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| ST. PETERSBURG | 1938 |
| TAMPA | 1948 |
| CLEARWATER | 1948 |
| SARASOTA | 1952 |
| FT. MYERS | 1954 |
| LAKELAND | 1955 |
| BOCA CIEGA | 1955 |
| ANNA MARIA ISLAND | 1958 |
| VENICE | 1958 |
| ANCLOTE KEY | 1961 |
| CRYSTAL RIVER | 1963 |
| CAPE CORAL | 1964 |
| NAPLES | 1987 |
| SAN CARLOS BAY | 1968 |
| PEACE RIVER | 1972 |
| SANIBEL CAPTIVA | 1975 |
| MARCO ISLAND | 1978 |
| MANATEE | 1997 |



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 22

MINUTES OF THE 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE MEETING
Held on 09 May 2009
At the Sarasota Hyatt Hotel at Sarasota Florida

CALL TO ORDER: The Conference was called to order at 1405 by D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP. D/C Krupa, as presiding officer, reserved the right to change the order to expedite the meeting. D/C Krupa announced that since our conference was being held outside the regulation conference period of 1 March through 1 May, we received a waiver from the National Executive Officer since the delay was out of our control. D/C Krupa called for the National Anthem and the pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by D/Lt Margaret Barber, AP. Memorials were read by D/Lt Margaret Barber, AP.

INTRODUCTIONS: D/F/Lt John R. Albrecht, AP introduced the Chief Commander's Representative P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN. He also introduced the District Bridge, Past District Commanders, National Officers of USPS, and Past District Commanders of other districts now currently serving in District 22.

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN stated that he is thrilled to be at the conference this weekend. It's all about (1) merchandizing of all aspects of USPS, (2) marketing of USPS education, (3) service, (4) education including distance education, (5) financially we are in the best shape we have been for many years, (6)

ROLL CALL OF SQUADRONS AND VERIFICATION OF A QUORUM: D/Lt/C Sheila M. Gurr, SN called the roll and verified that a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF THE Fall CONFERENCE 2008: The minutes of the Fall Conference were accepted as published.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: P/C Wayne Partie, AP reported that the Council has given him permission to contract for and to run the Fall 2009 Conference at Sarasota Hyatt. 208 members are registered at the conference. We had about 142 participants at the first and participants at the second session.

SUMMARIZED REPORTS OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

- District Treasurer – Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet.
- District Secretary – Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet.
- District Administrative - Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet. Mary Paige also introduced the new district conference chairperson.
- District Education Officer - Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet.
- District Executive Officer – Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet.
- District Commander - Report on file with district secretary.** A copy is included in the seat packet.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER: D/Lt/C Jo S. Hanson, AP reported that a copy of her report and the district financials were provided in seat packets. (A copy of the report is attached to original minutes.)

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT 22 TREASURER: D/Lt James K. Long, P reported In accordance with District 22 Standing Rules, Section 2.9.3, the Audit Committee has reviewed the Treasurer's records of disbursements and receipts for the period ending March 31. The documents were examined and found to be complete and accurate. **A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008 FALL CONFERENCE: D/1st/Lt Arthur S. Lane, SN reported on the beginning cash balance, receipts, disbursements, and ending cash balance for the conference fund. Expenditures were greater than receipts by \$1,650.16. A deposit in that amount was made to the Conference Fund to maintain an ending balance of \$1000.

AUDITING REPORT OF 2008 FALL CONFERENCE: D/Lt James K. Long, P reported in accordance with District 22 Bylaws, Article, Sections 2.1.2, the Audit Committee has reviewed the Assistant Treasurer's records of disbursements and receipts for the 2008 Fall Conference. The documents were examined and found to be complete and accurate. **A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008 FALL C & R: D/1st/Lt Arthur S. Lane, SN reported on the beginning cash balance, receipts, disbursements, and ending cash balance for the C & R fund. Receipts were greater than expenditures by \$43.40. A check in that amount was made to the District General Fund to maintain an ending balance of \$2000.

AUDITING REPORT OF 2008 FALL C & R: D/Lt James K. Long, P reported in accordance with District 22 Bylaws, Article, Sections 2.1.2, the Audit Committee has reviewed the Assistant Treasurer's records of disbursements and receipts for the 2008 Fall Conference. The documents were examined and found to be complete and accurate. **A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET / FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: P/C Patricia A. Dance, SN reminded squadrons that have funds deposited in the National Investment program, the program will be discontinued at the end 2009. Commander Dance added that there was a correction to the report in the seat packets, the mandatory anniversary billing issue was voted on at the annual meeting and will not be voted on in Kansas City.

