

District 4 Council Meeting September 6, 2006

- 1830 D/C Harold Oslick, SN convened the meeting
- 1832 D/F/Lt Richard Swackhammer, AP Led the Salute to the Flag
- 1834 RC Henry Griffin, SN led the invocation
- 1836 Break for dinner
- 1940 Meeting called to order by the DC
- 1944 Introductions
- 1948 Treasurers Report given by P/D/C Mike Sangiorgio, SN as
DLt/C Don Kadlac, AP was unable to attend.
- 1950 DC instructed the Budget Committee to begin work on next
years budget
- 1953 D/Lt Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP reported on activities of the
Planning Committee.
DC asked all members of the Council to review this report and
to be prepared to discuss it at the September Council meeting.
- 1958 DC to contact the Law Officer to investigate the requirements to
allow the District to become incorporated.
- 2000 DC asked that all Merit Mark recommendations be forwarded
to D/Lt Jean Ruckdeschel, AP as soon as possible.
- 2003 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN
- 2004 XO asked that all Squadrons have their Safety Officers submit
their activity reports to D/Lt Bernice Fiorentini, AP ASAP
- 2005 D/Lt Vincene Aquilato, S gave a report of the New York
Governing Board after which she and her Committee people
were heartily congratulated on doing an outstanding job.
- 2015 D/Lt Harry Wagner, JN reported on Vessel Safety Check and
the Atlantic City Rendezvous
- 2020 P/R/C Ken Bolt, SN reported on the Memorial Service for 2007.
Date will be March 18, 2007
- 2023 Stf/C Bob Green, N reported the D4 Exhibit Booth is nearing
completion. He made a further plea for all Squadrons to step up
their teaching activities.
- 2025 D/Lt Don Baker, JN reported on Ads for the boating classes and
asked the Squadrons to ensure they are kept current and proof
read.
- 2030 District Education Officer D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, JN (see
attached report)

- 2035 Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Richard Zucci, AP**
- 2036 Reported on the cruise to Wildwood following the AC Rendezvous**
- 2038 Reported on the Membership forum to take place at the Administrative workshop at the Fall Conference.**
- 2043 Secretary D/Lt C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN**
P/D/C Dave Meshulam, AP reported on the D4 Publication Mark IV and requested all squadrons to send him articles and notices they would like published.
Report was made that the D4 Predicted Log had been cancelled but there would be a dinner at Bahr's Restaurant on Sept. 16th at 1900. Space was available on a First Come Basis for 40 people to have "Dinner with the Chief".
- 2046 Previous minutes were accepted as submitted**
- 2048 New Business**
D4 has been awarded the "Bowsprit Award". One of six districts to receive this award it will be presented at the fall Conference by the Chiefs representative.
Raritan Bay, due to the efforts of Lt Jill Drummond, S and D/Lt Don Baker, JN, has been awarded the MIRA (Member Involvement and Retention award). This will also be presented at the Fall Conference.
- 2050 Notice was taken that Northern New Jersey has taught some classes to First Responders along with a few other squadrons. It is felt that if all squadrons submit their civil service activities to a committee it may be possible to win a Boat US award currently being presented at \$5000.00. A committee made up of P/D/C Carlton Lee, Jr. AP, D/Lt. Joe Miciak, AP and Cdr. Joe David, AP will see if this is feasible.**
- 2055 D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN asked for a motion to have \$126.00 released from the District Treasury for the purchase of replacement pads for the AED unit. Motion Seconded, voted and passed unanimously.**
- 2057 D/Lt Vincene, S asked for a motion to appropriate \$100.00 to subsidize the luncheon tickets of the four members who will be receiving their 50 year awards at the fall conference. Motion made, seconded, voted and Passed unanimously.**

- 2059 D/Lt Joe Miciak, AP informed all regarding Homeland Security that their will be added security in New York Harbor during the Period around September 11th.
- 2100 Cdr. Herman Butler, P Announced the Watchung Sail and Power Squadron's 50th Anniversary party scheduled for Sept. 17TH still had a few openings.
- 2102 Meeting Adjourned

