

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Minutes of Flotilla 081-02-04 Meeting

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FC:	David Adair	Meeting Date:	02/05/18
VFC:	Tom Deforest	Location:	China King, ABQ NM

Next month's Flotilla Meeting will be on **Monday, March 5, 2018**
China King Restaurant on Juan Tabo at 17:30 Fellowship / 18:30 Meeting
Tropical Blue - Operational Dress Uniform – Proper Civilian Attire

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours. The minutes were sent to all the members of the Flotilla via email. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Carolyn McCandless and seconded by Mike Trodoux. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10 Members Present:

Dave Adair, Dick Fisher, Carolyn McCandless, Susan Trodoux, Mike Trodoux, Kathy Lucero, Ron Beck, Janice Convery, Paul Powers, Mary Reinhardt

Introduction of Visitors:

No visitors

Announcements:

- Every member should be receiving the L2 newsletter; if you're not, go into AuxData and check that the correct address is listed
- Auxiliary Leadership courses, according to Dave Adair, have many inconsistencies between questions and answers and can be a frustrating and drawn out experience taking them. May want to hold off until they're improved.
- Basic Qualification II (BQII) is now mandatory training for new members to advance out of AP (Approval Pending) status.
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (i.e., "drones")—Auxiliarists are not allowed to operate them.
- According to AUXDATA, our Operations members need to get QE'd.
- MARCH 17, 2018 SAVE THE DATE! The spring Division meeting will take place on Saturday, March 17. More details will be provided. According to Division 2 Commander Carolyn McCandless, the new Admiral is pro-Auxiliary and loves what the Auxiliary is doing. He may send his Chief of Staff to attend our Division meeting. Also trying to get Officer Laster USCG out here to go over REYR and REYK system. Reports will need to be generated for the meeting; guidance will be provided. Hoping to have a good showing.

Major Accomplishments & Future Plans:

- As Communications (CM) officer, Dave Adair talked with another CM officer at Navajo Lake. Have to be AUXOP qualified or Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualified to run a base radio station. Farmington flotilla has a few members who would like to get AUXOP training to become qualified.

New Business:

- Dick Fisher, who is the liaison between our Division and NM State Parks, reported that NM State Parks has budgeted for a couple of new boats, and will subsequently auction off two older boats (26'/28' Boston Whalers with big engines). Navajo Lake flotilla is interested. One possibility is to try and buy one as a group. Has to go through District level legal department. Many factors are involved, such as how to afford maintenance, and other concerns.

Old Business: Nothing to report this month.

Awards: No awards to present this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date: Saturday, March 17

Event: Division Meeting

Staff Officer Reports:

Communication Services/CS – Cynthia Adair

- Wants to attend C-School in Charleston. The procedure is that the Flotilla Commander has to request it, then Jack Granger works on it. Need the Tropical Blue uniform or, if don't have it, can apply for a waiver to wear the Blue Blazer alternative.

Communications/CM – Dave Adair

- Email sent from FSO-CM to DSO-CM on 03FEB2018 regarding procedures for flotilla marine band radio use during VE weekends, radio offer for use, and radio inspections. The Flotilla Communications Staff Officer (FSO-CM) is planning to work with the District Communications Officer (DSO-CM) regarding inspection and completion of the necessary paperwork to certify FSO-CM vehicle to become a land-mobile radio facility. Paperwork is planned to be submitted to DIRAUX by 28FEB18.

Finance/FN – Janice Convery

- Ordered checks; we now have 200 checks for our account
- Opening balance on 2/1/18 was \$3,260.57

- 3 checks cleared for 2018 dues (\$1,040), checks (\$7.51), and J.Bowers 2017 dues (\$34) totaling \$1,081.51
- Balance as of 2/28/18 is \$2,179.06
- We have 26 members in good standing

<i>Opening Balance as of 2/1/18</i>	<i>\$3,260.57</i>
<u>Expenses:</u> (wrote 2 checks, will clear in Feb.)	<i>\$1,081.51</i>
<u>Deposits:</u>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Closing Balance as of 2/28/18</i>	<i>\$2,179.06</i>

Human Resources (HR) – Susan Trodoux

- Steve Verchinski’s packet is being returned because it has to be single-sided.
- Mary R. asked that any efforts to place ads in various media include her as PA Officer.
- Janice Convery placed a recruiting ad in the online Alibi and Abq Journal community events sections. The ad includes the AUX logo and the national CGAUX website link. The ad reads as follows: Are you interested in recreational boating? Surprised that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is active in New Mexico? Enjoy working with others to encourage and teach safe boating practices? Get a kick learning new skills and putting the skills you already have to work? Then by all means come learn more about the rich history and contributions made by "America's Volunteer Lifesavers," the all-volunteer arm of the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Albuquerque flotilla meets once a month at the China King restaurant on Juan Tabo. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm; members often arrive as early as 5:30 to socialize. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Please touch base with Susan Trodoux at _____.
<http://www.cgaux.org/>, flotilla0810204.uscg.aux@gmail.com,
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081-02-04>.

Diversity (DV) – Susan Trodoux

- Here is an interesting story found on MSN: Facts To Know About Black History Month 2018 <http://a.msn.com/01/en-us/BBIyBK4?ocid=se>
- Email received February 4, 2018, from Tom Bamford, DVC-DA, Division Chief about Diversity Town Hall Webinar scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2018, to

discuss diversity issues in the Auxiliary. FSO-DV will attend and share information at March monthly meeting.

