D/C Law recognized her staff: Parliamentarian: Frank Fitzgerald, Flag Lieutenant: Bob Schloeman, Merit Mark Chairman: Mark Keltner, Chaplain: Bob Hubbard, and Aides: Lee Whitehead, Duane Leathers, Lou Loth and Adriaan Veldhuisen.

D/C Law requested that D/Lt/C Connie Johnson introduce the members of the Lake Mohave Squadron that were in attendance:

John Militello, Linda and Andy Pensavalle, Pat Bramble, Joanne Waller

D/C Law recognized the Squadron Commanders or representatives that were in attendance:

Balboa – Lou Loth representing Cdr. Wes Heusser  
San Luis Rey - Cdr. Larry Nelson  
San Diego – Bob Hubbard representing Cdr. Ed Mraz  
Phoenix - Cdr. Bill Johnson  
Lake Mohave - Cdr. Pat Bramble

D/C Law recognized the Past District Commanders who were present: Bob Schloeman, N; Frank Fitzgerald, AP; Lee Whitehead, SN; Charles Peterson, SN; Lou Loth, AP; Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN; Duane Leathers, AP; Bill Bridge, SN;; Bill Johnson, JN.

0930 Morning Program – “Cold Water Boating” DVD produced by the Alaska Boating Safety Program , Governor Sarah Palin and funded in part with a grant from the United States Power Squadron (USPS) Education Department.

1000 D/C Law then announced the unanimous consent motion that, without objection, the chair would vary the order of business to expedite proceedings, which was adopted. Locations for various breakout meetings were discussed.

1005 D/C Law recessed the council meeting

1200 Lunch – lunch was catered by Vito’s, a local pizza restaurant

1310 D/C Law reconvened the council meeting

D/C Law requested that all motions for consideration be submitted in writing.

1310 **REPORTS OF THE BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Secretary:** D/Lt/C Doug Frazier called upon his staff for reports.

The ENSIGN Correspondent – P/D/C Lee Whitehead – Lake Mohave had an article published in the December “Ensign”

The Lead Line – P/D/C Lee Whitehead – the deadline for articles will be 5 January for the 5 February delivery. Send articles and photos to: [bosnpipe@aol.com](mailto:bosnpipe@aol.com).

Information Technology - R/C Bob Schloeman – The visitor counter stands at 12, 496 for an increase of over 2,000 visitors for this year. National Website awards were announced for District 23, Lake Mohave, Phoenix, San Diego and San Luis Rey. No squadron received an “Excellence” award. DB200 has been updated to Version 9.31 on 20 November with some new features (nick-names, MMSI, email address verification and seminar fields). The Historian’s Report can be sent via DB2000 and will be due at the Spring Conference. OD1 and OD2 need to be submitted prior to end of year.

The Secretary, D/Lt/C Frazier announced that a quorum was present. The minutes from the 2008 Summer Council were reviewed and minor corrections made.

Motion from the floor to accepted the amended 2008 Summer Council Minutes. Second. Motion passed.

D/C Law postponed the review of the minutes from the 2008 Fall Tri-District Conference until the Spring Conference.

D/C Law announced that the Audit Committee has completed an audit of the Treasurer’s records to the end of October 2008. D/C Law requested that Audit Committee Member Bill Bridge provide a report to the council.

D/Lt/C Bridge reported that the Audit Committee whose members are Bill Bridge, Bob Schloeman and Adriaan Veldhuisen, performed an interim audit on the D28 assets checking and savings account only to establish a baseline for the transfer to the new treasurer. It was determined that there was a \$100 error on the plus side existed on the previous audit and that a \$100 adjustment in the checkbook has brought the accounts into order and represent the correct value of the monetary assets.

**Motion:** D/C Law moved to adopt the report from the Audit Committee. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** D/Lt/C Bill Johnson – The full report is in the mailbox. The 2009 Budget was reviewed. The same assumptions from last year are being used for this budget. The budget does show a negative balance. However, contributions from Bridge Officers and other members have kept expenses down and budgeted expenses have not been met for the last several years

District income is derived from three sources: Assessments from the district to the squadrons, Interest and money from the credit card rebate.

