

Division 17 Division Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2015  
Flotilla 17-6 Building, Lee Wenner Park  
Cocoa, FL

**Attendees as listed on the attendance sheet:**

Participants: John Holmes, VCDR, Maria Motes, SO-SR, Jack Miller, IPDCDR/OP, Donna Miller,SO-AD, Sharon Breece, SO-HR, Joseph Bonaccorse, SO-NS & FVC 17-11; Mark Perni, SO-PV; Jim Nickles, FC-17-10; Gary Gunter, SO-MS, Gary Powers, SO-PV; Kim Lucks,FC-17-9; Mike Donahue,FC-17-2; Carl Motes, DCAPT-N, Jules Moquin, SO-PE, Fred Scholz, SO-PA, Dan McIntyre, FC-17-6 & SO-MT; Richard Navas, SO-DV; James Parker, FC 17-11; Robert Triebell, VFC – 17-2

Meeting called to order by DCDR J.HOLMES at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence took place

Quorum present – yes

**Introduction of Guests:** Mr. and Mrs. Festurs Bruchfield, DSO-OP, Division 12

**Introduction of head table:** Jack Miller, IPDCDR/OP, Carl Motes, District Captain-N , Maria Motes – SO/SR

**SO Swearing in:**

Richard Navas, SO DV, Division officer of Diversity

**Immediate issues:**

VCDR Holmes spoke about the funding of Homeland security which has been approved by Congress through the budget year

Captain Motes comments:

- DO security clearances mean that one is secure- ready
- Budget increase was adopted in January in St. Louis related to dues increase
- ID cards discussion. Commanders indicated that there is a major problem with ID cards being renewed and submitted to members, expanding 12 – 18 months or longer for members to receive ID cards
  - Commanders and officers provided feedback of many issues occurring regarding ID cards and no letters
  - Captain Motes indicated that he would provide feedback back to Commander Seward

**IDCDR Miller comments:**

- Several activities coming up this year
- 404 hours YTD of CG support

**Finance Report: SO-FN Donna Miller**

**(Refer to Finance report emailed by Donna)**

- Balance \$ 4793.80
- Savings \$ 501.22

Motion made to accept report by FC James Parker, seconded by FC Jim Nickles. Motion passed unanimously

**Flotilla Commanders Reports**

- FC reports were given by the FC's present. Reports regarding the Flotilla goals and upcoming Flotilla events were given
  - 17-2 Flotilla –
    - Mike Donahue indicated that not much to report due to some health issues of primary officers
  - 17-6 Flotilla –
    - Dan McIntyre provided report:
    - 3 transfers and 2 with airplanes
    - Up to 78 members and should be to 85 on 5 to 6 weeks
    - PE – First Brevard school for ABS class this coming month
      - Indication that other area schools are introducing ABS class as part of their curriculum
    - PV – up to 93
    - OPS – up to 58 hours
    - Starting off to a good year
  - 17-9 Flotilla –
    - Kim Lucks have joined the Chamber of Commerce for PA
    - Thanked Division for the participation of the air show TICO, Titusville coming up on March 13-March 15
    - Held PE class
    - Expressed assistance and clarification with the ATON verifications
      - SO-NS Bonaccorse spoke to the recent changes for ATON verification process that has been submitted from District
    - Finger print cards are being rejected by 80% for quality
  - 17-10 Flotilla –
    - Jim Nickles started with 29 members

- 3 transfers
- 1 transfer is Boat crew, QE
- Hoping to increase to 35 members
- Need to get finger print tech, so need assistance until that is in place
- Up to 11 PV
- Working on VE certifications
- FC Nickles finished Food service certification
- Sent IS officer to C school
- Doing a community girls day event
- Participating in Veterans day parade November 7 in Kissimmee
- March 27-29 Paralyzed veterans event in Lake Toho, Kissimmee
- Bahamian cruise August 15 – supporting BASRA CG in Freeport
- 17-11 Flotilla –
  - 66 Members
  - Boat show participation , January 30, 31, February 1
    - 12 Flotilla members 90+ hours manning for the show
  - PE class on February 7 – had 12 students
    - Contacting young Marines for the PE area
    - Around 400 kids would be captured for ABS
  - VE – had event scheduled for March but had to cancel due to STANDDOWN
  - Several members going to 17-6 for boat crew training
  - Paid Division dues to date
    - Keeping balance of about \$10,000 on all accounts but FC Parker indicated that looking for other ways to due fund raising
  - OPS – working a lot with 4-5
    - Have an arrangement with Windermere police, for Lake Butler chair
  - AT – 2 members helping with Ponce Inlet

STAFF OFFICERS report:

- SO-OP Miller – TICO Air show coming up March 11-15
  - Needs assistance/support on boat crew for facilities on water and on land – Bob Balke is coordinator
  - Show goes from Wednesday through Sunday even with Incident command report
  - In charge of acrobatic box and have several Auxiliary facilities ready for respond
  - Critical to have boats away from safety area otherwise airshow will stop
  - Air Safety protection is necessary for all crews
  - CG – station would like to be notified for training on Tuesday/Thursday's
  - Operation Excellence is coming with CG involvement performing these reviews
- SO-HR – Sharon Breece
  - Only received 1 membership report in January from Flotilla 17-11

- Reported attendance to Webinar's with District HR officer – Angela Pomona
- Membership fee increase throughout due to increase of District dues, may be a problem for recruiting and retention
- Problems with people not using E-responder program, therefore emphasis and push to have folks use E-responder program
- Sharon can assist with finger printing cards
- SO-IS – Barbara Carolus
  - No report but VCDR will be stepping down from SO-IS at end of year
- SO-MS – Gary Gunter
  - Fishing vessel inspections
  - Only have 3 inspectors so need assistance for these inspections
  - This will encompass about 120 hours needed
  - UPB outreach – will end up with 10 people certified and hoping to complete certifications by April
    - National push from CG and CGAUX
  - MS missions – order should state “assign to duty”
    - CG needs to be notified of who is where so notification procedure should be followed
    - Working on updating communication flow procedure
    - Communication flow policy should be standardized by all Commanders throughout all division
  - Gary at Sector on Wednesday – received current information of vast growth of Port Canaveral, with one more passenger ship OASIS coming beginning 2016
    - MRO – Working on master Plan for all rescues of Port Canaveral ships
    - Working on Safety/Emergency plan for Port Canaveral, with all the current growth of Ships
- SO-MT – Dan McIntyre
  - Boat crew training coming up at 17-6 building, March 10 and March 12
    - Contact George Peek if interested
  - Mandatory courses need to be completed by end of this year (2015) if a member enrolled since January 2013, otherwise no orders will be acquired
  - Deadline for Auxiliarists who were already enrolled by January 2013 remains December 31, 2016
    - They have added ICS 100 and ICS 700
- SO-NS – Joe Bonaccorse
  - Requested Flotilla's if their facilities have space when performing MONS patrols to add 1 or 2 AT verifiers so these inspections can be completed
  - Kissimmee has ATONS that need inspecting so need assistance with facilities to complete these
- SO-PA – Fred Scholz

- Asked commanders if they could pass onto their PA officers to complete their report to send to him by the due date (encouraged to do cut/paste to expedite since may things are similar)
- April 25, 26 at Clearwater air station
  - Fred indicated that for those interested in Air certification, encouraged to attend
- SO-DV – Richard Navas
  - Reminded commanders if they could pass on to their Diversity officers to send reports to Richard
- SO-PE – Jules Moquin
  - Thanked Commanders for the reports from Flotillas with PE reports
  - PE classes have increased
- SO-PV – Mark Perni
  - Standardizing database with all the Flotilla PV officers for reports
  - Working with SO-PA Scholz to coordinate for PV auxiliarists to partner with movie theaters to set up PV tables throughout country
- DVCDR – John Holmes report:

**Awards:**

- Dan McIntyre – Auxiliary Commodore letter of Commendation for Development of Leadership workshops for District

**Old Business; None**

**New Business:**

- Jack Miller announced 17-6 building locks have been changed
- Motion made by Jack Miller to have Division donate \$50 for Coffee/refreshments.
  - However Mark Perni has agreed to donate \$100 for the coffee refreshments
- Mark Perni – SO-PV
  - Discussed that CGAUX Watchstandards presence ???
  - USCG Museum association is coming to Orlando for a kick off
    - New Museum due to open in 2018
    - Opportunity for CGAUX to be involved
- Gary Gunter – SO-MS
  - Indicated that District SO for Navigation would like to invite him as a speaker to next Division meeting to speak on waterway watch

**Announcements:**

- Reminder Commanders: still some issues with members wearing appropriate uniform
- No more white boat shoes. Only authorized ones are blue or brown but NOT at the CG station with ODU wear designated boots at station
- Miller facility travels and can assist Kissimmee for training
- VCDR encouraged commanders to write awards to recognize and commend members for their contribution
- Joe Bonaccorse encouraged Commanders to assist and take new members to CG station to allow them to purchase uniforms due to the ID card delay issue

**Next meeting** will be held on 5/2/15 at Flotilla 17-6 Cocoa building

With no other Division business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Jack Miller and seconded by Donna Miller. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

***Maria Motes,***  
***SO/SR***