

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**  
**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

**Minutes of the Open Educational Meeting**

Thursday, 6 January 2005

Orlando, Florida

1. R/C Richard Kyle, SN Assistant National Educational Officer, opened the meeting at 1405 with 137 attending.
2. R/C Kyle announced there was a copy of *Currents* in the attendees' seat packs and that they should be read, copies made of items of interest and passed on to their squadrons.
3. R/C Kyle acknowledged V/C Peter Girling, SN National Training Officer, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, and Mark Jadcowski, Vice President of Maptech Corporation, and Doran Donovan, Marketing Manager for Maptech Corporation.
4. Mr. Jadcowski briefly reviewed his company's relationship with USPS since signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USPS since last year. Following the MOU, his company has produced a training CD for USPS that provides each student with the information and capabilities to navigate with digital charts and digital equipment. So far, about 20,000 of these have been produced for the USPS at cost. Following this, after much discussion with USPS, his company has produced a navigation kit consisting of a book with waterproof digital charts for a specific area and a CD with digital charts for this same area and a real GPS navigational program that you can use to upload waypoints, etc. They will sell these to squadrons at a reduced cost.
5. R/C Kyle introduced V/C Spencer Anderson, SN National Education Officer.
6. V/C Anderson stressed the importance of the Educational Fund and how it has helped the Education Department fund the distribution of the new courses after they have been developed.
7. R/C Kyle introduced V/C Girling.
8. V/C Girling thanked everyone for the hospitality extended to him during his visit. He complimented USPS for the enthusiasm the members have shown at the meetings he has attended. He commented on the MOU between the two organizations about collaborating and sharing materials and said the effort is progressing nicely.
9. V/C Anderson also commented on the MOU and said it was mutually advantageous not to have to develop new programs independently. He surveyed those present as to whether they preferred new material on several CDs vs. one DVD. About 85% preferred DVDs.
10. R/C Kyle introduced D/Lt/C Merrill Sproul, SN who gave a presentation on developing a working relationship between the Education Department and the Membership committee with the primary focus being to bring more members into the squadron. With this as D/6's theme they realized a 30% increase in membership last year.
11. R/C Kyle introduced R/C Richard Pfenniger, SN Chairman of the ICNCom who in turn introduced Sft/C Robert Sweet, SN who gave a PowerPoint presentation of what the new AP course was about. R/C Pfenniger recognized his committee members that were present.
12. R/C Kyle introduced P/V/C Robert David, SN Past Director of Education (1990-1993) who spoke briefly about hosting James Stevens, Training Director of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) of the UK as his guest. P/V/C David's goal is for USPS to form a partnership with the RYA, which would add tremendous prestige to our organization.

13. R/C Kyle called for the Committee reports. He noted that all committees have provided written reports, which have been consolidated into a single report for the DEOs who will make it available to their squadrons.
  - R/C Edwin Mraz, SN Chair BPECom who introduced his Stf/Cs David Daniels and Robert Sweet and the rest of his committee members
  - R/C Christine Rasmussen, SN Chair BHCom who introduced her Stf/C Daniel Tiedeman and the rest of her committee members
  - R/C Kenneth Barbour, SN Chair ONCom who introduced his Stf/C Merrill Sproul, SN and the rest of his committee members
  - R/C Steven Leishman, SN Chair EMSCCom who introduced his Stf/Cs Walter Fields and Sam Richey, SN and the rest of his committee members
  - R/C Jean Hamilton, SN Chair MenvCom who introduced her Stf/C Robert Brandenstien, SN and the rest of her committee members
  - R/C Pat Governale, SN Chair IDCom who introduced her Stf/Cs Florence Smith, SN and Otto Rasmussen, SN and incoming Stf/C Archie Trawick, SN and the rest of her committee members
  - R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN Chair PSCCom who introduced his Stf/C Peter Nielsen, SN and the rest of his committee members
  - R/C William Witty, SN Chair EDOCom who introduced his Stf/C Stanley Warner, SN and the rest of his committee members
14. R/C Kyle mentioned that one person not present, but who probably touched more USPS members than anyone, was P/R/C Tom Brincka, SN of the EDOCom who maintained the Ed Dept Website. R/C Kyle congratulated Tom for the wonderful job he was doing.
  - R/C Robert Potter, SN Chair CDCCCom who introduced his Stf/C Marlys Vickers, SN and the rest of his committee members
15. V/C Anderson introduced the EdDept's Budget Officer, R/C Edwin Slack, SN and his Asst Chair, Stf/C Thomas Derden, SN assigned by the Treasurer's Dept. He also introduced D/Lt Dorothy Warner, P recorder for the meeting, and P/C Jean Maassel, AP Aide to the NEO.
16. V/C Anderson expressed his appreciation for the many hours of hard work P/R/C Louis Maassel; SN spent formatting the new courses coming on line and also to R/C Pat Governale, SN for her work in improving and standardizing the IMs for these new courses.
17. V/C Anderson thanked the members of the Leadership who were stepping down and expressed his appreciation for their past contributions of time and work on their committees. These members were: R/Cs Edwin Mraz, SN; Christine Rasmussen, SN; Kenneth Barbour, SN; Steven Leishman, SN; Jean Hamilton, SN; and Stf/Cs Samuel Richey, SN and Otto Rasmussen, SN.
18. V/C Anderson adjourned the meeting at 1610.

Respectfully submitted,  
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