D/C Law – The proposed budget has been recommended to be presented to the Spring Conference for consideration and adoption and there has been a second. Motion was adopted.

The issue of raising the assessments was discussed. Any increase to assessments would be effective two years hence as covered in the District By-Laws. D/Lt/C Bill Johnson will review the need for any adjustments to the assessments.

Amended Motion for the 2009 Budget by D/Lt/C Bill Johnson: The district assessments for members are:

Active - \$7.00 per person

Additional Active - \$3.50 per person

Additional Family Members – No charge

Sea Scout – No charge

Life Member – No charge

Second. Motion carried.

**Administrative:** D/Lt/C Connie Johnson called upon her staff for their reports:

Membership/Member Involvement – D/Lt Cida Diehl (absent) report given by D/Lt/C Connie Johnson. There are currently 648 members in the district. New members by squadron from 1 January through 31 October are:

Balboa: 12

Lake Mohave: 4

Phoenix: 11

San Diego: 57

San Luis Rey: 38

South Bay: 7

Member Benefits Report – D/Lt Art Ashton (absent) – No report.

Boating Activities – D/Lt Bill Johnson – No report.

Leadership Development – D/Lt Elaine Keller – The minutes from closed Leadership Development meeting held at the Governing Board meeting in Detroit have been published for all members. The report is in the mailbox. The Operation Training and Manual are being updated to Power Point.

Educational Fund – D/Lt Duane Leathers – The Education Fund is supported by squadrons donating one dollar per member. He encourages all squadrons to participate.

Spring Conference – Lou Loth (Balboa Squadron) – The Spring Conference is scheduled for 6-7 March 2009 to be held at the Hilton Orange County Airport. The room rate will be \$109 per night. Use the code: “USPS” when making your reservations. Spousal activities are being planned. There will be electric boat rides on Friday afternoon (after 3pm) at the house of Joan Williams located in Newport Harbor. Dinner will be served in the 5pm time frame. Information will be in the “Lead Line”. There is a proposed balanced budget in the amount of \$3,225. The entertainment will be a piano player or DJ for Saturday night. The spouse program package will probably be at the Pavilions at Newport Harbor which could include a narrated boat tour of the harbor.

Motion to accept the budget as presented by Lou Loth on behalf of Balboa Power Squadron. Second. Motion passed.

Fall Conference – Bill Bridge (San Diego Squadron) presented a brief report. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Bayside with the room rate of \$124 per night for 25-26 September 2009. The dinner will be \$35 per person. The budget will be due by the Summer Council.

2008 Fall Tri-District Conference – D/Lt/C Frazier reported that the minutes have not been provided by the appointed Conference Secretary at this time.

D/Lt/C Connie Johnson reported that the National Annual Meeting will be held 17-22 February 2009. D13 is selling raffle tickets for three nights' accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Orange County for the meeting. She has tickets available after this meeting.

**Education:** D/Lt/C Bill Bridge - The full report is in the mailbox.

To date, only San Luis Rey has submitted the ED-80 to the DEO for the approval of the squadron's Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer.

Boating Course statistics are published on the district web site. Nationally there are about 60 squadrons that are not offering a public boating class. The boating class attendance is down. California has requested information in

regards to the number of persons taking boating classes. File boating education classes and seminars online to National. There is information in the mailbox in regards to the Memorandums of Understanding signed by National with the different states in regards to the state requirements for boating classes. Forty-three states have been signed. The instructors for the boating class must be certified.

**Executive:** D/Lt/C Van Diehl (absent) report given by D/C Law. D/C Law called on the Executive Officer's staff for reports.

Cooperative Charting – D/Lt Steven Bakalis (absent). The district has reached “Honorary” status for Cooperative Charting. D/Lt Bakalis is putting together a CD to assist in the depth surveys for NOAA and the Coast Guard.

Public Relations – D/Lt Bob Gibbs (absent) No report.

Radio/Technical – R/C Bob Schloeman – No report.

Safety Officers – D/Lt John Lusson (absent) – No report.

