

United States Power Squadrons District 28
Minutes - Spring Conference Meeting
5 March 2005
Olympic Resort Hotel
Carlsbad, CA

0900 Call to Order by D/C Chester G. White, Jr. JN

Invocation--P/C Jerry Donovan, SN

Pledge of Allegiance--D/Lt/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, JN

D/C White introduced the district bridge officers and recognized two special guests, V/C Spencer Anderson, SN, the National Education Officer who was representing the Chief Commander, and his wife, Kristi. D/C White also recognized Stf/C Bob Schloeman, P/R/C Edwin J. Mraz, SN, and P/Stf/C Lou Seidner. D/C White indicated that D/C John Brown and D/Lt/C Marla Brown from D/13 were expected to arrive later in the day. He then introduced the new squadron commanders, Cdr Wes Heusser [Balboa], Cdr Connie Johnson (Phoenix), Cdr Katie Law (San Diego), and Cdr Van Diehl (San Luis Rey), and all past district commanders present, D/C White deferred announcement of members serving on national committees to the Chief Commander's representative

Without objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the proceedings.

Rooms for meetings and breakouts were announced, and D/C White noted that written reports were in the mailboxes with extra copies on the table for all interested parties. The District Commander also asked that oral reports be held to a minimum and that proposed resolutions be submitted before lunch to the Parliamentarian [P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald] for review before the afternoon business session. Finally, D/C White announced that a cocktail party would be held in the hospitality suite at 1800, to which all were invited. He then turned the proceedings over to the DXO to introduce the morning speaker.

0920 The morning program was a presentation of how to run a predicted log contest, given by Dave Weimer, N, [San Diego SPS], who organizes cruiser navigation contests for the San Diego Cruiser Association. He emphasized the usefulness of USPS courses for competing in predicted log contests, and went through the various steps in accurately predicting completion times for the course. At the conclusion of the presentation, he was thanked by D/C White.

1025 P/R/C Ed Mraz reminded people that MapTech and other digital navigation CD's are available at a discount through USPS, can be very helpful in planning and executing predicted log contests.

1032 Committee breakout meetings were initiated, and the conference was recessed until after lunch.

1302 D/C White reconvened the meeting. The secretary, D/Lt/C Law, announced that a quorum was present, reviewed the criteria for voting at the Conference, and identified the voting members and squadron delegates.

D/C White noted that the minutes of the 2004 Fall Conference and Winter Council had been distributed and asked if there were any corrections to the Fall Conference minutes. Hearing none, he declared the 2004 Fall Conference minutes approved as published. He then asked if there were any corrections to the 2004 Winter Council minutes and, hearing none, declared them also approved as published.

1308 D/C White turned the podium over the V/C Spencer Anderson, who delivered C/C Les Johnson's message to the conference. V/C Anderson emphasized the importance the Chief Commander places

on public Boating courses as a means not only to promote safety on the water but also as a way to recruit members to USPS. He reviewed the relationships we now have with McGraw-Hill and our various digital charting partners, the resources we have for members, our "Power of One" campaign, activities such as Vessel Safety Checks and Coop Charting, the advantages of attending National meetings, and plans for the upcoming 90th Anniversary of USPS. V/C Anderson also reviewed a proposal being considered by the Finance Committee [to raise national dues by \$2 per year for five years], and noted that the National Committee on Nominations is soliciting resumes for people interested in serving on USPS committees. He encouraged anyone interested in serving to submit a resume to NomCom. He then recognized the members of D/28 presently serving on National Committees and thanked them for their efforts.

REPORTS OF THE BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- 1321 **Treasurer: D/Lt/C E Ronald Weiner, P**, reported the results of his conversations with representatives of D/13 and D/25 about the 1-800-SEASKIL program. Although we have now withdrawn from participating in this program, they will continue to refer callers from Southern California to squadrons in our district, where appropriate.

