



## SARASOTA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

### MINUTES 788<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2018 HQ



The elected members of the Executive Committee are:

Cdr Susan Lomastro, AP	P/C Edward Fisch Jr, SN
XO Lt/C Chris Messenger, AP	Lt David Hoffman, N**
AO Lt/C Roxanne Fox, S**	P/C Demetri Lignos, SN
SEO P/D/C Barry Rush SN**	Lt Peter Roth, JN
Sec Lt/C Sandy Kuskin, P	P/C Barry August, SN
Treas Lt/C Barbara Wolfe, P	P/C James W. Stewart, AP
P/C Wilhelm (Bill) Andersen, AP	P/C Leon Warshaw, S
P/C William Boos, N**	P/Lt/C Michael L. Wedge AP
P/Lt/C Alfred C. Burmeister, SN	D/Lt Robert L. Wolfe, S
	P/C Richard Winston, SN

\*\*indicate absence.

Member Emeritus of the XCOM P/D/Lt/C Michael J. Kovalcin, SN\*\*

The meeting was called to order at 0930 hours by Cdr Susan Lomastro, AP. The invocation was recited by Cdr Lomastro and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C Chris Messenger, AP Secretary, L/C Sandy Kuskin, P declared that a quorum was present.

Cdr Lomastro requested any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the 13 September 2018 XCOM meeting. None were heard. **MOTION:** by D/Lt Robert Wolfe, S, that the Minutes of the 13 September 2018 be approved as distributed. Seconded. Minutes were approved as distributed.

### REPORTS

**SECRETARY, Lt/C Sandy Kuskin, P:** No report

**TREASURER, Lt/C Barbara Wolfe, P**

- In September we paid \$346. to the National Education Fund, based on \$1. per member a/o 1December 2017, as reported by National.
- We received a total of \$700. In donations in memory of the LaPrads.
- Lt A. Andre Spalvins, AP purchased a quarter page ad (\$200.) in the *South Wind*.
- We have spent, so far, \$266. for the mailings for the Treasure Chest.
- We have received an invoice from the Freedom Boat Club, back to November 2017 for the on-the-water training class; there is some problem reconciling with the number of students that we have listed – is being checked out.
- Lt/C Wolfe would like to change our bank to BB&T Bank due to its better services and availability. We would be getting the same returns as B of A, no differences in anything.

**MOTION:** by D/Lt Wolfe that the operating accounts of the Sarasota Power Squadron, Inc. be moved to BB & T Bank. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the BB & T Bank standard form of banking resolutions are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth herein at length and, as such, are hereby adopted, ratified and approved. A copy thereof shall be annexed by the Secretary to the minutes of this meeting.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SEO, P/D/C BARRY RUSH, SN by Cdr Lomastro, AP**

- Send any comments re: the 2019 schedule to P/D/C Rush as soon as possible; e.g., questions about upcoming ABC classes. Discussion about some of the dates on the new schedule.
- Next ABC course is on Saturday November 3 and November 10<sup>th</sup>. More instructors are needed.
- P/C Ed Fisch, SN – Three students in JN, which will finish up in time for SN. One student (Tim Ryan) is a “snow bird” – and is attending via Skype so that he can begin SN when he is back in Sarasota.

**AO, LT/C ROXANNE FOX, S by Cdr Lomastro**

- We had another great Game Night on September 9, 2018.
- Kayak trip scheduled for September 22 but because of the Red Tide it was decided to cancel and schedule another one in October.

**XO, LT/C CHRIS MESSANGER, AP**

- **Vessel Safety Checks**
  - Sarasota is currently in 5<sup>th</sup> place in District 22 with a total of 209 vessel safety checks made year to date.
- **Co-Op Charting**
  - The mission scheduled in September was canceled due to the Red Tide. We have another mission scheduled for mid-October with Team Messenger and Yellow Bird.
- **National Night Out**
  - The Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron manned a booth for the National Night out with the Sarasota Police Department. Table was manned by Chris Messenger, Andre Spalvins and Dave Hoffman. We gained one prospective new member, this lead to be pursued further.
- **District 22 Conference**
  - I attended several Round Table discussions at the conference in Punta Gorda. The Squadron had 10 members in attendance.
- **Commander’s Cruise**
  - We have 10 people signed up for the Commander’s Cruise in February 2019; need more people to sign up.
- **Mariner’s Testing.** Will be doing this Saturday

**MEMBERSHIP, P/C ED FISCH, SN**

- Membership as of 09/30/2018 = 353
- Down 3 from August 2018 of 356
- Up 10 from the beginning of the year of 343
- New members since beginning of year = 95 < I
- Monthly Attrition Rate = 3.1% (11 member left) I> figures adjusted by -4 due to four late payments
- Attrition Rate to Date = 24.4% (85 members left) < I

**NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS**

AC: Tony Dolejs – Former Associate members of SPSS

AA: Karen Dolejs - “ “ “ “ “

AC : Jodi Bryan

AC: John OKeefe

AA: Debbie OKeefe

FJ: Jack OKeefe

FJ: Kylie OKeefe

AA: Barbara Botha

**MOTION:** by Cdr Lomastro, AP, that the above cited new active members be installed as members of SPS, Inc. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

P/C Bill Andersen, SN: re: membership report, that our retention rate has not increased. Are we still holding the Town Hall meetings which are part of our Strategic Planning; are we going to have one this Fall to call in all of our new members?