Vessel Safety Checks – D/Lt Ron Werner. There are 16 Vessel Safety Examiners and they have completed 387 inspections to date. Wes Heusser leads all examiners again. The new decals should be available in January.

California Legislature – D/C Law reported that there was nothing going on at this time except for addressing budget shortfalls. Boating and Waterways has been fully funded now.

Arizona Legislative - R/C Bob Schloeman – The full report is in the mailbox. There is activity going on with Game and Fish (G&F) and the National Education Department in regards that G&F is requesting personal information on everyone that takes a public boating class in Arizona. USPS has taken the position that USPS will not release personal information to G&F. There is not an Arizona statute in place for a public boating operator's license. G&F is requesting the type of information normally found on an operator's license from all organizations that offer public boating classes. G&F has indicated that they will not certify the classes taught by any organizations that does not provided this information. With this information available to G&F, this will provide an avenue for G&F to approach the legislature and indicate that they have the entire infrastructure in place and to pass the legislation for the boat operator's license.

**1445 Squadron Commander Reports** – All reports had been submitted in writing and placed into the mailbox for distribution. Abbreviated reports were given by the squadron commanders.

Balboa – Cdr. Wes Heusser (absent) Report given by Lou Loth – The squadron has to new AP's. The Christmas Party is coming up soon. The Change of Watch is 16 January. As of 4 December there have been 295 VSC. 13 December will be an on-the-water coop charting event.

Lake Mohave – Cdr. Pat Bramble – Completed a houseboat trip on Lake Powell. The squadron continues to have "Wednesday on the Lake" where members can get out on their boats. The squadron held a Halloween party. There was a cocktail party in November and a Nominating Committee meeting. There is a community-wide movement for "Clean Up the River" with about 1,200 people signed up to participate in January. The Lake Mohave Power Squadron is coordinating this event. This is the first time that this event is being staged. This should provide an excellent exposure for the squadron.

D/C Law requested that Commander Bramble approach the front of the room to receive the awards earned by Lake Mohave Power squadron and given at the Fall Conference in Reno. Lake Mohave was awarded:

Membership Growth Award - Honorable Mention

Certificate of Participation in the District 28 winning of the 2008 Bowsprit Award

Phoenix – Cdr. Bill Johnson – The full report is in the mailbox. Cdr. Johnson recognized SEO Tim Harrington for offering a complete slate of classes plus the offshore cruise. Engine Maintenance class just completed. Cruise Planning, Seamanship and Navigation classes are underway. The event is Cholla Bay (Rocky Point, Mexico) went off well. The Annual Turkey Fry continues to grow in size with 60 lbs of deep fried turkey and trimming being served. 13 December is the Christmas Party. 7 February is the Change of Watch. The Squadron is still looking for a new SEO. The Boat Show is in January and the Game & Fish has an Expo in March. The squadron is planning on participating in the Tri-State Boat Safety Conference at Lake Havasu.

San Luis Rey – Cdr. Larry Nelson – The full report is in the mailbox. San Luis Rey received the national award for membership growth (38%) at the Fall Conference in Reno. Cdr. Nelson credits the mentor program for the growth. Still have the Prince Henry Trophy. There were two students that scored 100% on their JN exam. Many of the boat class students join as well as great interest from the seminars. Harbors Days was successful again this year and the new tri-fold brochure was handed out. The Christmas Party is coming up soon and the squadron plans to award the out-going and in-coming Yacht Club Commodores honorary membership in the squadron.

San Diego – Cdr. Ed Mraz (absent) – Bob Hubbard presented the report. The October boating class had 14 students and 5 joined the squadron. Engine maintenance and AP classes are underway. The squadron is currently searching for locations to hold classes and meetings during the construction at Southwest Yacht Club over the next year. The VSC stand at 135 completed to date. 13 December will be an “open house” at the Commander’s house from 3pm to 8pm. The San Diego Boat Show runs from 6-8 January. The Change of Watch is scheduled for 24 January which is also the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee is meeting at the San Diego Yacht Club.

South Bay – Cdr. Miguel Ramirez-Williams (absent) – No report.

