

Minutes of D4 Council Meeting, 29 August 2007

San Carlo, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

- 1830 D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN convened the meeting.
P/R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN led the Invocation.
D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN led the Pledge of Allegiance.
A Moment of Silence was observed for the recently deceased members P/C Herman W. Butler, AP,
P/C Joseph L. Cook, P, and P/C Michael T. Gulya, Jr., P
- 1835 Introductions
1840 Dinner Break
1930 The meeting was reconvened.

Quorum Secretary D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Minutes Approval The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

(In an e-mail from Virginia. P/D/C Corrado pointed out that the Governing Board meets twice a year rather than 3 times a year as stated on p 3 in the Minutes of the June Meeting.)

Treasurers Report

D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, AP

29 August 2007

USPS Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Money Market	\$ 14,622.91
Checking Account	\$ 12,949.30

1. All bills submitted have been paid and all deposits have been made up to 28 August 2007.
2. \$445 was received from summer activities today. The related bills should be within \$1.00 of the amount of money received.
3. Billing for the new squadron members was mailed in July for the period of Jan. 2007 thru June 2007. All but 3 Squadrons have paid. The 3 will be paid soon.
4. Discussions are on-going with the D/4 Cdr and the Budget Committee for the March 1, 2008 thru Feb 29, 2009 period.
5. The Treasurer's Merit Mark information has been submitted to P/R/ Jean Ruckdeschel, AP concerning those in my department

Respectfully Submitted, D/4 Treasurer Don Kadlac, P

General Committees

- **Nominating Committee:** P/D/C David Meshulam, AP said that there are a number of District positions to be filled. Volunteers and nominations for Committee and Bridge positions are encouraged. The Nominating Committee Report must be submitted by 4 Dec 2007.

Standing Committees

- **Educational Fund.** D/C Bisogno passed on the request of P/C Carolyn Markham, P for Squadrons to make their donations to the Educational Fund.
- **Merit Marks.** P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN delivered the report for P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, AP. "By now you have received my letter on Merit Marks. Thank you for the ones who have responded. For those who have not, please respond. Squadron Commanders have 'Hints On What To Say' enclosed in their folders. Extra copies are available for anyone else who wants a copy."
- **Planning Committee.** Cdr Les Eslinger, AP, reported on his Committee's investigation into including the District Directory on the District Web Site. He noted that some Districts have Rosters on their web sites. Some have restricted access, others have no restrictions. The Planning Committee recommendation is that the Directory be posted on the District Web Site with access restricted by requiring a member's name and membership number. It would be on the District Web Site only. Squadrons could not post it on their own sites.

P/D/C Harold Oslick, SN said that this matter had been discussed previously and had been rejected for security concerns.

P/D/C David Drummond, SN noted the balance between easy access to information and the limited security in a posted Directory. He asked if a member could opt out of being included in the posting.

P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN noted that a problem arose when a Squadron posted the Directory on its web site. It was quickly removed, but it still may exist in cyberspace.

Cdr Eslinger agreed that security could not be absolutely guaranteed and that a disclaimer should be included.

Lt/C Thomas Smith, AP, in response to his question, was told that the Computer Format Directory will still be available from the District Secretary by e-mail.
See Report 1.

Executive Officers Committees

D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP

- **Boat Show:** D/Lt Grant Hobson, SN, requests volunteers for the Oct 5-7 Boat Show at the NJ Convention Center (Raritan Center) in Edison. L/Lt/C Zucchi encouraged as many as possible to volunteer.
- **Legislative Officer:** D/Lt/C Zucchi asked "It is proposed that the State (NJ) increase the required 50' distance a jet ski (PWC) must stay from boat, swimmers, water skier to 100'. Currently a PWC must operate only at idle speed within 50' of the above. Is this correct?" D/Lt Baker responded that if it is done, it would be a regulation, not a law.
- **Newspaper Ads:** D/Lt Don Baker, JN asked the Squadrons to respond to his request for information to include in the newspaper ads. He is also waiting for 3 squadrons to contact him about the NJ Boating Pamphlets.
- **Vessel Safety Check:** D/Lt/C Zucchi reported that Vessel Safety Checks were down to 325, less than half of last year's number at the end of August.

