

**DISTRICT 31 WINTER COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2014
BASS PRO
BROKEN ARROW, OK**

ATTENDEES:

D/ C Pete Zurhorst, AP, Lt/C Stephen Bryant, JN, D/LT/C James Sweeten, SN, D/LT/C Susie Holden, P, D/LT/C Marilyn Goss, P/R/C Steve Johnson, AP, P/D/C Danny Goss, JN, P/D/C Denise Winn, P, P/C Nancy Gibson, AP, GL Cdr Gene Pett, P, OKC Cdr Bob Hlubin, S, D/LT/C Robert Hunt, JN, P/R/C Sandra Johnson, AP, SEO David Sloan, AP, D/LT/C Dave McGhee, SN, , LT/C Byron Lake, AP, LT/C Jim Young, S, LT/C Michelle Young, S, Irv Dodson, Pat Gant, Debbie Sweet, S, Marsha Pett, P, P/C Baxter Thorston, AP.

Meeting called to order at 0930 by D/C Zurhorst.

Invocation was led by P/R/C Sandra Johnson and Pledge of Allegiance by P/D/C Goss.

Verification of Quorum provided by D/LT/C Marilyn Goss, P.

Motion of approval for Summer Council 2013 Council Minutes as posted on the district website was made by D/C Zurhorst and seconded by Cdr Gene Pett. Motion carried.

Commander's Report

D/C Zurhorst introduced the 2013/14 Bridge and swore in P/R/C Steve Johnson, AP, as the new District Treasurer.

D/C Zurhorst provided the following highlights from the 2014 USPS Annual Meeting:

- USPS is doing well financially.
- Holding our own on membership.
- Information from individuals taking on-line courses will be sent to the nearest squadron POC for action. It is very important a POC be designated.
- City of Jacksonville paid for a beautiful firework show in honor of the 100 Year Anniversary.
- US Coast Guard Vice Admiral for the East Coast spoke.
- National Safe Boating Council spoke stating there should be free stuff from the NSBC available 1 March.
- Brunswick Boat CEO discussed the dealer advantage program – USPS teaming with Brunswick dealers.
- BoatUS and Sea Tow representative discussed MOUs between them and USPS and discounts.
- Election and swearing in of New Bridge.
- Notes will be emailed to members.

Bridge Report:

Executive Officer, D/LT/C Sweeten stated the Squadron Development position is still vacant. He had however, asked P/C Baxter to get a feel of possibly reactivating the Tulsa Squadron. P/C Baxter did check this out and stated it would be a very tough sale. The only thing the USPS could offer that they don't already have available would be the On-the-Water-Training.

Beaver Lake – Cdr Dale Rice, P, was unable to attend. D/Lt/C Gibson reported at the last meeting an astronomy class was provided. D/Lt/C Sweeten did ask that the squadron update the Bridge contacts on DB2000.

Grand Lake – Cdr Pett stated this year's District COW would be in conjunction with Grand Lake's COW Friday, October 24 through Sunday October 26. The District COW will be held first, then social hour, meal and then the GL COW. Grand Lake will also have their squadron's Annual Silent Auction. Finalized information will be provided at the Spring Conference.

Norman – Cdr Janie Davis, S, was unable to attend. P/R/C Steve Johnson stated Cdr Davis is working on getting Norman Merit Marks entered.

OKC – Cdr Hlubin had nothing to report.

Education Officer, D/Lt/C Bryant proudly announced P/D/C Larry Stout, JN is now P/D/C Larry Stout, SN.

D/Lt/C stated OKC is completing an Engine Maintenance Course and one of the students is a former OKC Squadron Member. When entering the individual in the data base, OKC was informed the individual would not be able to test. P/D/C Goss is currently working the situation with Dick Carson from the National Education Committee. OKC's stance is that the USPS offers classes to non-members and did not state at the time a former member would not be eligible to test. More information will be provided as received.

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Holden stated the Spring Conference is scheduled for March 29 and Summer Council September 20, both will be held again at Bass Pro – Broken Arrow, OK.

Secretary: D/LT/C Marilyn Goss asked Daymark report. P/D/C Winn stated Daymark would be out in a few weeks.

Treasure: P/R/C Johnson stated P/C McGhee is transferring treasury books over to him today. P/C McGhee stated books were reviewed and approved at the Fall Conference. Ending balance for January 2014 is \$9,135.45. See Budget Report below.

