

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS  
SAIL AND POWER BOATING  
DISTRICT 26**

**MINUTES OF THE SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING  
3 JUNE 2006  
THURMOND LAKE, SC**

The Summer Council Meeting for District 26, a member of the United States Power Squadrons, convened Saturday Morning, June 3, 2006 at 9AM in the TARA CLUB HOUSE, Lake Thurmond. In the absence of Cdm Dick Erler, D/Lt/C Archie Trawick, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 0900. The Past District Commanders present for the meeting were introduced. P/D/C Jim Rakes gave the benediction and recognized the death of one of our faithful members, Bob Brisendine, of the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron, with a moment of silent prayer.

D/Lt/C Betty Walton, Secretary, stated that there is a quorum and then she explained the voting procedure to the representatives to the conference. The minutes of the Spring Conference were approved as distributed.

D/Lt/C Ron Osburn gave the Treasurers report. He informed the commanders that they were to pick up a sheet with expenditures and check to make sure monies were properly entered in the report. He reported on the Headquarters Anniversary Billing (HQAB). There still remain a few squadrons who have opted to continue with dues collection at the squadron level. He is anticipating that these will decide to switch over before the DEC deadline. He also reported on plans for d26 members who will be going to NY, New York for the National Council Meeting August 16-21. So far, there are 34 peoples who plan to go to N.Y. Reservations have been made for the group to see the play, MAMMA MIA, on Thursday evening and take the Boat Cruise around Manhattan on Friday afternoon.

D/Lt/C Betty Walton gave the Secretary's report. She stated that the roster is on the web site and hopes that it is being useful to those who need it. Next, Barbara Pearson, Editor of the 026 TRUE, gave her report. She reminded us of the deadline of JUN15 for articles to be included in the next publication. This issue will include all information about the 2006 CHANGE-OF-WATCH to be held in Augusta, GA. hosted by the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron. Betty gave a report for District Historian, P/D/C Bob Peters. His message to the squadron historians was to continue to keep an active record of what is happening in their squadron so that the job of putting together an annual report will be much simplified.

D/Lt/C John Powers gave the Administrative Officers' report. He reported that 3 squadrons have conducted Leadership Classes. He is hopeful that all squadrons will consider giving the Operations Training Course in the near future. He called on Tim Tate to talk about the Fall Conference to be held on October 20-22, 2006. It will be held at the Marriott Downtown in Augusta, GA.. Fun activities are planned for the spouses as well

as an exciting itinerary for the squadron members. John stated that Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron Members are “right up to speed” in their plans to make this a good meeting. He then called on Tom Courtney to give the Membership report. Nationally, we continue to lose members so a goal is in effect to increase our membership both squadron and district by 1% . Only 2 districts have met this goal ..D/26 and D/28. John presented the Power of One Pins to those squadron members who have been responsible for new members to our organization.

D/Lt/C Carol McVey presented the Education Officer’s report. Her first topic was SAFE BOATING WEEK. She informed us that she would be turning in a report on Tuesday, 6JUN to National. Seven squadrons taught a Boat Smart Class during this special week. Other activities included a Poker Run, Vessel Safety Checks and some seminars. She reminded the Education Officers to make sure that they are teaching the correct edition of the Boat Smart Course. Several questions on the exam come from the addendum which some have overlooked. The CHAPMAN AWARD nomination from each squadron will be due on 15JUL. Carol is urging each squadron to submit a nominee for this prestigious award. She gave out the National Education Fund Awards. All 13 Squadrons received this certificate along with a Leadership Development Publication. Carol stated that National is proposing that we do away with any boating course temporarily as a requirement for membership in USPS. At this point, National Assistant Treasurer/C Richard Peoples gave a brief review of what has happened in the past when this was done. He encouraged each of us to get in touch with members of the OCOM to voice our concerns as they are the ones who are putting this on the agenda for the August Meeting in NY. Archie again urged each squadron to nominate an instructor for the Chapman Award which is just one way to say “thanks, you are doing an outstanding job”.

D/Lt/C Archie Trawick gave the Executive Officer’s report. He stated that there is a vacancy in this department as a result of the resignation of Charles Barreras. Please let Archie know if you have someone you would like to recommend for that position. He stated that out of approximately 40 letters to PRO’s, Safety Officers and EO’s concerning Safe Boating Week, he received only 6 responses. There is still time for the others to get their reports in to him to be merged into a District 26 Final Report . The Public Relation Dollars are available so he urged us to submit our reports. The Golden Eagle Award for the best CoOp Charting chairman is being submitted for Ed Zeaser. Please get your comments on why you think Ed is a good choice to represent D/26 to Cdr Erler for inclusion in his recommendation.

Many Thanks to D/LT/C Trawick for the well organized meeting using Power Point and finishing the business early enough for us to get ready for the wonderful cruise and picnic on Lake Thurmond..

Respectfully submitted by:

D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP  
D/26 Secretary

## Attendance at Council Meeting

Banana River FL	- 1
Beaufort	- 2
Charleston	- 2
Golden Corners Lake	- 6
Golden Isles	- 2
Hilton Head	- 2
Lake Hartwell	- 8
Lake Murray	- 7
Savannah River	- 3
Swamp Fox	- 2
Thurmond Lake	- 7
Tybe Light	- 3

Total - 45