EDUCATION FUND REPORT: P/C Patricia A. Dance, SN reported that the National Billing and Dues Collection continues to make a significant change in the Education Fund's balance sheet.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP visited all squadrons in the district that invited him. This gave him a chance to see how hard everyone is working.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT: P/D/C Herbert K. Schneider, SN announced that changes to the standing rules were presented to the council, and those that were approved by the council will be presented to the conference during the new business.

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES.

DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Presenters: D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP
P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN

Life Members

Recognition of Achieving 50 Merit Marks

William F. Rose, Jr. – Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron

Recognition of Life Members – 25 Merit Marks

Ed Cornell – Apollo Beach Sail & Power Squadron

Richard A. Barth – Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron

Thomas P. Butler, Jr. – Peace River Sail & Power Squadron

John E. Findley – Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron

Elvin R. Konen – Naples Sail & Power Squadron

Joseph P. Miller – Venice Sail & Power Squadron

Charles P. Richardson, Jr. – San Carlos Bay Sail & P S

Howard Rothstein – St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

Fran Stevens – St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

Jack W. Wert – Naples Sail & Power Squadron

The D22 Distinguished Squadron Civic Service Award

Applicants for this award are reviewed by the district commander according to the criteria established by the national USPS Membership Committee and BoatUS Corporation. It honors the squadron demonstrating the most significant public service in education, community service and media presentations.

- 2nd Place St Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron
- 1st Place Peace River Sail & Power Squadron

The National Distinguished Squadron Civic Service Award

National recognition is based on the same criteria as the district award. All of the squadrons in the USPS are eligible. Four award winners were announced at the USPS National Meeting in Anaheim this February. Honorable Mention was awarded to the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron.

USPS National Educational Department Award

- Third Place in USPS Anna Maria Island Power Squadron

Awards presented at Council Meeting

- Distinction in Journalism
- Website Excellence
- Website Award
- National Education Fund Certificate of Merit

Vessel Safety Check Certificates

VSC Honor Roll Certificate: D22

Best Squadron in USPS

- 4th Place Ft Myers Power Squadron

Millenium Club

- 3rd Year P/C Kim O’Gorman, P – Venice
- 1st Year P/C Jim Cooke, P – Ft. Myers

Century Club

- 6th Year P/C Kim O’Gorman, P – Venice
- 5th Year P/C Jim Cooke, P – Ft. Myers
- 2nd Year Lt/C Peter Ward, P – Crystal River

Five Star Awards

These awards are based on the achievement of organizational goals established by D22 and the USPS. They identify outstanding squadrons. This year all 18 squadrons met a significant part of their goals.

Three Star Award Winners:

- Anclote Key Sail & Power Squadron
- Boca Ciega Sail & Power Squadron
- Clearwater Sail & Power Squadron
- Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

Four Star Award Winners:

- Anna Maria Island Sail & Power Squadron
- Cape Coral Power Squadron
- San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron
- Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron
- Tampa Power Squadron
- Venice Sail & Power Squadron

Five Star Award Winners:

- Crystal River Sail & Power Squadron
- Ft Myers Power Squadron
- Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron
- Manatee Sail & Power Squadron
- Naples Sail & Power Squadron
- Peace River Sail & Power Squadron

Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron
St Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

Outstanding Educational Achievement

3rd Place ??? Power Squadron
2nd Place ??? Power Squadron
1st Place ??? Power Squadron

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Presenters: D/Lt/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN
 P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN

Charles F, Chapman Public Relations Award

D22 has traditionally produced winning national squadron scrapbooks.

3rd Place Fort Myers Sail & Power Squadron
2nd Place Peace River Sail & Power Squadron
1st Place Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron

The Carl C. Mahnken Power Point Award

This award is presented to squadrons producing outstanding Power Point presentations.
Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron

The Roger Upton Award for Video Presentations

This award is presented to squadrons producing outstanding Public Service Announcement in a video presentation.
Manatee Sail & Power Squadron

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Presenters: D/Lt/C Robert L. Brady, SN
 P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN
 D/1st/Lt Richard W. Littrell, JN

USPS Educational Achievement Award

Lt/C Demetrios Lignos, SN – Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron

Clearwater Educational Achievement Trophy

Awarded to the squadron with the highest percentage of their eligible membership to pass Advanced Grades courses during the past calendar year.