1503 – Commander’s Report – D/C Law – D/C Law publically thanked Mark Keltner, Merit Mark Chaiman, for a complete and concise merit mark report to review and submit. Mark Keltner has been in this position for 18 years.

1505 - D/C Law then called for the General Committee Reports to be given.

**Nominating Committee** – P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen – There was a quorum. All of the elected positions have been filled.

**Rules Committee** - P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald – The Rules Committee met several times since this past summer to review and discuss changes to the District 28 Bylaws based on the national model for district Bylaws.

**ANNOUNCEMENT by Frank Fitzgerald** – On behalf of the Rules Committee, I am giving verbal notice that amendments to the D28 Bylaws will be made at the Spring Conference 2009. There are two links to the amendments on the District 28 website. All members not having access to the District 28 website may request the District 28 Secretary to mail a hard copy to them.

The URL for the District website and Bylaws area is:

<http://usps.org/d28> then scroll to the blue box at the bottom of the page and select the upper right corner box indentified as “District Documents”. This will take you to the page where you can select “Bylaws” for the current version dated 2005. There is a link that will take you to the 2008 proposed Bylaws. Any word or words that have a line through them are proposed to be struck from the 2008 Bylaws. Any word or words that are underlined are intended to be inserted into the document. Please review the proposed changes and be ready to discuss at the 2009 Spring Conference meeting. Once the changes are voted upon and approved at the conference, then the Bylaws will be sent to the National Monitor for District Bylaws for review. After review and acceptance at National Rules Committee, National will notify the District Secretary of the accepted Bylaws.

Question from the floor in regards to proper notice and what majority vote is needed to adopt any revisions to the Bylaws. Answer: This is a verbal notice

at a council meeting and an announcement to be posted in the “Lead Line” to serve notice to members on where to view the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Therefore, in order to adopt any changes to the Bylaws, this must be accomplished with a 2/3rds majority counted vote.

**Planning Committee** – P/D/C Chuck Peterson – The Planning Committee met today with a quorum.

**Motion:** USPS anniversary billing is not effective to collect the new member district assessment. Therefore, the treasurer shall, on a semi-annual basis, send an invoice to each squadron for the district assessment for all new members who joined USPS during the previous quarter. No second required. Discussion.

**Motion to Amended the Motion:** “...during the previous quarter” to eliminate any reference to the word “quarter” and insert the words “since the previous invoice”. The Amendment to the amendment passed.

**Amended Motion now reads:** USPS anniversary billing is not effective to collect the new member district assessment. Therefore, the treasurer shall, on a semi-annual basis, send an invoice to each squadron for the district assessment for all new members who joined USPS during the previous invoice. Motion is adopted.

P/D/C Peterson spoke to the council in regards to the poor attendance and comments made by members at the combined district conference that was recently held in Reno.

**Proposal:** To create a new multiple district meeting every even numbered year that does not coincide with the four planned district conference or council meetings. The location for said meeting shall fall within the greater San Diego, Los Angeles Basin or Phoenix metropolitan areas, as these locations are within feasible driving distances for the membership as well as located near major commercial airports. In addition, the district will host the event and assume the financial risk with the support of all squadrons for program participation when District 28 becomes the host district.

P/D/C Peterson is recommending that this proposal be taken back to the squadrons for discussion. District 13 will host the next combined district meeting in 2010 and District 28 will host in 2012. An article concerning this issue will be placed in a future “Lead Line”.

1540 **Unfinished Business** – None

## **New Business –**

2009-2010 Proposed Calendar – The calendar was reviewed and a correction was made to the 2010 March dates to reflect March 5 and 6.

**Motion:** To approve the proposed 2009-2010 District calendar with the correction to the March date. Motion passed.

District Flag – P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald responded to the challenge from D/C Law to design a district flag. The flag builds on the symbolism of both the California and Arizona state flag.

### **USPS D-28 FLAG GENESIS & DESCRIPTION:**

DISTRICT 28 OF USPS IS MADE UP OF SQUADRONS FROM ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA. THE D-28 FLAG DESIGN IS BASED ON COMBINING ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM FROM THE STATE FLAGS OF THOSE TWO STATES.