REPORTS

DISTRICT COMMANDER

Report of the Activities of the District 4 Commander, June thru August 2006

1. Presided at District Council June 2006 Meeting.
2. Participated in 2006 GB planning meeting at Aquilato's
3. Planned and presided at D-4 Commander's brunch at Barr's June 25
4. Assisted with and participated in District mini-cruise July 15-18; Planned and arranged dock party (w/ D/Lt Marlene Oslick)
5. Convinced C/C to attend Watchung 50th Anniversary event in Sept.
6. Worked with Long Valley Squadron to effect dissolution.
7. Performed 16 Vessel Safety Checks.
8. Attended 2006 GB in New York Aug 15 – 20; Participated in Nat'l VSC Comm meeting and D/C's meeting. Also participated in opening ceremony of MemCom meeting. Aided in staffing information and membership tables. Prepared D-4 Hospitality Suite for Conference (w/ D/Lt Marlene Oslick).
9. Attended to all other duties of the D/C.

D/4 TREASURER'S REPORT

06 SEPTEMBER 2006

UPS RESERVE	\$ 20,000.00
MONEY MARKET	\$17,186.25
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 9,830.85

I HOPE ALL HAVE HAD AN ENJOYABLE AND INTERESTING BOATING SEASON.

I HAVE ATTENDED THOSE EVENTS WHERE REQUIRED. THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN NY WAS ATTENDED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WHERE I VOTED ON THE REQUIRED REFERENDUMS. MY WIFE, KATHY, WORKED ON FRIDAY (HOSPITALITY) AND SATURDAY (LADIES LUNCHEON). WE BOTH ENJOYED PARTICIPATING.

THE BOAT SHOW BOOTH IS UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOON, IF NOT ALREADY. I HAVE MADE THE DEPOSIT OF \$2500.00 (1/2 OF THE PURCHASE PRICE) AS PER ROBERT DAMATO'S INSTRUCTIONS. THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH IN THE FUND TO COMPLETE THE PAYMENT.

THE BANK ACCOUNTS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. THERE IS **\$9,830.85** IN THE **CHECKING ACCOUNT** AND **\$17,186.25** IN THE **MONEY MARKET**. ALL BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID AND DEPOSITS MADE THRU AUGUST 31, 2006.

END OF REPORT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

D/4 TREASURER DON KADLAC, P

Vessel Safety Check

The Vessel Safety Check program, in District 4 has not been successful at all. We currently have 390 inspections with 00 inspectors. Last year we had 000 inspections with 00 inspectors. The number of Squadrons that have reported inspections to National are 8. The number of Squadrons that have not reported any inspections is 5. The number of Squadrons not listed on the National database is 4. Two of our Squadrons have done 304 inspections out of our total of 390. One examiner has more inspections than 6 of our Squadrons have combined.

What I do not understand is that every one of our Squadrons came to me and asked for more decals which I supplied. We have over 1500 decals our but only 390 inspections performed. If any of the Squadrons Vessel Safety Check Chairperson are having trouble entering inspections please contact me and I will walk them through the procedure. Commanders please contact your chairpersons and urge them to enter their inspections.

Atlantic City Cruise Our Atlantic City Cruise was a huge success. We had 26 boats at the event and over 100 people at the dock party. I would like to thank everyone that participated and extend an invitation for the event scheduled for July 2007. I am reserving 40 slips on January 1, 2007 for the event. More news after the first of the year.

D/Lt Harry Wagner, JN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

D/4 Council Meeting
Planning Committee
San Carlo/Lyndhurst, NJ
6 Sept 06

In accordance with The District 4 ByLaws 2.17.2: The Planning Committee Shall consist of five (5) members, one of whom shall be appointed by The Commander each for a term office (5) years to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of a term of office. The Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations in response to quires referred to it by The Conference or The Council, and to make recommendations on its own initiative of proposed changes of any kind for the good of The District.

1. In accordance with The D/4 ByLaws (2.17.2), The Planning Committee is not in accordance with The D/4 ByLaws....as so stated: "The Planning Committee shall consist of five (5) members". Presently, The Planning Committee consists of four (4) members. At This time, I would like to welcome, P/C Leslie Eslinger, AP (NNJ) as an appointed member of the 2006 - 2007 Planning Committee.