3rd Place Tampa Power Squadron
2nd Place St Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron
1st Place Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron

Flags for Educational Excellence

Awarded to each of the top four squadrons having excelled in the USPS Public Boating Courses, Advanced Grades and Elective Courses.

Anclote Key Sail & Power Squadron
Clearwater Sail & Power Squadron
Manatee Sail & Power Squadron
Peace River Sail & Power Squadron

Venice Boating Achievement Award

Awarded to the Squadron having graduated the highest % of starters of the Boating Course

3rd Place Manatee Sail & Power Squadron
2nd Place Tampa Power Squadron
1st Place Clearwater Sail & Power Squadron

Ft Myers Multi Media Teaching Aid Award

Awarded to the Squadron having the most outstanding teaching aid of electronic/digital presentations

1st Place Crystal River Sail & Power Squadron

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Presenters: D/Lt/C Mary Paige Abbott, JN
P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN

Boca Ciega Teaching Aids Trophy

This award is presented to the squadron displaying the most outstanding teaching aid based on portability, audience interest and ease of manufacture, cost and value as a teaching aid.

1st Place Clearwater

Naples Cruise and Rendezvous Attendance Trophy

This award is presented annually to the Squadron achieving the highest prorated scores for attendance at the D22 Cruise and Rendezvous.

3rd Place Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron
2nd Place Manatee Sail & Power Squadron
1st Place Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron

SECRETARY DEPARTMENT

Presenters: D/Lt/C Sheila M. Gurr, SN
P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN

Fort Myers Publications Trophy

Awarded to the Squadron having the best publication as judged by the Publications Committee.

3rd Place Venice Sail & Power Squadron
2nd Place Peace River Sail & Power Squadron
1st Place St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

Peace River Graphics Trophy

Awarded to the Squadron publication having excelled in overall design which results in stimulating reader interest, enhancing explicitness and improving communications among members.

3rd Place Sarasota Power Squadron
2nd Place Peace River Sail & Power Squadron
1st Place St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was proposed that effective with the fall conference, we substantially eliminate the awards presentation ceremony at District Conferences. Awards will be presented by a District Officer to winning squadrons at local business or dinner meetings. Note that "substantially" eliminate is intended to give the bridge flexibility to present individual or special awards as they see fit. **A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.**

Standing Rules changes:

- 1) Standing Rule 3.1 How Bridge Officers may operate in determining winners. **Motion was made and seconded to modify wording. Motion passed.**
- 2) Standing Rule 3.2.1 Clearwater Educational Achievement Award. **Motion was made and seconded to modify rule. Motion passed.**
- 3) Standing Rule 3.2.3 Prince Henry the Navigator Award. **Motion was made and seconded to modify rule. Motion passed.**
- 4) Standing Rule 3.2.5 Anclote Key Elective Courses Award. **Motion was made and seconded to modify rule. Motion passed.**
- 5) Standing Rule 3.2.4 Sarasota Seamanship Achievement Trophy, 3.2.8 Sanibel-Captiva Piloting Award Trophy, and 3.3.1 Boca Ciega Teaching Aids Trophy. **Motion was made and seconded to suspend awards. Motion passed.**
- 6) Standing Rule 3.5.5 Flint River Trophy. **Motion was made and seconded to retire award. Motion passed.**
- 7) Standing Rule 2.5 Composition of Awards Committee. **Motion was made and seconded to modify rule. Motion passed.**

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: P/D/C J. Kenneth Guscott, JN Chair of Nominations gave the report of the proposed slate.

ELECTION OF 2009-2010 DISTRICT 22 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: D/Lt/C Sheila M. Gurr, SN reported no petitions for elected positions were filed with the District Secretary. **A motion was made and passed instructing the District Secretary to cast one vote to elect the slate as presented by the Nominations Committee.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The bridge will be taking the suggestions from the Commanders meeting on Friday into consideration. Since some of the suggestions are at the national level, P/C/C Earnest G. Marshburn, SN will present these to national. Cdr Steven R. Abbott, N presented information regarding the Fall C & R. The Flint River Technology Trophy which was retired at this meeting was presented to Georgia Binns.

BENEDICTION: D/Lt Margaret Barber, AP gave the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: At 1550, D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP recessed the meeting until the Change of Watch.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D/Lt/C Sheila M. Gurr, SN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "M".

D/Lt/C Sheila M. Gurr, SN
District Secretary