



**United States Power Squadrons  
District 5  
2010 Spring Conference  
27 March 2010  
Ocean City, MD**

**Conference Minutes**

**D/C Ralph Bernard, AP**, called the Spring Conference to order at 0800. **D/Lt Robert Connelly, SN**, offered the invocation followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by **D/FI/Lt David Bernard, AP**.

Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron advised that there were 11 hospitality suites open on Friday night, 126 March, and announced the winner of best hospitality suite as Delaware River.

There being no other business of immediate importance the Spring Conference was recessed until 1345.

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The Spring Conference reconvened at 1345. **D/Lt Louis Reitz, AP**, read the names of those who have Crossed the Bar since the last District 5 meeting:

From Delsea

**Emil VanHook, S**  
**P/C Mathew Gilmartin, AP**

From Delaware River

**Earnest C. Addy, JN**  
**Merilyn P. Wright, JN**

From Dundalk

**Edward Klein, S**

From NorthEast River

**Vernon L. Hastings, P**  
**Jonah O. Goodwin, AP**  
**P/C Frank J. Cooke, P**

From Patuxent River

**Joseph L. Nicewarner**

From Potomac River

**Alicia I. Wilmont, S**

From Mainline

**Stan Petty, JN**

From Miles River

**Donald B. Doolittle, N**

From Ocean City  
**Hugh McFadden**

From Rappahannock  
**Victor G. DeNunzio, S**  
**George F. Miller, SN**  
**Andrew L. Turner**

From Rockville  
**Frank Zizlavsky, AP**  
**Harold Bailey, AP**  
**John Grabowski**

From Richmond  
**P/C Don Hutcheson, S**

From Sue Island  
**P/C Edison L. Gessner, SN**

From Trenton Falls  
**William F. Jones, JN**

From Wilmington  
**Robert Manning, JN**  
**P/C Milfred W. McDonald, Jr, JN**

District Secretary, **D/Lt/C Guy Thompson, AP**, called the roster; 29 squadrons answered present constituting a quorum. **D/Lt Benjamin Sooy III, AP**, was named Parliamentarian. There minutes of the 2009 Fall Conference were accepted as written. **D/C Bernard** introduced **Immediate Past District Commander Brian Becker, AP**, who introduced the PDC's present.

**D/C Bernard** introduced **P/R/C Kenneth Link, JN**.

District Treasurer, **D/Lt/C Milton Cloud, AP**, gave the Treasurer's Report. He also noted that members with an e-mail address registered with National will be received an e-mail notice regarding dues payments very soon.

District Secretary, **D/Lt/C Guy Thompson, AP**, gave the Secretary's Report and also presented the following web-site awards:

District 5 – **D/Lt Gail O'Donnell, AP**  
Squadron Awards went to:  
Nansemond River, Mid-Potomac, Northern Virginia, Miles River, Ocean City, Dundalk, Patuxent River, and Wilmington.

Assistant District Administrative Officer, **D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt James Gorman, AP**, gave his report and called on **D/Lt Micky McNellis, P**, to present journalism awards:

For safety articles: Miles River, Patuxent River, and Virginia Beach.  
Snyder Award: Third Place to Absecon Island, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Kent Narrows.

District Administrative Officer, **D/Lt/C Bernard Karpers, JN**, gave his report and also presented membership awards to small and medium squadrons:

Small squadrons – 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Smith Mountain Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Cambridge.  
Medium squadrons – 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Rockville, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Delhigh

**Ken Perigo, JN**, gave a report on the upcoming Summer Rendezvous.  
Rockville Squadron gave a report on the 2009 Fall Conference.

District Educational Officer, **D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN**, gave his report.

District Executive Officer, **D/Lt/C Chris Brown, JN**, gave his report and called on **PDC Brian Becker, AP**, for a report on the National Boy Scout Jamboree being held at Camp A.P. Hill from 26 July through 04 August, 2010. **D/Lt/C Brown** then called on **PDC Drex Bradshaw, AP**, for a report on Seavester Activities. **P/D/C Bradshaw** reported that Seavester had appeared in 34 events last year and was seen by an estimated 500,000 people. **D/Lt/Brown** presented the following awards:

Safety – 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Ocean City, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Cambridge  
Vessel Safety Checks – **D/Lt Mike Lebeduik, P**, presented these awarded to:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place individual – **David Brown**, Smith Mountain Lake, 104 VSC's  
2<sup>nd</sup> place individual – **Karl Hellinger**, Smith Mountain Lake, 111 VSC's

District Commander, **D/C Ralph Bernard, AP**, called on **D/Lt Ken Perigo, JN**, for the report of the Audit Committee. After that report was received **Cdr Bernard** noted remarks received regarding items not covered under the audit. **D/Lt Perigo** made the following motion to cover this exception:

“Refer to the Committee on Rules, with the District Law Officer, whether to amend District Bylaws to take into account the functions of the Treasurer and the Audit Committee with regard to auxiliary activities, such as Seavester.”

Motion Seconded by **Cdr Apryl Bernard, P**, and subsequently passed without comment.

Reports were requested from and given by the Rules Committee, the Planning Committee, the Budget Committee, the Law Committee, and the Personnel Committee.