D/Lt/C Weiner noted that, with respect to the final figures for the 2004-2005 budget year, a small deficit was expected following the meeting. **He moved, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the 2004-2005 budget be amended to permit an overrun of up to \$100, which will be paid for out of reserves. The motion carried unanimously.**

D/Lt/C Weiner then presented the 2005-2006 Budget, approved by the 2004 Winter Council for presentation to the Spring Conference, copies of which had been circulated. **He moved, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the 2005-2005 budget be approved by the Conference.** P/D/C Ken Smith asked whether the budget would include a change in District dues. D/C White stated that no such change was proposed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Finally, the Treasurer announced that the financial data and bank balances for the fiscal year 2004-2005 had been passed out and asked if there were any questions with regard to the figures reflected. None were posed.

- 1330 **Secretary: D/Lt/C Katharine Law, SN**, reported that, as a result of the contribution in memory of P/D/C Alan Hanshaw sent to the National Education Fund at the direction of the Winter Council, she had received a thank-you note from P/D/C Hanshaw's widow, which she read.

P/D/C Leland Whitehead, SN, Ensign Correspondent, had no report. In the absence of P/C Steven Bakalis, Lead Line Editor, D/Lt/C Law announced that plans were being made to distribute the Lead Line by posting it on the District website, with paper copies being mailed only to those persons not having access to internet distribution. Details are being finalized. District Historian, P/D/Lt/C Louis R. Cook, SN, reported that all squadron histories for the 2004-2005 year as well as the District report had been filed. The Secretary, who serves on the National Historian's Committee, complimented Lou for his efforts and thanked all the squadron historians, including D/C White, who filed the report for the San Diego Squadron.

Stf/C Bob Schloeman, JN, Information Technology Chair, indicated that all squadrons now have websites and are interlinked to one another and to the National and District websites. All four squadron websites got the Excellence Award this year. He estimated that the District website was consulted by over 1,500 visitors in the past year, so people are using it. He updates many of the pages either weekly or monthly. The District mailing list stands at 65, up one from the previous year. The DB2000 web base is being used by all four squadrons, and three squadrons have on-line rosters. Stf/C Schloeman described the measures in place to protect member privacy and to ensure that rosters can only be accessed by squadron members and other parties authorized to obtain such information.

1342 **Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Bill Johnson, AP**, stated that the Summer Council would be held at Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego on 18 June. The Fall Conference will be in San Diego, with a report to be given by P/D/C Bill Bridge, SN.

Cdr Connie Johnson, AP, Membership Chair and Membership Involvement Chair, compared the squadron memberships as of February 2004 and 2005 as follows:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Balboa	155	139
Phoenix	169	163
San Diego	135	153
San Luis Rey	72	78

Despite the ups and downs of individual membership figures, the District lost a net of two members district-wide. However, we made the necessary 3 percent increase from May 31, 2003, to May 31, 2004, to achieve the USPS Growth Award, one of only a few districts to do so. But we will have our work cut out for us to retain members as dues come due in May and June. We will have to concentrate on the “each one can recruit one” for the “Power of One” campaign. She referred to her written report in the mailboxes, and urged people to read it. She also asked that the National Membership Committee non-renewal survey form be filled out when calling campaign takes place. She has given out 21 pins for members listed as sponsors for new members. She mentioned the new National “MIRA” [membership involvement retention award], which was won by Phoenix last year. [The form is in her packet.] She needs from the squadron commanders the names of Squadron Membership and Member Involvement chairs, so she can send out the monthly newsletter.

P/C Marie Baer, Boating Activities, announced that the District Coastal Rendezvous will be held on July 15th at Glorietta Bay, San Diego. People planning to come must notify the San Diego Harbor Police. The squadron with the most boats will get a prize. She had fliers regarding this event. If planning to come, boaters should notify Marie, and she will provide details closer to the date.

1400 P/D/C Elaine Keller, AP, Leadership Development submitted a written report but wanted to highlight that D/28 was heretofore unable to participate in the national competition because we only have four squadrons and the minimum was five. This category has been changed so that we can now participate in the “Fewer than 10” class. She believes we can win it, and urged all squadrons to offer the Officers’ Training course. She also mentioned that “official” stationery is available near the bottom of the Leadership Development national website, with instructions on how to customize if for your own purposes.