2. Recommendations:

A. USPS is radically changing and as members of D/4, we should recognize these changes and be willing to explore change and stimulate the growth of District 4. The Planning Committee is a vital committee that enables The Council to explore "proposed changes of any kind for the good of The District". The present D/4 ByLaws (2.17.2) loosely define this committee's guidelines for scheduled meetings and attendance. Actually, there are "no" guidelines for scheduled meetings and attendance to stated meetings. This committee must maintain its purpose and objective. RECOMMENDED: 2006 - 2007 The Planning Committee shall meet two (2) times of the six (6) scheduled D/4 Council Meetings. Meetings shall be scheduled by The Chairman of The Planning Committee with the agreement of committee members. The meeting shall take place 1/2 hour before The D/4 Council Meeting....the first Planning Committee meeting: date: 6 Sept 06; time: 0545; place: San Carlo/Lyndhurst. Attendance for scheduled meetings is mandatory unless the committee Chairman is notified of conflict. Communication within this committee shall be directed by email...."all" members of this committee are expected to actively participate on committee communication. Future date for second (2) meeting will be discussed. The Planning Committee shall announce: date; time; place of future scheduled meetings; anyone wishing to attend will be welcome; the last ten (10) minutes of The Meeting will be open to those guests attending "for the good of The District"

B. Regionalized Holiday Parties: This will enable squadrons to benefit on attendance....as squadrons rolls of membership diminish, squadrons are having a difficult time in meeting monetary obligations. Regionalized Holiday Parties will offer the opportunity for squadrons to meet on a social level....keeping costs down and attendance up. I would like this recommendation to serve as a bench mark for future regionalization: Regionalized D/4 Council Meetings.

C. Presently, there are six (6) D/4 Council Meetings. Attendance and costs have always been an issue. Many districts hold a council meeting at The District Fall/Spring Conference.....this could stimulate attendance. RECOMMENDATION: 2007 - 2008: five (5) Council Meetings; 2008 - 2009: four (4) Council Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP (Chairman Barnegat Bay)
P/C Christopher DeStafano, AP (member City Island)
P/C Arthur Epstein, AP (member Lackawanna)
P/C Leslie Eslinger, AP (member NNJ)
Lt/C J. Arlene Maresca, AP (member Liberty Harbor)

**D/4 Council Meeting
6 September 2006
Report of the Executive Officer**

For those of you who could not attend the Governing Board in New York City, I just wanted to let you know that it was a very successful meeting. Many thanks and congratulations go to Vincene Aquilato and her committee for a job very well done. I saw first hand just how hard they worked.

I have placed in the commander's folders a CD containing any handouts, presentations and the seat packet that was given out at the Saturday meeting. I find that it is a lot easier to email these National Committee reports to your chairman then to have to print them out and distribute them. I have also placed a modified print out of the motions and resolutions that were voted on at the meeting. There are a few that will affect squadrons almost immediately and I wanted to go over them now.

As planned last year, National has raised the dues \$1.80 for active members, \$.90 for additional active members and \$.45 for family members. The plan is to raise them this amount for the next 3 years in accordance with Consumer Price Index. It was approved last year that this motion could come up for a total of 5 years.

National has also raised the entrance (or initiation fee) from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for the primary active member. This fee will cover all additional active members in a household as long as the primary active member remains a member in good standing.

National has also changed the dues structure. Instead of 4 categories, each with a different price, they are going down to two. In the past they had one price for an active member, one price for additional active member, one price for adult family member and one price for junior family members. There will now be only 2 dues categories. The primary active member will remain at \$33.60 and any one else in the family unit will be at 50%. So no matter how many additional active or family members are in the same household, the dues will be \$50.40 It is their hope that this will make the dues structure less confusing and also encourage potential new members to sign on as active instead of family members.

District 2 made a resolution to properly celebrate the 25th anniversary of elective membership of women in USPS. This will take place in Jacksonville in February. It is my understanding that 14 women will receive their life membership and one of them is from our district.

The motion to waive the exam requirement was postponed until the Annual meeting in Jacksonville.

There were a few bylaws wording changes to make permanent the Voluntary Headquarters Anniversary Billing for those squadrons electing to use such a method, allow members of departmental committees to be appointed by the respective Vice Commanders, and assure that the nominating, audit and rules committee for both districts and squadrons are elected and report to the membership at large. The actual wording and rationale are listed on the handouts that I gave you and on the CD under the title NoticeGBNY.doc.