Per Cdr Lomastro, the last one that we had in the Fall had 60 invitations sent out and we got 2 new members, similar results for the one before that. Does not seem to be attracting new members. Would appear that what is needed is more one-on-one meetings with new members.

#### **CDR SUSAN LOMASTRO, AP**

- District 22 Fall Conference:
  - Lt. A. Andre Spalvins, AP and Cdr Lomastro, AP both received D22 Outstanding Service Awards for both being roundtable presenter. Andre's workshop was on cruise planning and I covered membership involvement.
  - P/C James W. Stewart, AP (46 merit marks) and Lt. Socrates Ivan Birsky-Okuntsoff, SN (37 merit marks) were awarded the USPS plaque for completion of 50 Years Membership.
  - P/Lt/C Sylvia Wedge, AP received the USPS Educational Proficiency Award. This award is presented to members who have completed the grade of Advanced Pilot and have also successfully completed three elective courses.
  - SPSS received a certificate and cash prize for Bailey Svec for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place (ages 12 – 14) in District 22 Youth Poster Contest.
- 2019 is fast approaching and I wanted to remind everyone to be sure their contact information is correct in the USPS data base. We will be updating that information on our Members Only section of the website and this information is inputted from the USPS DB2000 site.
- SPSS participated in the Sarasota Police Department Annual National Night Out event on 2 October 2018. Thank you Lt/C Chris Messenger, AP, Lt. Dave Hoffman, N and Lt. A. Andre Spalvins, AP for covering this event and representing our Squadron. Unfortunately everyone got a little wet.
- Reminder that there will only be three Marina Jack lunches in November due to the D22 C&R in November and Thanksgiving Day.
- Our next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be 8 November, 2018, at 0930.
- **RULES COMMITTEE, P/C Demetri Lignos, SN**
  - Amendment to Section 2.3.3 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – Procedures Guide, Source of Funds
    - **MOTION: That a gift or bequest in memory of a deceased member is considered to be designated and shall be credited to the General Operating Fund, unless the donor specifies another.** Seconded.
    - Question as to what would be the advantage of the change? Per the Treasurer, in the Educational Fund the money just sits there, doesn't get used for the benefit of the squadron. Per D/Lt Robert Wolfe, S putting the donations into the General Fund adds to our flexibility. In addition, it should be under the rule of the XCOM to decide what is in the interest of the squadron not that of the Trust Fund whose rules and regulations are different than that of the XCOM which decides what is critical to the squadron.
    - Question Called.
    - **MOTION CHANGED by P/C Lignos TO READ: A donation by a member is considered to be designated and shall be credited to the General Operating Fund, unless the donor specifies another. Seconded. Motion passed, 2 negative votes: P/C Bill Andersen, SN and P/C Barry August, SN.**
  - Each member of the Bridge should go over their section of the Procedures Guide and make any changes necessary. The Guide will be then updated.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE, P/C RICHARD WINSTON, SN**

- **MOTION:** That the XCOM appoint Richard Walshaw, P to the position of Assistant Administrative Officer, pursuant to Sec 5.1.7 of the Bylaws. This appointment will be for the balance of the current Bridge year. **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
- **MOTION:** That the XCOM approve William R. Clarkson, P as a Trustee to the Educational Trust Fund. This appointment would be replacing Raymond Morrissey, S and will be for the balance of the current Bridge year. **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
- **MOTION:** That the XCOM appoint Raynette Lignos to the position of Assistant Treasurer, pursuant to Sec 5.1.7 of the Bylaws. This appointment will be for the balance of the current Bridge year. **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
- **Cdr Lomastro** requested that the XCOM approve an Honorary Membership, for one year, on Jeremiah Long of Marine Max . He is the driver of the boat for the optional On-the-water training for ABC students. **MOTION: That we approve a one-year honorary membership for Jeremiah Long of Marine Max. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
- **MOTION** by P/C Leon Warshaw, S that we approve a one-year honorary membership for Anne Camire of Marina Jack subject to her approval (having an administrative position at Marina Jack, it might be a problem for her). **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Cdr Lomastro, at the last XCOM meeting had questioned changing the Bylaws so that no two members of the same family served on the Bridge at the same time; said she would bring up the question at the Commanders' meeting at the Conference.
  - No other squadron has such a Bylaw and most thought that it was not a good idea as it would be limiting the field of prospective Bridge members.
  - Consensus of the XCOM was to not consider changing our Bylaws regarding that item.

**MOTION:** to adjourn. **Seconded. Approved unanimously.**  
Meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours.

Submitted,

*Lt/C Sandy M. Kuskin, P*

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Secretary