P/C Sheryl Uggen, P, USPS Educational Fund, was unable to attend, but D/C White noted that one squadron [Phoenix] won an award which would be presented at the Change of Watch dinner.

With regard to the Fall Conference, DAO Johnson called on P/D/C Bridge to present a report. Bill Bridge announced that the Fall Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, on Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, on 7-8 Oct 2005. The guest rooms are reserved at a special rate of \$89 per room. Full details will be available at the Summer Council meeting, but Bill suggested that people planning to attend should make reservations early to lock in the reduced rate, which will only be available to those making early arrangements. DAO Johnson noted that the 2006 Spring Conference will be hosted by the Balboa Squadron, with details to be announced later.

1407 **Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Joseph C. Komlance, SN**, expressed his pleasure at having V/C Anderson, the NEO, at the conference. The SEOs had enjoyed the opportunity to discuss with him the status of courses and developments in the National Educational Department. The DEO’s report and *Currents*, the ED Dept Newsletter, were in the mailboxes and available for distribution. He thanked

all the SEOs in the District for helping him make the 2004-2005 year a viable program with many courses given.

- 1411 **Executive Officer:** D/Lt/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, JN, called for reports from squadron commanders in alphabetical order and asked that they should be brief.

Balboa Squadron, Cdr Wes Heusser, AP, reported that, for the 5th year, Balboa entered a boat in the Newport "Parade of Lights" and won an award for the 4th year in a row. The squadron also sponsored a Sea Scout Ship, whose Skipper won the Finley Award. They are also working with two other Sea Scout Ships. They have supplied an engine for a 100-year-old wooden ship, *The Argos*. In January, Balboa conducted an ABC class for 18 Sea Scouts, from which they recruited two active members, one additional member, four Sea Scouts and one junior member. They have also achieved five reinstatements and several transfers from D/13

Phoenix Squadron, Cdr Connie Johnson, AP, indicated that her squadron had 33 volunteers standing watch for 41 hours [five days] at the Phoenix Boat Show, where they shared a booth with Arizona Game and Fish and the USCG Auxiliary. They are now working on their 2nd Annual National Safe Boating celebration for May 21st. One of their goals this year is to hold at least one combined activity with the local Sea Scouts group. The openings in their Education Department at the beginning of the year have now been filled. They have a Sail course in progress with 16 students, and are half-way through their second ABC class of the year. Engine Maintenance and Cruise Planning will be offered in the spring and summer, with Weather to be offered in the fall. They are reactivating their Calling Committee, and are trying to increase attendance at members' meetings. They had an outing in February at Apache Lake, which was plagued by mishaps but rich in fellowship. The Inland Rendezvous at Katherine Landing, AZ, will be held on the weekend of 8-10 April and all are invited. In May, they will hold a "Stink Pot" cruise to Catalina.

San Diego Squadron. Cdr Katie Law, SN, noted that their membership numbers had been reduced by deaths in the squadron and people transferring out, but a Boating class has just finished and she hoped to recruit new members. Thanks to SEO Mike Fontaine, San Diego will be giving all courses this year, causing strategic equipment challenges. The squadron has purchased two new projectors, each of which can operate without a laptop by utilizing memory sticks. An Operations Training course will be given the following Saturday, given by D/C Chet White. P/C Shaun McArdle chaired the watches for the San Diego Boat Show in January, with volunteers from both the San Diego and San Luis Rey squadrons. Sail Fleet races and cruiser navigation contests have begun. A new tri-fold flier has been published and will be available at the Summer Council meeting.