Respectfully submitted:
D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN
D/4 Executive Officer

MEETINGS' COMMITTEE REPORT

New Fall site - Westin Governor Morris Hotel in Morristown, New Jersey. The dates of the Fall Conference are 20-21 October.

The Hotel has large rooms, excellent meeting space and plenty of free parking. The room rate will be \$89. Rate is in effect for 10/20-21/06. Cutoff date for room reservations is 10/12/06.

Call to Meeting and Friday night dinner information will be sent out shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stf/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S
General Chair
Meetings Committee**

**NYC 2006 Governing Board Report
6 September 2006**

Well, we did it, and by all accounts it was great!

Anthony and I were privileged to work with the best team ever. Their dedication to the project, along with their time and energy helped to make it the success it was. Everything went according to plan (with the minor exception of the delay on Metro North), and even the weather cooperated.

I would like to ask the following Committee Chairs to stand and be recognized. In alphabetical order they are:

**Kathleen Bisogno - Fundraising
Trisha Bolt - Photography
Bruce Borkowski - Webmaster
Greg Boyle - Emanuences
Jill and David Drummond - Hospitality
Mike Fabrizi - Parking
Lisa Hirschfeld - Ladies' Hospitality
Carlton Lee - Communications
Arlene Maresca - Social Luncheon
Bob Phillips - Treasurer
Jeanne and Michael Sangiorgio - Tours
Harry Wagner - Printing and Sales**

I would also like to thank Harold and Marlene Oslick for all their research and help in dealing with the National Law Committee.

Additionally, I would like to ask all those who worked on a committee to stand and be recognized.

At this time, it is my pleasure to present a check to D/4 in the amount of \$5,000 as full repayment of the advance given to the NYC2006 GB Fundraising effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincene Aquilato
Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, S
Chair
NYC 2006

Attendance

Barnegat Bay

P/C Tony Russo, AP
Cdr. Mike Bodnar, P
P/D/C Carlton Lee, Jr., AP
P/C Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP
P/D/C Mike Sangiorgio, SN
D/Lt/C Richard Zucci, AP

City Island

Stf/C Anthony Aquilato, AP
Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, S

Lake Hopatcong

P/C W. Hunt Weaver, AP
P/C W. Hirschfeld, AP

Bronx

P/D/C William Delahunty, JN
Cdr. Edmund Donovan, JN

Lackawanna

Cdr. Kelley Fahey, AP
D/Lt Chris Windeler, SN
D/Lt Arthur Epstein, AP

Liberty Harbor

P/C Joel C. Jones, SN
P/Lt/C Denise M. Jones, AP
D/Lt J. Arlene Maresca, AP
D/Lt Gregory Boyle, P
Cdr. Tom Delaney, P
D/Lt Mary Davis, AP

New York

P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, AP

Oritani

Lt/Cdr Tom Smith, AP
P/C John Battaglia, AP

Raritan Bay

D/Lt C Kathleen Bisogno, JN
D/Lt/C Richard V. Fiorentin, SN
Cdr. Joe Miciak, AP
Lt/C Manny Alvarez, JN
D/Lt Harry Wagner, JN
D/Lt Don Baker, JN
P/D/C David Drummond, SN
D/Lt Jill Drummond, S

Staten Island

D/Lt James Ulrich, SN
P/R/C Kenneth J. Bolt, SN
D/Lt Trisha Bolt, AP
Cdr. Joe David, AP
P/D/Lt/C Florence Smith, SN
P/C Lou Gloria, AP

Northern New Jersey

P/C Joan Mullin, SN
P/C Robert Peirone, AP
P/D/C David Meshulam, AP
Cdr. Ed Nugent, N
P/C Ronnie Phillips, SN
P/C S. Robert Phillips, SN
P/C Les Eslinger, AP
Stf.C Bob Green, SN

Palisades

D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, JN
Cdr Bill Stephens, P
Lt.C Burt Glaubinger, S

Somerset

Cdr. Peter Wasko, JN
P/C Carl E. Sorensen, AP
P/D/C Jane B. Sorensen, AP
P/R/C Pat Governale, SN

Watchung

D/C Harold Oslick, SN
D/Lt Marlene Oslick, S
Cdr. Herman Butler, P
Lt. Jamie Butler, S