



# St. John's N Club

District 23

United States Power Squadrons, Inc.

## N Club Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2018

District 23 Spring Conference

Daytona Beach, Florida

The N Club meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Captain Don Clark, SN. Don noted that the Chair reserves the right to change the order of business for this meeting. He introduced V/C Lee Popham, National Treasurer who is attending as the Chief Commander's representative. He then introduced First Officer, P/Stf/C Jim Spencer, Jr., SN. There were 17 members and 15 non-members in attendance.

First Officer Spencer introduced our guest speaker, an N Club member, P/C Maurice Millard, SN whose presentation described how the measurement of time was determined for purposes of navigation, the development of the almanac, how Greenwich Observatory sites were selected, and the establishment of the Greenwich meridian.

Following the presentation, Captain Clark reminded the members of the N Club mission which is to encourage district members to enroll in JN and N classes. National has approved the change in name of both the JN and N classes. They will now be Offshore Navigation (JN) and Celestial Navigation (N).

**Treasurer's Report:** Since our last meeting, our treasurer, Al Volkmann, SN, passed away. A special Board Meeting was held on January 8, 2018. At that meeting Robert Boxell, SN (former N Club treasurer) was named treasurer to serve out the term. It was also determined that going forward at least two signers would be on the bank account to be able to respond to emergencies as they arise. The current checkbook balance was \$2865.76.

**Secretary's Report:** Don reported that our secretary moved from the area and was unable to finish the year in office. The minutes of the last N Club meeting were approved as distributed. Don reported that he is preparing an updated roster and bylaws for distribution. A draft was sent to all members to collect revisions. He will compile the changes and distribute a new roster when completed. A motion was made by Cdr. Ronald Poland to change the JN and N course names in our bylaws. The motion was seconded by P/Stf/C Jim Spencer. The motion was approved.

Don reminded members to pay their dues and bring their membership up-to-date. He asked for a motion to make the dues \$8 beginning with the 2018 year. The motion was seconded by P/C Maurice Millard, seconded by Cdr. Ron Poland and approved.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

We do not have a First Officer for the coming year. Don asked for volunteers from the floor. He noted that the First Officer will become the Captain the following year and must be Senior Navigator. There were no nominations from the floor. The current slate of officers is:

Captain:	P/Stf/C James W. Spencer, Jr., SN
First Officer:	Vacant
Secretary:	P/C Jannette Spencer, JN
Treasurer:	Lt/C Jeanette Poland, N
Members at Large:	P/C Maurice Millard, SN P/R/C Donald Clark, SN

A motion was made by DEO Tom Anderson to accept the slate of officers and seconded by Cdr. Ron Poland. The motion was unanimously approved.

Captain Clark presented the framed N Club flag to newly elected Captain Jim Spencer. Captain Jim Spencer thanked Don for his service to the N Club and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service. Captain Jim also thanked Maurice Millard for a very interesting presentation. He then suggested the possibility of a quarterly N Club newsletter that would be sent to all N Club members and requested that members provide feedback to him regarding this possibility and potential content.

A motion was made by DEO Tom Anderson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by P/C Maurice Millard. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Jannette Spencer  
N Club Secretary