Educational Department

D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, JN

- **Activities:** Activities over the summer included the SEO Picnic and 3 Seminars by D/1st/Lt Chris Windeler, SN and P/D//C Harold Oslick, SN
- **Recertification Meeting:** on 12 September at San Carlos for recertification of course instructors.
- **Fall Conference:** Educational activities will include an Open Educational Meeting, Seminars and Workshops. The Weather Seminar will be open to the public and to members. (\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members)
- **Boat Operator's Certification:** D/1st/Lt Chris Windeler, SN explained the BOC seminar to be held at the Fall Conference. D/C Bisogno felt that the BOC program has put USPS in the forefront of all of the boating education organizations

Administrative Officers Committees

D/Lt/C Richard Fiorentini, SN

- **Safety Committee:** Reports must be submitted to D/Lt Bernice Fiorentini, SN by 1 Oct 2007. While the committee is under the EXO, D/Lt/C Fiorentini said that a timely submission would benefit the Fiorentini household.
- **Meetings Committee:** P/D/C Anthony Aquilato, AP read the report from Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, S about the Fall Conference. The Fall Conference will be at the Hyatt Morristown at Headquarter Plaza 2-4 November 2007. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. The full report is in the Report Section following the Minutes.
P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN spoke about the Conference activities. The theme for the dinner is "A Pride Safari". "Show Us Your Pride", 10 minute presentations from presentations Squadrons, will be viewed. Everyone is encouraged to wear a Safari Outfit and bring latest Safari Catch in the form of a stuffed animal. The animals will be donated to the Foundling Hospital on Staten Island.
- **Tri-District Rendezvous:** P/C Robert Phillips, SN reported a very successful Tri-District Rendezvous was held at Liberty Landing Marina, Jersey City. An enjoyable time was had by all. Articles are being prepared for the Ensign and Mark 4. The full report is in the report section.
- **District Activities:** D/FI/Lt reported on the successful Poker Run, Atlantic City Rendezvous and D/4 Raft up

Secretary's Committees

D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P

- **District Secretary** D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P said that updated D/4 Directories can be obtained by e-mailing a request to him at GFBBoyle@aol.com. The Directory will be attached to the reply.
- **Mark 4:** P/D/C David Meshulam, AP requested that anyone who had article for Mark 4 should send it to him as he hoped to get out another edition soon.

Treasurer's Committees:

D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, AP

- D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, AP had no reports to present

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business to be considered.

New Business

- A new **Governance Policy** will be voted on in Norfolk this September. There will be a vote in Norfolk to allow a Board of Directors made up of the Bridge and Past Chief Commander to approve actions which do not change any by-laws. D/C Bisogno reminded the Commanders to give her their proxy votes.
- **Training Session for Leadership Development Program:** P/D/C David Drummond, SN felt that the \$99 cost of the session should be at least partially subsidized.. Stf/C Lucille Horowitz, SN noted that participants must be ready for a real commitment of time and effort. A stipend of ½ the cost, \$0.25 per mile, and hotel costs was proposed. D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP moved for a vote which was seconded by Cdr Ted Wallace, P. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Norfolk Governing Board Meeting:** D/C Bisogno reminded the Commanders to submit their proxy votes and that she had copies available.. D/Lt Jill Drummond, S, asked for volunteers to help at the Norfolk seminars. R/C Robert Green, N suggested going to the Mind Comet session on Thursday at 1500. Doug White is to present a program on “Different Generations and How to Market Them.”

Communications: none

Commanders’ Reports: D/C Bisogno reminded Commanders to send her information for their merit marks so she could send them in. D/Lt Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP congratulated the D/4 Squadrons on their growth.

Meeting Adjourned at 1010

Submitted by D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P, District 4 Secretary

DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS

1. D/4 Planning Committee Meeting. Report
2. Recertification Seminar
3. Staten Island Crab E Que
4. USPS Merit Mark Information for Cdrs

ATTENDANCE

<p>Barnegat Bay Cdr Janice Zucchi, D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, P P/D/C Carlton E. Lee, AP P/C Tony Russo, AP P/C Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP P/D/C Michael Sangiorgio, SN D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP</p> <p>Bronx P/D/C William Delahunty, JN</p> <p>City Island R/C Anthony Aquilato, AP</p> <p>Lackawana D/1st/Lt Chris Windeler, SN P/C/C Ray Finley, SN Lt Peg Finley Paton, AP</p> <p>Lake Hopatcong Cdr R.L.Tonczos Sr. S</p>	<p>Liberty Harbor Cdr Thomas Delaney, AP D/Lt/C Gregory Boyle, P P/Lt/C Denise Jones, AP P/C Joel Jones, SN P/C J. Arlene Maresca AP</p> <p>New York Cdr Darwin W. Richmond. P P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, P</p> <p>Northern New Jersey Cdr Ed Nugent, N P/C Bryan Babitz, AP P/C Ruth L. Barnes, P P/C Les Elinger, AP R/C Bob Green, N P/D/C Davis Meshulam, N P/C Joan Mullin, SN P/C S. Robert Phillips, SN</p>	<p>North River</p> <p>Oritani P/C Eugene S. Darwin, JN D/Lt Michael Ganci, Jr., AP D/Lt Barbara A. Ritomsky, JN Lt/C Tom Smith, AP</p> <p>Palisades Cdr. Burt Glaubinger, S D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, JN</p> <p>Raritan Bay Cdr Manny Alvarez, JN D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN P/D/C David Drummond, SN D/Lt Jill Drummond, S D/Lt/C Richard Fiorentini, SN D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN</p>	<p>Shrewsbury Stf/C Lucille Horowitz, SN R/C Michael Horowitz, JN</p> <p>Somerset D/Lt Marie Hughes, P</p> <p>Staten Island Cdr Joseph David AP R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN D/Lt James Ulrich, SN</p> <p>Watchung Cdr Ted Wallace, P P/D/C Harold Oslick, SN P/C R. Swackhamer. SN</p>
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REPORTS

