

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DISTRICT 31 WINTER COUNCIL MINUTES
7 FEBRUARY 2009
FOREST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA**

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District Commander Marilyn Rose, P called the Winter Council Meeting to order at 1045.

She led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A quorum was present. The District Bridge members were Commander Marilyn Rose, P; District Executive Officer P/C Louis Persons II, AP; District Administrative Officer. P/C Larry Stout, AP; District Education Officer P/D/C Thomas Unger, SN; District Treasurer; D/Lt/C Susan Unger, N; District Secretary P/C Terry Chastain, AP

District General Committee Chairman were Nominating P/D/C Earl Rose, JN; Squadron Commanders attending were John Fairhead JN, Beaver Lake; Jane Montgomery, AP Grand Lake, Al Gainer JN, Oklahoma City; Tulsa, Beaver Lake Executive Officer, Nancy Gibson, P.

District Educational Officers in attendance were D/Lt/C Tom Unger, SN Beaver Lake P/D/C Earl Rose, JN Tulsa, David McGhee, SN Oklahoma City, Steve Bryant, JN Oklahoma City Assistant SEO, and Byron Lake, AP Beaver Lake.

Also attending, D/Lt Denise Winn, S Grand Lake Daymark Editor and District Environmental Chair.

D/Lt/C Lou Persons, AP moved to accept the Fall Conference 23 October, 2008 minutes as posted on the District website. D/Lt/ C Tom Unger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. It was announced that the D31 Bylaws were approved the USPS Rules Committee.

District Commander Marilyn Rose, P received a suggestion that the luncheon for the Winter Council be paid for by the District. P/D/C Tom Unger SN moved that District provide luncheon for members in attendance. Lt/C Byron Lake JN seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bridge Reports:

Secretary: D/Lt/C Terry Chastain AP has received past records from Margaret Miller, S.

Treasurer: D/Lt/C Susan Unger, N provided Interim Report 1 September 2008 through 7 February 2009. The beginning checking Account Balance is \$4572.15. Total Income \$631.37. District expenses are listed as \$2,316.60 showing a loss of \$1,685.23. The checking account balance is \$3,066.92. The Investment Account with USPS is \$11,510.44. Total funds listed for the District is \$14,577.36

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Larry Stout, AP reported that there are still District funds available and encouraged each of the squadrons to apply directly to P/C Elsie Rolandelli, AP. He asked that each squadron check DB2000 to ensure their email addresses are correct. He has had no response from Norman. Marilyn will email the correct addresses.

District Education Officer, P/D/C Thomas Unger, SN said that there has not been a lot going on in the last 3-4 months. Beaver Lake has completed N with 5 students. OKC is planning on offering an N course. Chapman packets will be available at the end of February and all Commanders should be notified. Commander Rose complimented Tom on the seminars on Boat Handling and GPS presented at the recent Tulsa Boat Show. Tom has copies of the new courses available and will distribute them to Squadron SEO's.

District Executive Officer, D/Lt/C Louis Persons, AP reported that attendance at the Tulsa Boat Show was disappointing. It was suggested that in order to 'entice' a new audience to USPS, that the emphasis should include a theme "Knowledgeable boating is more fun".

Commander Marilyn Rose, P is still trying to get National to update their records. She has and will continue to contact National about sending representative to Fall Conference meeting only. She does not feel that we need a National Representative at the Spring Conference since it is only one day.

Committee Reports:

Auditing, Paul Keller, no report

Rules, Byron Lake, no report

Planning, Peggy Miller, no report

Nominating, Earl Rose, JN The committee is beginning to plan for nominations. If current officers do not plan on moving up please let Earl know as soon as possible. They plan to have a slate of officers in place by summer council meeting.

Awards, John Fairchild JN, distributed Award Reviews which recommend changes and/or additions to the D31 Policy and Procedure Manual Section no. D-400. A motion was made by Tom Unger, SN and seconded by Larry Stout, AP to accept changes to District Policy Manual. The motion passed unanimously. Larry Stout requested that one copy be sent to each Squadron Commander. The Shipping Over award was reviewed and it is suggested that The Awards Chairman should be directed to access the National website "On Line Dues Collection System Report" and gather data no earlier than October 15 and no later than October 22 of each year. The Chairman should use the figure for squadron membership as shown in the "PAID" column. This will give a true year to year comparison that is not affected after the first year by the anniversary date of individual squadrons. Tom Unger, SN moved to accept changes as written and Bryon Lake, AP seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations: D/Lt Denise Winn, S reporting. A District brochure was created for use at the Tulsa Boat Show. Please use district monies available to each squadron. She encouraged all to not keep USPS a secret and reminded us that public relations are everybody's job.