Discussed changing dates for budget, P/C McGhee will draft proposal for Budget and Fiscal dates to be the same and run from 1 December to November 30. Proposal will be sent to D/C Zurhorst for approval and forward to Rules, Stf/C Peggy Miller and Treasurer, P/R/C Johnson.

D/C Zurhorst stated we are starting to save money by using the free meeting rooms at Bass Pro and the savings from the upcoming COW.

Old Business:

District, Grand Lake, Norman, and OKC are up to date on the Century Fund. As of today, Beaver Lake is still in behind 2 years keeping District from receiving Certificate. D/C Zurhorst will contact Cdr Rice regarding the issue.

Motion for District to pay \$100 to 2014 Century Fund was made by D/C Zurhorst, seconded by D/Lt/C Sweeten. P/C McGhee stated this was already in the budget. Motion was retracted.

D/C Zurhorst will contact Stf/C Miller regarding the By-Law changes.

P/R/C Johnson reminded everyone of the D21/D31 Rendezvous at Cedar Mills Marina August 1, 2, & 3. Emphasis will be on the water the year, Bill Galley from D21 is working on a raft up.

D/C Zurhorst stated he will need 37 boats to spell out 100 yr at the raft up.

Discussed the lack of interest in the provisional squadron in Muskogee and at this time none of the individuals involved are still members. D/C Goss had talked with Mark Russell and was informed there course materials for the Weather Class, but those books were purchased for the D21/D31 Rendezvous. P/D/C Stout and other GL members have worked with the group over the years and nothing materialized.

Motion made by D/Lt/C Sweeten and seconded by P/D/C Goss to cut ties and get money back with accounting of money already spent. Motion carried. P/D/C Goss will contact Mark Russell to inform him of the decision requesting money be returned.

D/C Zurhorst discussed the issue of D31 not having a flag. At this time he would like to design a white background flag with the D31 logo to be voted on at the Spring Conference then forwarded to National for approval.

New Business:

The possibility of new squadrons was discussed. Tulsa, Muskogee, and Joplin have shown no interest at all. D/C Zurhorst discussed the possibility of developing a Planning Committee working with Education and PR.

Lt/C Hunt discussed the lack of a schedule of format to develop new squadrons.

D/Lt/C Holden and P/D/C Winn felt at this time we need to concentrate on our existing squadrons, see what can be done to help them that are in need. At this time Beaver Lake doesn't have a full bridge and in the past has been one of the strongest squadrons. Several in the meeting thought this was a good point. It was mentioned that maybe District provide assistance with some PR.

P/D/C Zurhorst will provide D/Lt/C Gibson with a copy of a current District Roster.

It was announced immediately following the meeting D/C Zurhorst would be providing training for DB2000 for all wishing to attend.

Motion to adjourn made by P/D/C Goss, and seconded by Cdr Pett. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
D/Lt/C Marilyn Goss, P

2014 Budget and Actual Expenses

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
	2013-14 Approved 26-Oct-13	
Income		
Membership	\$1,550.00	
Spring Conference	\$0.00	
Fall Conference	\$0.00	
Gifts/Donations	\$0.00	
Educational Materials Sales	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,550.00	
Expense		
<u>Commander</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
USPS National Meetings Travel	\$500.00	
Awards	\$200.00	
National Rep Expense	\$50.00	
Gift, National Rep Lunch	\$25.00	
USPS Century Fund	\$100.00	
USPS Educational Fund	\$300.00	
<u>Executive Officer</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
USPS National Meetings Travel	\$500.00	
COOP Advertising	\$0.00	
PRO Expense	\$0.00	
VSC Expense	\$0.00	
<u>Educational Officer</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
USPS National Meetings Travel	\$500.00	
Educational Materials	\$0.00	
<u>Administrative Officer</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
Membership	\$0.00	
Member Involvement	\$0.00	
<u>Secretary</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
Publications	\$0.00	
Communications	\$0.00	
Printing (meetings)	\$200.00	
<u>Treasurer</u>		
Expense Allowance	\$0.00	
<u>Other</u>		
Spring Conference	\$200.00	
Fall Conference	\$0.00	
Council Meetings	\$100.00	
Training	\$0.00	
Gifts/Donations	\$100.00	
National Meetings Contribution	\$500.00	\$435.60
Contingency	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,275.00	
Transfer from Funds to Balance	\$1,725.00	
Bank Balance 1-31-2014	\$9,135.45	