THE WHITE BACKGROUND ON THE TOP HALF OF THE D-28 FLAG WITH THE FIVE POINTED RED STAR ON THE TOP LEFT AREA COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE FLAG, HAVING THE SAME PROPORTION AND PLACEMENT. (Historically, The Lone Star Flag of California contained a single red star on a white background.)

THE COPPER STAR ON THE TOP RIGHT AREA COMES FROM THE CENTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE FLAG, BUT REDUCED IN SIZE TO MATCH THE RED STAR AND IS PLACED SYMETRICALLY TO THE RED STAR. (The copper star of the flag identifies Arizona as the largest copper producing state in the union.)

THE RED HORIZONTAL STRIPE ON THE BOTTOM IS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE CALIFORNIA FLAG. IT IS PLACED ON THE BLUE HORIZONTAL STRIPE TAKEN FROM THE ARIZONA FLAG. THE BLUE AND RED STRIPES ON THE BOTTOM ARE SEPARATED BY A WHITE LINE, SYMBOLIZING THE COLORADO RIVER BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

**COLORS:** Textile Color Card Association of the United States, Inc., New York.

Red--of the red stripe & the left star is Old Glory, cable number 70180, the same as in the United States' Flag. Pantone system: Red PMS 193

White--of the white background is White, cable number 70001.

Blue- the same Liberty Blue found in the United States' Flag. Pantone system: Blue PMS 282

Copper- fabric copper color. Pantone system: PMS 876C

### **DIMENSIONS:**

The hoist or flag width is two-thirds of the fly or flag length;

The diameter of an imaginary circle passing through the points of the star is one-tenth of the fly length; the distance of the star center from the hoist end is one-sixth of the fly length and the distance from the star center to the top of the flag is four-fifths of

the star-center distance from the hoist end. The copper star on the right uses the same proportions but measured from the leech of the flag.

The top of the blue stripe is one half of the hoist width.

The top of the red stripe is one-sixth of the hoist width.

The white line between the red & blue stripes is one-seventh of the red stripe width.

**Motion:** I move the adoption of this design to be the flag for District 28. Second. Discussion.

**Motion:** P/D/C Chuck Peterson move to postpone the vote on the adoption of the District 28 flag design. Second. Motion to postpone was defeated.

**Motion on Floor:** I move the adoption of this design to be the flag for District 28. Second. Further discussion. Motion carries.

1555 **Good of the Order** - Hospitality at D/C Law's hotel room at 1700 PST.

Ron Wemer – Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron has been successful in placing articles in the Arizona Outdoors paper. This publication has a very broad distribution in Arizona, Southern California and Southern Nevada.

1600 Meeting adjourned.

## 2008 Winter Council Attendance

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Squadron</b>
1	Elaine Keller	P/D/C	Balboa
2	Lou Loth, AP	P/D/C	Balboa
3	Mark Keltner, AP	P/C	Balboa
4	Andy Pensavalle		Lake Mohave
5	Jo Anne Waller	Lt	Lake Mohave
6	John Militello, S	Lt/C	Lake Mohave
7	Linda Pensavalle	Lt/C	Lake Mohave
8	Patrick Bramble	Cdr	Lake Mohave
9	Bill Johnson, JN	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
10	Bob Schloeman, JN	R/C	Phoenix
11	Chuck Peterson, SN	P/D/C	Phoenix
12	Connie Johnson, JN	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
13	David Allocco, JN	Lt/C	Phoenix
14	Doug Frazier, JN	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
15	Frank Fitzgerald, AP	P/D/C	Phoenix
16	Leland Whitehead, SN	P/D/C	Phoenix
17	Ron Werner, JN	P/C	Phoenix
18	Bob Hubbard, AP	P/C	San Diego
19	Duane Leathers, AP	P/D/C	San Diego
20	Katharine Law, SN	D/C	San Diego
21	William Bridge, SN	D/Lt/C	San Diego
22	Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN	P/D/C	San Luis Rey
23	Larry Nelson, AP	Cdr	San Luis Rey
24	Russ Lyman	Lt	San Luis Rey