1. **D/4 Planning Committee Report** **D/4 Council Meeting, 29 Aug. 2007**
 - The Planning Committee was tasked by our D/4 Commander to research the feasibility of securing the D/4 Web site roster information.
 - We searched the USPS web site and other Districts. The National web site requires ID’s (Certificate #) to make enquiries about Membership Dues and VSC information, etc.

- Other Districts throughout the US, especially in the Mid-West and Southern states have web sites that our similar to ours at present that give the roster information on their site.
- The Planning Committee recommendation to secure our roster on the web site would be to do the following:
- Require members of D/4 to give their last name and certificate number to gain access to the roster. If their name is not in the current roster they would be denied access. This is doable on our website.
- The method of securing our web site is not a true fix. Information can still be obtained and disseminated. A disclaimer should be made that D/4 can not be held accountable in any way if this information is used for solicitation or in any other inappropriate manner.

D/Lt Les Eslinger, D/Lt Arthur Epstein, AP

Information on the District Planning Committee Network is available at www.usps.org/mailman/listinfo/d-plan-net or from the D/Plan/Net Coordinator, Stf/C William M. Bellinger, SN at wmb@owc.net

2. Meetings Committee Report

D/4 Council Meeting, 29 Aug. 2007

The Fall Conference weekend is 2-4 November 2007.

Our National Representative will be N/Fl/Lt James McCurry, SN, accompanied by his wife P/R/C Sarah McCurry.

The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Morristown at Headquarters Plaza, and the room rate is \$99 per night. The deadline for reservations is 19 October. Directions to the hotel will be included in the Conference Flyer, which will be mailed out by District.

On Friday night there will be a Buffet Dinner, and the theme is D/4 Pride Safari. There will be a "Show Us Your Pride" powerpoint contest, with a slide viewing after dinner. Cost of the dinner will be \$37.50 per person.

The Conference will cover the following:

- Boat Operators Certification Training Session
- Open Educational Department Meeting
- USPS University Weather Seminar
- "How to Get and Keep Members Involved"
- "Alternate Ways to Run Your Squadron"
- "What is BOC?"

The cost of the luncheon will be \$25.00.

Because of increased food costs across the board at all of the hotels in the area, the cost of both the dinner and luncheon are being subsidized by the proceeds from the D/4 Yearbook

Please make your reservations for both your hotel room as well as the Conference functions in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted, Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, S, Chairman - D/4 Meetings Committee

3. Tri-District Rendezvous Report

July 6-8, 2007

Statistics: 49 Boats stayed at the Marina
101 People went on the Hudson River Cruise
200-250 People at the Saturday Deck Party and Dinner

Costs: Excess funds generated from the Boat Ride tickets were used to defray the costs of food and drink at the Dock Parties, with D/3 and D/4 Commanders covering any shortfall. The shortfall was \$332.50 and \$166.25 was received from each D/C. Each D/C may have spent additional funds on things the committee had no involvement in such as the bagels and coffee.

Dignitaries in attendance: C/C Ernest Marshburn and wife Dianne. D/2 Cdr Martin Feldberg. D/3 Cdr Robert Messineo, D/4 Cdr Kathleen Bisogno, Plus an all-star cast of District and Squadron current and past Bridge Officers too numerous to list.

Acknowledgements to Committee Members and others who contributed their time and energy in making the event the success it was:

Rendezvous Committee Members Vincene Aquilato, Greg Boyle, David Drummond, Jill Drummond, Harold Oslick, Robert Phillips, Ronnie Phillips, Jeanne Sangiorgio, Michael Sangiorgio, Anthony Giovanniello (D/3), Lawrence Postel (D/3)

Aides and Workers at Various Dock Parties: Ruth Barnes, Bryan Babitz, Carlton Lee, Jane Lee, Irene Russo, Tony Russo, Jean Ruckdeschel, Janice Zucchi, Rich Zucchi

Final thanks to the District Commanders of D/3 and D/4 for financial backing giving us the ability to schedule events and make commitments without having advance sales proceeds.

P/C Robert Phillips, SN