- National Office of Diversity Webinar training on January 6th covered instructions about the 2017 NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Managing Diversity application process due no later than June 30, 2018. Several PowerPoint presentations were provided for Diversity officers to use in trainings as well as an email etiquette PowerPoint.
- February is Black History Month. The announcement about the month long observation stated: “This annual observance is an opportunity to remember the challenges of our past, but also to honor countless African-American heroes who inspire us to shape our country's future. This year's theme, “African-Americans in Times of War,” calls our attention to the heroic contributions of African Americans during our Nation's military conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to present-day operations.”

Information Services/IS – [Kathy Lucero](#)

- Kathy is receiving very few 7029s from the online web portal. Remember to fill them out and send them in! For example, Dave Adair recorded 114 hours last month...it all adds up.
- Working on a report of all categories and activities from January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 to send out to the flotilla.

Materials/MA – [Frank Lucero \(no report\)](#)

Marine Safety/MS – [No officer](#)

Member Training/MT – [Bob Krangle \(no report\)](#)

Navigation Systems/NS – [No officer](#)

Operations/OP – [Ron Beck](#)

- Working on Offers for Use
- No schedule yet for summer on-water activities
- Carolyn said progress is being made on figuring out how to get the folks in Navajo Lake/Farmington out of REYR.
- Ron is going to talk to Officer Laster USCG about the possibility of getting the Navajo Lake/Farmington folks out of REYR on a given Saturday, then getting new orders and QE'ing them on the same weekend.

Public Affairs/PA – [Mary Reinhardt](#)

- Regarding media ads for recruitment, additional outlets include the ABQ Journal, Sandia, Kirtland, Eye on New Mexico

- [Note from Janice: Mary sent her report via e-mail but my computer couldn't read the attachment; can include her Feb. report in March minutes]

Public Education/PE – Ron Beck

- Has been in contact with Chris Bolen of NM State Parks regarding Skype and/or online safe boating classes and the consensus is that it wouldn't work well...who would grade the tests...many factors difficult to pin down.
- No classes are currently scheduled.
- No Public Affairs currently scheduled.
- Reminder: instructors have to teach at least 2 classes per year (4 hours) if not in REYR and to remain out of REYR.
- Ron asked if we could organize something with the Sea Cadets. Dave A. said yes.
- Holding free safe boating classes seems to be our best option. Could do outreach to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jr ROTC, Young Marines, and their family members.
- The District has webinars...could piggyback on those?

Program Visitor/PV – Tom Deforest

- Did RBSVP program visits with Dave Adair.

Secretary/SR – Janice Convery

- January meeting minutes passed as published.
- All reports from the Flotilla Staff Officers were entered into the minutes.
- Monthly meeting notice was mailed to all the members of the flotilla on **January 30, 2018**
- The **January 8, 2018** minutes were emailed to the membership on **January 30, 2018**.
- Email dated **January 14, 2018** requesting updated contact information was forwarded to the membership. Heard from a few members that their info looked good. Did not receive any requests that would have required forwarding to our FSO-IS to be updated in AUXDATA.
- The flotilla email roster has been updated to include all 26 current members, plus CCs to Chris Bolen, 7 former members, and 1 pending member.

Vessel Examiner/VE – Tom Deforest

- Getting ready for the new season. Need 7012s and 7012a's immediately or we cannot do Vessel Exams. We do have the decals so they can be given out when needed.

Vice Flotilla Commander's Report – no report

Flotilla Commander's Report – See opening comments.

Motion to Adjourn

- Paul Powers made motion to adjourn meeting; Kathy L. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

2018 MEETING DATES

<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>District</u>
January 8	N/A	(Insert Date)
February 5	N/A	
March 5	March 17	(Insert Date)
April 2	N/A	
May 7	N/A	
June 4	N/A	(Insert Date)
July 2	N/A	
August 6	N/A	
September 10	TBD	(Insert Date)
October 1	N/A	
November 5	N/A	
TBD	N/A	

MEMBER RESOURCES

Chain of Leadership:

- All members must follow the Chain of Leadership. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to the Flotilla or Vice Flotilla Commander.
 - The way to stay in the Chain of Leadership is to remember you may always contact laterally and below: meaning as a Flotilla level member you may email to any other Flotilla level member (of course providing the content is for Auxiliary business only).
 - The Chain of Leadership runs as follows:
Flotilla Members can reach out to other Flotilla Members and their Flotilla Staff Officers (FSOs). If a problem or question arises that an FSO does not or cannot respond to, the Flotilla member may contact the Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC). If the member is still not satisfied, they may contact their Flotilla Commander (FC). Under no circumstances does a Flotilla Member make INITIAL contact with anyone above their Flotilla Commander unless personally invited or instructed to do so.

Meetings:

- All members can attend district and division meetings. The meeting dates are listed above. If you plan to attend, please contact the Flotilla or Vice Flotilla Commander to determine the proper uniform to wear.

Web sites:

- Coast Guard Auxiliary site is www.cgaux.org
- The 8th Coastal Region Division site is <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081>
- The Flotilla site is <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081-02-04>
- Facebook site for 8th Coastal Region Division is <https://www.facebook.com/USCGAUXD8CR>