

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
15 JAN 2018
FLOTILLA 15-08 HERNANDO BEACH, FL**

FLOTILLA MEETING:

Meeting Chaired by Charles Bowman, FC

FC Welcome to the General Meeting of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-08
Meeting called to order at 1910
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chet Bowman
Invocation led by Chet Bowman

Do we have a Quorum: Yes (26)

RETIREMENTS: None

INDUCTIONS: Shawn Hunter transferring from Eighth Coast Guard District Auxiliary

APPOINTMENTS: Roger Davidson – Sworn in by Chet Bowman as FSO-Finance. FC Charles Bowman and VC Patrick Stewart were elected during November General Meeting on 20 November 2017. They were sworn in during the Change of Command on 6 January 2018.

AWARDS: Patrick Stewart – Basic Qualification Course II
Christopher Trotter – Basic Qualification Course II
John Fahey – Telecommunications Operator & Paddle Craft exams
James Nastelli - Sustained Service Fifth Award
Dennis Skoneck – Sustained Service Second Award (1500 hours)
Raymond O’Connell – Aux. Performance Award Operations
Craig Elliot – Paddle Craft exams

FC OPENING REMARKS:

I would like to see Fellowship Night to continue. I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate time, night, and restaurant. Please see me after the meeting, or call me if you are interested. Although we have a Calling Tree that is normally used for a Hurricane warning, it is not useful, because we now have the Bridge which does the duty. We will be using it in the future to have the FSO’s as a backup to be used to ask for volunteers for important events, i.e. Swamp Fest. Next meeting will be February 19th. Please send in your 7029’s at the end of the month.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MOMENT

VFC Remarks: NONE

SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Pelletier moved to waive reading of minutes. Seconded by Chris Trotter. Motion Carried.

FINANCE REPORT & BUDGET: FSO-FN Roger Davidson reported our financial status. There was an Audit conducted by a formal committee of Paul Pelletier and Ray O'Connell with the past FC Jim Nastelli and the new FC Chet Bowman. The document stating that everything was in good order was signed and submitted.

STAFF REPORTS: Staff Reports were given by the Staff Officers present.

CM : David Lemon – No report

CS: David Lemon – No Report

PV: Open position.

PA: Jim Nastelli – March 2 through the 4th, Swamp Fest will be held at the Linda Peterson Park on Shoal Line Drive. Last year we had over 100 contacts of which 3 people were recruited into the Flotilla. We will be conducting Color Guard and Invocation at 1000 every day. We will need volunteers.

HR: Dennis Skonecki – No report. Dennis requested that anyone who thinks they might know someone who would be interested in the Coast Guard Auxilliary to forward the name and number to him and he will make contact.

IS: Jim Nastelli – Anything that needs to be processed to be sent to Jim Nastelli. If you do not do the 7029 on line, please email to him.

MS: Paul Pelletier – Nothing to report for January. Ray O'Connell is scheduled to go out on patrol with a crew two times in January. ATONS are to be checked.

MT: Ray O'Connell – Has sent out a series of Aux courses to all members that can be taken. 3 Public Education courses must be completed to become a crew member. BS&S, GPS, and Charts course. Aux Comm is going to be held at Flotilla building next Monday, January 22nd.

NS: Paul Pelletier – No report.

OP: Paul Pelletier – No report.

PE: Susan Watkins –BS&S class will start January 23rd for nine weeks. Calling for volunteers to assist the lead instructor. Best Academy 7th Grade ABS Class will start February 8th for five weeks on Thursdays. Assistant Instructor volunteers needed for these classes to assist in helping the students. Classes for 2018 posted to class finder on the flotilla website.

VE: John Fahey – Seven members are certified vessel inspectors. Since there are 80 members, only 10% are certified. If anyone is interested in becoming a vessel inspector, please contact John Fahey. Safe Boating Week is in late May. People are posted near the Marina and over 100 inspections are completed during that time frame. Having more vessel inspectors are needed.

COMMITTEES:

Bereavement: Rick Foti – Absent

HBMSSG: Bill Ferriera – Absent

Hernando County Liaison: Rick Foti – Absent

SARSG: Paul Pelletier – No date has been set for next meeting, Paul will email when set.

Waterways: Paul Pelletier - He will be stepping down as Charirman of the Board at the end of the year. He will be looking for another volunteer from the auxiliary to take his place.

Sunshine: Isabel Weygand – Absent

50/50: Won by Ernie Hanlon and donated back.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Karen Skonecki announced that she will be reaching out to Principals and Kindergarten teachers at the local schools to continue the Boating Safety instruction to the children. She can find only one small life preserver. She has called out for donations for more to give as rewards to the children who participate in the Boating Safety event.

CLOSING REMARKS: None

REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT: The request was made for adjournment. Motion to accept was made by Chris Trotter and seconded by George S. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1950

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Watkins - Secretary