- 1425 San Luis Rey Squadron, Cdr Van Diehl, N, reported that the San Luis Rey Squadron enjoyed their Holiday party in December, and had held three meetings since then, including their January annual meeting with elections, their Change of Watch at the Jolly Roger Restaurant on 5 February and a potluck members meeting on 16 February at which Ted and Claudia Bowler gave an account of their trip to Hawaii. Several San Luis Rey members volunteered to assist the San Diego squadron stand watch in the USPS booth at the January San Diego Boat Show. They were preparing to staff a booth at the annual Fred Hall Fishing & Boat Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds from 16 to 20 March, the next activity after the Spring Conference. The education department presented a 4-week Boat Smart course, which began on 15 January and a Chart Smart course would follow in March. The squadron also gave the first of four one-day GPS seminars open to the public on 28 February, with help from a number of members. Several students in the class expressed interest in joining USPS and in taking more classes.

1438 Co-op Charting Committee. In the absence of P/C J. Brockway Clark, SN, P/D/Lt/C Lou Cook gave the results of the co-op charting_outing prior to the Conference Meeting, and indicated that they had already been submitted on-line.

Public Relations Committee, D/Lt Lorie Greenstein, S, was not present and submitted no report.

1440 Radio Technology Committee, Stf/C Robert Schloeman, JN. The U.S. is launching satellites with the capacity to be updated, even if out of line-of-sight contact with the controlling ground stations. Information from these may be available to civilian users but may require modification or replacement of existing GPS receivers. A new device, the Automatic Identification System [“AIS”], is a type of augmented radar-like receiver, which identifies all ships in one’s area by name, type, size, and gives their course & speed, call sign, etc., permitting access to boaters of information formerly only available to Vessel Traffic Service operations centers. A quarterly newsletter is being sent to all district RTOs by the USPS Electro-Mechanical Committee and will be forwarded to squadron RTOs.

The Safety Officer, P/C John Lusson, was unable to attend and sent no report.

District Legislative Officer/AZ , Bob Schloeman, reported that a revised Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] has been signed by both the C/C and the Arizona authorities, offering opportunities for the Phoenix squadron to develop enhanced relations with the AZ Game and Fish Department.

Vessel Safety Check Committee. A written report from P/C Ron D. Werner, AP, indicated that the 2005 decals had been received earlier this year than ever before, and are in good supply. The San Diego squadron had already completed 8 VSCs, and Phoenix had also performed some exams, but the latter had not been recorded at USPS Headquarters.

1452 **Commander: D/C Chester G. White, Jr., JN**

Commander White thanked his Bridge officers, the squadron commanders and the squadrons for their efforts in making his year a successful one. D/C White then deferred the report of the Nominating Committee and called for other committee reports.

Rules Committee, Stf/C Bob Schloeman, SN, distributed copies of the Proposed Bylaws, incorporating the changes made by the Rules Committee to conform our Bylaws to the standard USPS District Bylaws. They have been forwarded to Stf/C Allan Lakin, SN, on the USPS Committee on Rules and, if approved by the National committee, should be returned to us for action, possibly at the Fall Conference.

Audit Committee, P/D/C William D. Bridge, SN, stated that the Audit Committee had performed a review of the District accounts and found them completely and accurately to reflect the state of the District’s funds. The committee commended D/28 Treasurer, E. Ronald Weiner, AP, for his records and attached a copy of the financial report to the Audit Committee’s report. Also attached to the report was a complete report by D/28 Property Officer, D/Lt Patricia Diehl, detailing the existence and status of District 28th Awards, Property and Flag inventory.

A motion to adopt the Audit Committee’s report was passed unanimously.

1459 Planning Committee. P/D/C Lou Loth, AP, reported that the Planning Committee had met earlier and wished to revise the wording of the Motion to the holding of future joint conferences.

He moved, on behalf of the Planning Committee to amend the language adopted at the Winter Council to read: “District 28 supports Joint Fall Conferences with District 13, in alternate years beginning in 2006. District 13 is expected to host twice as many combined Fall Conferences as District 28. The District 28 Conference Chair will provide a financial report to the Winter Council preceding the Joint Fall Conference.” The motion was unanimously adopted.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

For the Good of the Order.

P/C Dave Baer announced that the National Safe Boating Test is now accessible on-line.

