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District 2 Bridge

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**Minutes of the District 2 Winter Council
4 February 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0913 by D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

Invocation: P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP gave the invocation.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/D/C Bottino.

Hearing no objections, D/C Evans reserved the right to change the order of business as necessary.

Introduction of District Guests: Our only guest was from District 22/Crystal River, Lt Alexandra D. Digilio-Feldberg, P.

Determination of a Quorum: D/Lt/C Susan Darcy, JN – There was a quorum with the D2 Bridge, 6 Squadron Commanders and 6 Squadron Educational Officers plus the Chair of the Auditing Committee and the immediate Past District Commander and Past District Educational Officer present.

Approval of Summer Council Minutes: D/C Vince Evans asked for any corrections or additions to the distributed 2016 Summer Council Minutes. Hearing no corrections, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as distributed.

Officer Reports/Summaries: D/C Vincent Evans, P - Since the Officer Reports were in the Seat Packet, D/C Evans asked the Bridge for brief reports.

Reports of Committees:

General Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time from Rules. P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN (Auditing) said his report will be at the Spring Conference.

Standing Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time from the Law and Planning Committees.

Other Committee Reports:

Councils & Conference Committee: The date for the Spring Conference will be March 31-April 2 at the Williams Inn in Williamstown MA.

PRO/Marketing – P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN - Spending money on marketing – free booklet – boating primer – strict requirement on how we use it – Boat Shows – and two Power Point Shows (one for us on how to show the presentation) – need to give back the copies. Welcome to the neighborhood signs. 100 Pop-up banners to be awarded – 3 Squadrons in each District will get the banners. If you need any help on marketing courses, contact P/D/C Ryan.

Questions?

P/DEO Joseph Lynch asked where did the \$100K go? Ryan – R&M for the survey, ads and the banner design.

D/C Evans: Can we get multiple copies of the Boating Primer? Ryan: Yes, but they shouldn't be given out at Boat Shows because they will be just thrown away. Wagner: Will they be on the PRO Catalog? Evans: I would think that Squadrons would like to give them out to their members – can you find the price? Ryan: Yes, I will ask.

Membership Awareness Presentation: P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN The presentation on an Update on Membership – year ago (1130 members end of 2015) – membership is extremely important and we set a target which wasn't met – District 2 lost about 7% of their membership. Three areas we need to focus on: **Promotion, Involvement, Retention.** Some Squadrons do well in one or two of these but it is not just the Cdr's job but ALL of us have to help. Penfield connected with the local Sea Scout Ship in Penfield Harbor – and had a presentation at the Squadron. Discussion on the Sea Scouts with information provided by D/Lt/C Karl Wagner on Norwalk's Ship 6. Wrapping up the

Membership Awareness presentation, Steger reminded us that it is not just the job of the Cdr, or the Squadron Bridge, or the Membership Chair, or ExCom but all of us to involve and retain the Squadron's membership. Yes, there should be a leader for this effort – and we all can be the spearhead to lead this effort in our Squadron. Need the tools or resources? Just ask and you've got them with our Marketing and Membership teams.

Financial Report: D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN presented the Current Budget vs. the Actuals to date. There were no questions on the report.

Unfinished Business:

D/C Evans introduced the new Squadron members present today: SAO Victoria Malara, S – Greenwich; Cdr Lawrence LaChance, AP – Mohawk Hudson: SEO Norman Marsilius, AP - Penfield;

New Business:

Nominating Report: P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP presented the Nominating Committee Report.

District Bridge Officers

District Commander	P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN - Berkshire
Executive Officer	P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP - Storm King
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP - Norwalk
Administrative Officer	Cdr Andy Papademetriou, N - Westchester
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	P/C John P. Pedersen, SN - Darien
Ass't. Educational Officer	Lt/C Andy M. Cummings, JN - Greenwich

General Committees

Nominating Committee

P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP Westchester (2018)
P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP Sacandaga (2019)
P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP Stamford (2020)
Cdr Craig R. Burry, P Saugatuck River
Lt/C Gordon L. Updegraff, P Greenwich
P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN Saugatuck River

Rules Committee

R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP Stamford (2018)
Lt Robert P. Kelly, SN Westchester (2019)
Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN Berkshire (2020)

Auditing Committee

P/C William F. Gratz, SN Westchester (2019)
P/C Edward V. Weber, SN Mid-Hudson (2018)

The AED Demonstration: P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP – due to some battery problems, P/D/C Bottino could only demonstrate the How To use the AED. However, he discussed with us the procedures we should use with medical emergencies on board including drowning.

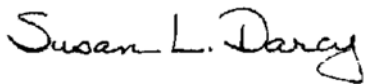
Fire Extinguisher Certification was cancelled because the equipment was unavailable.

Benediction: P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Adjournment : D/C Vincent J. Evans, P adjourned the meeting for lunch.

After lunch, D/Lt/C Susan Darcy, JN facilitated the presentation of "OT in 3" with 15 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,



District 2 Secretary