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**Business Meeting  
Kings Gate Golf Club  
22 March 2022**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Harold Anderson, AP at 1601. Lt/C Carolyn Perkins, S reported that a quorum was present. The minutes of the 25 January 2022 business meeting and the 22 February 2022 Change of Watch were approved as previously transmitted via email.

**Invocation:** Lt Harvey Goldstein, P gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** F/Lt Urban LeClerc, P led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Members:** There were no new members to be sworn in.

**Presentation and Coop Charting:** Cdr. Harold Anderson, AP presented a certificate from National for successful completion of the Piloting class to F/Lt Urban LeClerc, P. PRSPS has a National ranking of 22nd for the Coop Charting Program.

**Recess for Dinner:** The meeting was then recessed for dinner and reconvened at 1930.

**Business Meeting – Reports from Officers:**

**Secretary:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of both the 25 January 2022 business meeting and the 22 February 2022 Change of Watch. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and will be posted on the PRSPS website.

**Treasurer:** Lt/C Marcia Ling, AP reported that the checking account balance was \$2,070.42 as of 28 February 2022 less uncleared checks in the amount of \$88.51 for a register balance of \$1,981.91. The total balance of the Edward Jones Investment Accounts was \$485,637.17 for a total financial position of \$487,619.08.

**Education Officer:** Lt/C Ron Ludvig, SN-ACN reported that 5 students passed the recent Boat Handling course. The Marine Navigation and Weather courses have just started. The current ABC course concludes on 26 March 2022 and the next Using GPS seminar has been rescheduled for 30 March 2022. Instructors and assistants are still needed. Members were reminded that they can now take any PRSPS class or seminar for no cost. Photos of the proposed new signage for outside the Bayfront classroom building were provided for

members to review. The previous signage did not meet Punta Gorda's code requirements and it was recommended that we get America's Boating Club signs made to mount on the door of the Bayfront classroom or on the outside wall at the Bayfront building. He will be meeting with Punta Gorda's City Sign Committee to discuss and show them a paper copy of the proposed signs. He will then go to the Punta Gorda Public Works Department to get permission to mount the signs. After the proposed signs have received the required approvals, cost estimates will be obtained and submitted to Excom for approval.

**Administrative Officer:** Lt/C Jim Ayres, S reported that the Administrative Officer's Department is responsible for setting up the programs for the Business meetings. As the new incoming Administrative Officer, he presented the problems and issues that he was seeing in his first 30 days. He also discussed possible ways and ideas on how we could get our newer and existing members more actively involved as volunteers on the various committees. Suggestions for the times and locations for future Business meetings were also identified so that our members who are not retired and are still working would be able to attend some of our Business meetings and activities. A handout identifying the problems, issues and recommendations was also provided.

**Executive Officer:** No report.

**Commander:** Cdr. Harold Anderson, AP reported that a memorial service for PRSPS member, P/R/C Ann Scotten, SN will be held at the St. James Episcopal Church in Port Charlotte on 31 March 2022 followed by a Celebration of Life at the Punta Gorda Boat Club. The District 22 Spring Conference is scheduled for 1 April through 2 April 2022 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. We had 5 members attend the recent District 22 fund raising cruise aboard the Holland-America ship "Rotterdam". Each squadron received a prorated amount back. It had been previously arranged that the San Juan Power Squadron would host us and conduct walking tours of old San Juan. The St. Thomas Power Squadron also met us on the dock and gave out nice tote bag with goodies in it. These 2 squadrons were presented with the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron's burgee to show our appreciation for them hosting our group. We were the only squadron to do this.

**Old Business:** P/D/Lt/C Harold Howard, SN reported that he and P/N/F/Lt Lyle Rea, SN presented an Operations Seminar on 11 February 2022 to 9 PRSPS members, of which 3 members had taken it before. Operations Seminar certificates were presented to 2 of the attendees; i.e., 1/Lt Dean Sellers and Lt/C Jim Ayres, S.

**New Business:** There was no new business presented.

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by Lt Harvey Goldstein, P.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2010.

**Next Meeting:** The next business meeting and Spring picnic will be on 24 April 2022 at the Harbour Heights Park. Volunteers for providing desserts are needed. PRSPS will provide water, ice tea and lemonade.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Carolyn Perkins S – Secretary