- 1507 D/C Chet White turned over the meeting to V/C Spencer Anderson, who asked for the report of the Nominating Committee. A written report, signed by D/Lt Sheryl Uggen, P, chairman of the committee, and members P/D/C Robert Newsom, P/C Melvin Mones, and P/C Ron Werner, consisted of the following slate for the 2005-2006 Bridge:

Commander D/Lt/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN - San Luis Rey Squadron

Executive Officer D/Lt/C William Johnson, AP - Phoenix Squadron

Education Officer D/Lt/C Joseph Komlance, SN - Balboa Squadron

Assistant Ed. Officer Cdr Van Diehl, SN - San Luis Rey Squadron

Administrative Officer P/C Charles E. Peterson, SN, Phoenix Squadron

Secretary Cdr Katharine S. Law, SN. San Diego Squadron

Treasurer D/Lt/C E. Ronald Weiner, P, San Diego Squadron

Nominating Committee
One Year

P/C Ron Werner, AP, Phoenix Squadron
P/C Melvin Mones, AP, San Diego Squadron

Two Years

P/D/C Robert Newsom, P, San Luis Rey Squadron
P/D/C Elaine C. Keller, AP, Balboa Squadron

Rules Committee

One Year

P/D/C Thomas Swift, SN, San Diego Squadron

Two Years

P/D/C Kenneth E. Smith, AP, Balboa Squadron

Three Years

P/D/C Robert Schloeman, JN, Phoenix Squadron

Audit Committee

P/D/C William D. Bridge, SN, San Diego Squadron
P/Lt/C William Belt, JN, Phoenix Squadron
P/D/C Chester G. White, Jr., JN, San Diego Squadron

V/C Anderson inquired if the nominations had been published in the "Lead Line" according to the bylaws, and the Secretary confirmed that they had been. V/C Anderson asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and Secretary Law responded that there were no such nominations. He then directed the Secretary to cast one vote for the slate of Bridge officers proposed by the Nominating Committee.

- 1515 V/C Anderson congratulated the newly elected officers and committee members and returned the proceedings to D/C Chester White, who recessed the meeting until 2030.

2030 Return to Order

D/C White reconvened the conference and introduced our honored guests, including D/C John F. Brown, JN, and D/Lt/C Marla C. Brown, JN, [DXO] of District 13, who had traveled down from Redondo Beach to join us on this special occasion. He then thanked V/C Spencer Anderson and Kristi Anderson for agreeing to be with us at the start of our new watch year and for their contributions of mentoring and friendship during their visit. V/C Anderson responded that he and Kristi had enjoyed being in Carlsbad and very much appreciated the hospitality extended to them from District 28 and the host squadron, San Luis Rey.

D/C White thanked Cdr Van Diehl, Cida Diehl and the San Luis Rey Squadron for their hospitality in arranging the conference. He also thanked his Bridge officers for their help and support, and acknowledged the contributions made to the success of his year from his Aides and his hard-working Parliamentarian, P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald.

Commander White next turned to awards, and presented a National Website Award to P/D/C Robert Schloeman, the D/28 web master. The District Attendance Award was given to the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron, which was accepted by immediate P/C Dave Baer. All four squadrons won D/28's highest Three (3) Star Award for 2004, for which the plaques were received by Cdr Wes Heusser for Balboa, immediate P/C Jane Peterson for Phoenix, P/C Baer for San Diego, and Cdr Van Diehl for San Luis Rey.

2045 D/C White then relinquished the meeting to V/C Anderson, who dismissed the Commander and members of the outgoing 2004-2005 District Bridge. He then administered the oath of office to the new District Commander, Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN, who summoned the incoming 2005-2006 Bridge officers and committee members and swore them in. He expressed his pleasure and anticipation at the prospect of working with them all during the coming year.

