



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 05, 2026 6:30PM Zoom

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In Attendance: **Commander Wendy Caldwell, P**; Lt/C Joyce Anne Strey, S; Lt Kurt Lyons, P; P/C Delphine Cooley, S; P/Stf/C Sally Lemus, P; P/C Joe Tatham, SN; P/C Bill Smith, AP; Lt Maureen Smith; P/Lt/C Karl Blomquist, P; P/D/C Al Schwaller, SN-CN; Griselda Brown; 1/Lt Richard Keefer; P/C Diane Dawes, JN;

Cdr Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:42. Quorum was present. Motion to accept the minutes from the December GMM was made by P/C Diane Dawes and seconded by P/C Joseph Tatham. Motion passed.

Chaplain's Report

Commander's Report Cdr Caldwell discussed highlights from the Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach that included the need for dues increase of \$10 because over the last two years National has lost 20% of its membership.

There was controversy over the new Bridge. She deferred this discussion to P/D/C Al Schwaller who explained that the National Board through a secret vote appointed a Canadian member with just 3 MM as new the Executive Officer instead of the Administrative Officer who had come up through the ranks and was expecting to assume the Executive position. There was much discussion over this change resulting that as of now there is no Executive Officer. This discussion will continue at the next National meeting.

Executive Officer's Report open

Administrative Officer's Report open

Educational Officer's Report P/C Delphine Cooley reported for P/C Vince Cooley that he will be attending the Launch Event at Riverside Marina on April 26.

Treasurer's Report P/C Joe Tatham reported that we are on budget and financially sound. A cd at Bank of America for \$48,000 is scheduled for renewal on March 12.

Secretary's Report Lt/C Joyce Strey reported that Dara Brooks has volunteered to serve as our Historian.

District Reports Cdr Caldwell discussed the upcoming District Spring Conference. It will be held in Port Huron at the Doubletree Hotel the weekend of April 24-26. The room rate is \$159 per night for reservations made before March 23rd.

Unfinished Business Cdr Caldwell discussed the need for a meeting of the Peters Award Committee to discuss possible changes to its bylaws.

The BOD approved using Poker money to provide free ABC books to new students.

Old Business Cdr Caldwell thanked P/C Vince Cooley, Lt Dennis Pierce and Grosse Pointe AO and our Associate member, Ken Owens for their help in setting up and manning the table at the recent MacRay Open House and Vendor Show.

New Business Cdr Caldwell and P/C Delphine Cooley will be attending the Mariner's Church 62nd Blessing of the Fleet on March 08. On March 21st, Cdr Caldwell will be on Zoom with the D-9 Council Meeting. She requests if members have any topics they wish to have addressed be given to her before that date. At the BOD meeting, \$67 was approved to reimburse P/C Delphine Cooley for materials she provided for the MacRay Open House.

Good of the Squadron

Grosse Pointe Commander's Ball May 02

Board Meeting March 26 6:30 via Zoom

GMM April 02 6:30 via Zoom

Board Meeting April 23 6:30 via Zoom

D-9 Spring Conference April 24 - 26

Charity Poker June 22-25 and August 24-27.

Educational Cruise September 16

Adjournment 7:27

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Joyce Strey, S,
Secretary, ABC of Detroit