

DIVISION 17 MEETING
APRIL 9, 2016
STATION PORT CANAVERAL

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours by DCDR John Holmes. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and a moment of silence the meeting continued.

1. Guests:

CWO4 Ladomirak, Commanding Officer of CG Station Port Canaveral;

BM1 Cafarella, CG Auxiliary Officer at Station Port Canaveral;

BM2 Ortiz-Modestti, CG RS&S officer;

Carl D Motes, USCGA DCAPT-N.

Mr. Ortiz-Modestti announced that he would be meeting with the RS&S officers from each flotilla during May for training and that Mr. Ladomirak would be issuing authorization letters for each flotilla RS&S officer.

2. Comments by DCDR Holmes:

The RS&S surveys need to be completed as soon as possible, if not already completed, and returned to him so he could forward them up the chain. National Safe Boating Week plans and reports are now due.

3. Old Business:

Minutes were approved by the Board after motion by DVCDR Parker and second by FC Donna Miller.

Finance report was presented by SO-FN Andrew Santorelli and approved by the Board after motion by FC Michael Donahue and second by FC Peter Positano.

DCDR Holmes and DVCDR Parker swore in SO-DV William E Giers and SO-MA Billy J Enfinger as Division Staff Officers.

4. Awards and Presentations:

DVCDR James Parker was presented with his Certificate of Office.

FC Michael P Donahue was presented with the Auxiliary Award of Operational Merit.

DCDR Holmes presented various members with the President's Volunteer Service Award certificate and medal.

5. Flotilla Reports

17-02 FC Donahue reported that Joe Kirkman is in the hospital and is not doing well. Program Visits and Vessel Exams are doing well but they need decals. Boat Ramp stenciling for National Safe

Boating Week is underway. Proclamations from the City of Melbourne and Palm Bay have been prepared.

17-06 FC Kachenmeister reported that the flotilla had recorded 726 surface hours, 12 air operational hours, 1 SAR, participation in the SAR Expo the month before and that it had 9 new members. The flotilla purchased and installed pot racks for the Station Galley and would appreciate contributions.

Motion by FC Kachenmeister that the Division contribute \$50.00 died for lack of a second.

17-09 FC Gary Powers reported that his VE team was experiencing a shortage of Vessel Exam decals after sharing decals with flotilla 17-10. He reported that all dues have been paid and that the finance report was filed. The flotilla is coordinating training with flotilla 17-06.

17-10 FC Positano reported that the flotilla has completed 61 program visits and 25 vessel exams. Planning for National Safe Boating Week is almost complete; Proclamations are expected from the City of Kissimmee and St. Cloud and from Osceola County; an ABS class in Spanish is being planned for the week of NSBW. The flotilla assisted with the Paralyzed Veterans Fishing Tournament despite torrential rains. One member retired after more than 25 years at its last flotilla meeting.

17-11 FVC Richard Knapp reported that a few staffing issues were being addressed and that the flotilla also needs decals. National Safe Boating Week planning is underway with a proclamation from the City of Orlando and it is hoped PA Announcements over public broadcasting.

Flotilla Commanders consensus problems include the process for obtaining additional VE decals, time delay in receiving new member packets and ID Cards.

6. Staff Reports:

DV Bill Giers reported an opportunity to participate in a convention in Orlando that will cost \$100.00. He advised that attendance had been approved by the DCO and that District may fund the cost but asked for an appropriation of \$100.00 in the event District did not provide the funds. The appropriation of \$100.00 was approved by the Board after motion by FC Positano and second by FVC Knapp.

NS Mike Kanis reported that the currency requirements for the ATON qualification has been removed.

OP Jack Miller reported that off shore towing training is scheduled for either April 23 or 24 depending on weather. He has been invited to attend a SAR Conference to present the Auxiliary and AuxAir abilities. A QE is scheduled in June and the Boat Races are set for May 14 and 15.

PE Dan McIntyre reported that he has applied for a grant from the Stephanos Foundation to support ABS Classes. The division shows 63 graduates so far. Brevard County requested that a sign be posted alongside or near the Life Jacket Zone stencils explaining them.

PV Robert Diccio reported that the division has achieved 40% of its goal.

7. New Business

Motion by FC Kachenmeister and second by DVCDR Parker to appropriate \$100.00 as a contribution to CG Station Port Canaveral to help support Coast Guard Day was approved by the Board.

Motion by FC Kachenmeister and second by DVCDR Parker to appropriate \$50.00 as a contribution to Flotilla 17-06 to help reimburse the cost of the pot racks installed in the Station Galley was approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1242 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl D Motes, acting SO-SR