Safety: David McGee distributed the USPS Safety Officer's Report. It is available on line. Reports are due to him by 1 October 2009. Squadrons are encouraged to seek additional information on line from Safe Boating.com regarding safe boating campaign. National Safe Boating Week is the week of 15-22 May 2009.

Squadron Development: There have been two inquiries about possible new squadrons. One came from Eufaula and another from Porter. Further communication will continue to see if there is a viable interest or opportunity to start a Hot Springs squadron.

VSC: P/D/C Bill Sherman SN, reported that there were over 421 inspections completed by three squadrons last year. The number of certified vessel inspectors in district: OKC 2, Beaver 4 and Grand Lake 15. New 2009 decals have arrived. Please enter all VSC inspections on line. Grand Lake inspector, Jay Spicer, S remains District VSC leader for the third consecutive year completing #112 inspections and is eligible for the National Century Club.

Daymark Editor: D/Lt Denise Winn, S said that the deadline for the District newsletter will be extended until 11 February, 2009.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 1205
Meeting was reconvened at 1310

Old Business:

Commander

Beaver Lake: Nancy Gordon for John Fairhead. They staffed the Beaver Lake Boat Show in Rogers. They are sponsoring Sea Scouts and continuing to keep contact with new members. They are trying to involve new members with the Poster Contest.

Grand Lake: Cdr. Jane Montgomery, AP says the squadron is planning summer boating activities, has monthly dinner meetings with speakers.

A CPR course will be held in March, two boat show booths were staffed. Ops Training will be held 26 February. Three Safe Boating courses are scheduled.

Oklahoma City: Cdr. Al Gainer, JN was installed 10 January, 09. They will be offering Operation Training and will participate in the OKC Boat Show. They volunteered at the OETA telethon with the largest turnout in history and very pleased with the public relations that resulted. A membership committee is being formed with Past Commanders. He is personally calling all members on the roster to say hello and keep in touch. A new Safe Boating course is being offered. Business meetings will be held monthly. They recently celebrated Founder's Day. He asked if there were any suggestions to obtaining a "younger" audience.

Tulsa: Jim Willis, AP became Commander in the fall and helped to staff the District Boat Show booth.

SEO Reports:

Beaver Lake Byron Lake JN, Five members have completed Navigation course. They are offering Engine Maintenance, GPS course for Women only. They are using new materials from National. The Sailing class was offered publicly and several new members joined as a result.

Grand Lake: Cdr Jane Montgomery, AP for SEO Gene Pett,P. One individual is self studying JN and will then teach the JN class this spring to five interested members. AP and Engine Maintenance will be offered this year

Norman: D/C Marilyn Rose, P for Steve Johnson. Norman is planning on offering two children's safe boating classes and using "Sebastian", the dog again to promote boating safety.

Oklahoma City: Dave McGee,SN. Two eight-hour safe boating classes offered. There are few members interested in taking classes. He expressed concern for the constantly changing course offerings. He suggested that National should include information about the length of courses being offered so that squadrons can plan and understand the content and duration of classes.

Tulsa: P/D/C Earl Rose, JN The squadron is offering Boating Safety classes followed by Piloting.

P/C Susan Unger, N suggested that we re-market new course offering to our members. Information and technology have changed since the original course offerings. Pertinent information for boaters should be an incentive to take new classes.

2009 Meeting Dates

Spring Conference 27-2 2009 District Tulsa @ the Clarion Hotel, Broken Arrow

Summer Council 25 July 2009 District, Lake Texhoma 1000 is Council Meeting @ the Pelican Landing Restaurant

Fall Conference and COW 23-24 October, Tulsa, hosting

Discussion about the Spring Conference meeting was held. Details will be published in the Daymark. Marilyn Rose and Lou Pearsons will be responsible for hospitality suite, Larry Stout will secure luncheon details and Al Gainer will facilitate break out sessions. The deadline for reservations will be 14 March 2009

New Business:

The following members are attending the National USPS meeting in Anaheim, CA. P/C/D Tom Unger, SN, Marilyn Rose, P and Earl Rose, JN, Jane Montgomery AP, P/D/C Bill Miller P, P/D/Lt. Margaret Miller S, P/R/C Sandy Johnson, AP will be the district representative to the social luncheon.

Winter Council tentatively booked at Forest Ridge Country Club 6 February 2010. There is a \$50 fee.

Please remember to email District Webmaster, P/D/C William Miller, P with any email and cell phone numbers to be included in the DB200.

Meeting was adjourned 1458

Respectfully Submitted,

D/Lt/C Terry Chastain, AP
District Secretary