The new Commander then announced and introduced the following persons appointed to assist him on his watch:

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| Parliamentarian | P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, AP |
| Flag Lieutenant | P/D/C Lee Whitehead, SN |
| Merit Marks | D/Lt Mark Keltner, AP |
| Chaplain | P/C J. Brockway Clark, SN |
| Aide | P/D/C Duane Leathers, AP |
| Aide | P/C Marie Baer, P |
| Planning Committee | P/D/C Lou Loth (chairman), Frank Fitzgerald, and Wayne Best |

D/C Veldhuisen expressed his thanks to outgoing D/C Chester White for his advice and tutelage during their time working together on the Bridge and to the members of D/28 for placing their confidence in his leadership. He introduced his wife Cheryl and family members and thanked them for their support. Finally, he challenged all D/28 members to achieve even more in the coming year.

2110 D/C Veldhuisen adjourned the 2005 Spring Conference.

Minutes submitted by: _____
D/Lt/C Katharine S Law, SN, Secretary

Spring Conference Attendance 5 March 2005

1	Cdr Katharine S. Law, SN	San Diego SPS
2	D/C Chester G. White, Jr. JN	San Diego SPS
3	Cdr Wes Heusser, AP	Balboa PS
4	P/D/C Mal Coston, SN	Balboa PS
5	P/D/C Tom Swift, AP	San Diego SPS
6	P/D/C Elaine Keller, AP	Balboa PS
7	Cdr Connie Johnson, AP	Phoenix SPS
8	P/D/C Kenneth Smith, AP	Balboa PS
9	1st/Lt Maria "Cida" Diehl, AP	San Luis Rey SPS
10	Lt/C David Gibbs, P	San Luis Rey SPS
11	P/D/C E. Brian Smith, SN	San Luis Rey SPS
12	P/D/C Irwin Pascoe, AP	San Diego SPS
13	P/C Chuck Peterson, SN	Phoenix SPS
14	P/C Jane Peterson, P	Phoenix SPS
15	P/R/C Edwin Mraz, SN	San Diego SPS
16	P/C David Baer, SN	San Diego SPS
17	P/C Marie Baer, P	San Diego SPS
18	D/Lt/C Bill Johnson, AP	Phoenix SPS
19	Cdr Wanderley "Van" Diehl, SN	San Luis Rey SPS
20	D/Lt/C Joseph Komlance, SN	Balboa PS
21	Lt/C Mike Fontaine, AP	San Diego SPS
22	P/D/C Lou Loth, AP	Balboa PS
23	P/D/C William D. Bridge, SN	San Diego SPS
24	P/C Mark Keltner, AP	Balboa PS
25	P/D/C Duane Leathers, AP	San Diego SPS
26	P/D/C Robert Newsom, P	San Luis Rey SPS
27	Lt Donald J. Hora, S	Phoenix SPS
28	Mary Hora	Phoenix SPS
29	P/C Kristi Anderson, P	Clearwater [FL]PS/D22]
30	P/D/Lt/C Louis R. Cook, SN	Balboa PS
31	P/C Wolfgang Kutter, SN	Balboa PS
32	P/C Shaun McArdle, AP	San Diego SPS
33	Stf/C Robert Schloeman, JN	Phoenix SPS
34	P/D/C Lee Whitehead, SN	Phoenix SPS
35	P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, AP	Phoenix SPS
36	P/C Jerry Donovan, SN	San Diego SPS
37	Lt/C Terry Gray, S	Phoenix SPS
38	Lt Nancy Frazier, S	Phoenix SPS
39	Lt/C Phil "Doug" Frazier, P	Phoenix SPS
40	Lt/C Robert D. Smith, AP	Balboa PS
41	P/Stf/C Louis Seidner, SN	San Luis Rey SPS
42	Lt/C Lynn Briley, S	San Luis Rey SPS
43	P/C Wayne Best, P	San Luis Rey SPS
44	D/Lt Pat Diehl	Balboa PS
45	David Weimer, N	San Diego SPS
46	D/Lt/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN	San Luis Rey SPS
47	P/D/C Marion Dooley, SN	Phoenix SPS
48	V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN	Banana River [FL] PS/D/23
49	D/Lt/C E. Ronald Weiner, P	San Diego SPS