**P/R/C Franklin Wright, SN**, was called on to present Certificates of Merit to those squadrons that achieved the educational fund honor roll. Those squadrons are:

Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron, their 17<sup>th</sup>  
Rockville Sail & Power Squadron, their 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ocean City Sail & Power, their 18<sup>th</sup>  
Main Line Power, their 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kingsway Power, their 17<sup>th</sup>  
Delsea Power, their 29<sup>th</sup>

Delaware River Power, their 9<sup>th</sup>  
Colonia Sail and Power, their 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cambridge Sail & Power, their 6<sup>th</sup>  
and Blue Hen Sail and Power, their 15<sup>th</sup>

**D/C Bernard** announced those members who received their 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark, and so became Life Members of the United States Power Squadrons:

From Absecon Island	Charlton McGinness, P
From Annapolis	Gerald Iler, SN
From Dundalk	Consiglia P. Barry, JN
	Richard D. Bussey, P
From Miles River	Lucille A. Jones, JN
From Patuxent River	Donald Kilpatrick, SN
	William Rose (Posthumous award)
From Susquehannock	David Power, SN
From Potomac River	Beverly Pratt
From Salisbury	Stuart Wikander
From Kent Narrows	Karen Wimsatt, AP
From Rockville	Jon Van Winkle, SN

**D/C Bernard** called for unfinished business.

**D/Lt John Wilmot, JN**, presented a \$350.00 check to D5.

**D/Lt Howard Manly, AP**, reported on National Marina Day, June 12.

**D/C Bernard** asked **D/Lt Ken Perigo** to return to get an acceptance for the Audit Report. **D/Lt Perigo** moved that the Audit Report be accepted. Seconded by **PDC Kay Simkins, AP**. Motion passed.

Meetings and Rendezvous' Chair, **D/Lt Rich Norris, JN**, made a request for \$1,500.00 as advance for Fall Conference. Motion Seconded by **Elizabeth Thompson, AP**. **P/R/C Warren Stevens, SN**, asked if a budget for Fall Conference had been approved. There being none **PRC Stevens** moved for approval subject to approval of a budget. Seconded by **Charles Yost, AP**. Both passed.

**D/C Bernard** asked **P/R/C Link** to take command of District 5 and hold district elections. **P/R/C Link** called on **P/D/C Kay Simkins, AP**, to deliver the District Nominating Committee report. The report follows:

**10 December 2009**

**From: Chairman, District 5 Nominating Committee**

**TO: District 5 Secretary**

**Copy to: District 5 Commander**

**Subject: REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Section 2.9.1 of the District 5 bylaws, the Nominating Committee recommends the following members for the elected officer and elected committee positions for the year 2010-2011.

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>Commander</b> Delhigh	<b>D/Lt/C L. Chris Brown, JN</b>
<b>Executive Officer</b> Dundalk	<b>D/Lt/C Bernard S. Karpers, N</b>
<b>Educational Officer</b> Dundalk	<b>D/Lt/C Walter K. Neese, SN</b>
<b>Administrative Officer</b> Rockville	<b>P/C Joseph J. McKinney, JN</b>
<b>Secretary</b> Patapsco River	<b>D/Lt/C Guy B. Thompson, AP</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> Richmond	<b>D/Lt/C Milton Cloud, AP</b>
<b>Asst. Educational Officer</b> Main Line	<b>D/1<sup>st</sup>/L William L. McManimen, N</b>
<b>Asst. Secretary</b> Mid-Potomac	<b>D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Maryellen Colston, AP</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer Officer</b> Rockville	<b>D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Charles (Chip) Yost, AP</b>
<b>Asst. Administrative Officer</b> Delaware River	<b>D/Lt Mel Shralow, AP</b>

**ELECTED COMMITTEES – NEW MEMBERS OTHER MEMBERS WILL REMAIN**

<b>AUDITING</b> Annapolis	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>P/D/Lt/C Carole Tulip, JN</b>
<b>NOMINATING</b> Absecon Island	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>D/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP</b>
<b>Potomac River</b>	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt James A. Gorman, AP</b>
<b>Delaware River</b>	<b>for 1 year</b>	<b>P/C Carole Reilley, AP</b>
<b>RULES</b> Northern Neck	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>Cdr Helen M. Kelley, P</b>
<b>PLANNING</b> Potomac River	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>Cdr Anthony Brown, P</b>
<b>Rockville</b>	<b>for 3 years</b>	<b>P/C Joseph Gibson, AP</b>

In accordance with section 6.1 of the District 5 bylaws, additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by ten members from at least three different squadrons and submitted to the District 5 Secretary

at least fifteen days before the election, which will be the date of the District 5 Spring Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
P/D/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP

No other nominations having been received, P/R/C Link asked for a motion electing those officers recommended. Motion made by Al Simkins and Seconded by Warren Stevens. Motion passed without comment.

D/C Elect Brown made the following appointments:

Standing Committees:

Budget & Finance –	D/Lt James Redding, AP
Law Officer -	D/1 <sup>st</sup> /Lt Mel Shralow, AP
Personnel Officer -	P/D/C Norma Parrish, AP
USPS ED. Fund Officer	P/D/C Frank Wright, SN
D Flag Lt -	D/F/Lt Michael Lebeduik, AP
Chief Aide to the Commander	D/Lt Virginia Brown, P
Chaplain	Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP
Associate Chaplain -	D/Lt Lois Nehmer, SN
Squadron Activities Coordinator	D/Lt Phyllis Zindulis, P
Parliamentarian -	P/C Benjamin Sooy, III, AP P/D/C Warren Stevens, SN
Merit Mark Coord -	P/R/C William McManimen, III, JN

There was no reply to the call for further new business. The Colors were retired and D/Lt Robert Connelly, SN, offered the benediction. The 2010 Spring Conference was adjourned at 1615.

Submitted by D/Lt/C Guy Thompson, AP, Secretary, D5

**Addendum – 174 in attendance per the filed Attendance Sheets including 12 PDC's (10 From D5 and 2 visitors from adjoining Districts)**