

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

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FC:	David Adair	Meeting Date:	03/05/18
VFC:	Tom Deforest	Location:	China King, ABQ NM

Next month's Flotilla Meeting will be on **Monday, April 2, 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 Ron Beck and seconded by Susan Trodoux. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10 Members Present:

Dave Adair, Tom Deforest, Dick Fisher, Susan Trodoux, Mike Trodoux, Ron Beck, Janice Convery, Mary Reinhardt, John Bowers, Stephen Verchinski

Introduction of Visitors:

John "Andy" Seiller—was an Auxiliarist in Cincinnati, is an experienced blue water and lake sailor, has two boats here, a sailboat and a Century Arabian powerboat, is interested in becoming a member and looking for ways to grow the flotilla, mentioned Volunteer Spot "matches", word of mouth important, asked if we're in contact with the Albuquerque Boat Club.

Announcements:

- Facilities due for inspection: McCandless, Beck, and Trodoux
- Still have an issue with John Bower's registration. FEMA courses aren't registering in AUXDATA.

Major Accomplishments & Future Plans:

- Upcoming Vessel Exam (VE) Ramp Dates:
 - Cochiti Lake May 19 & 20
 - Abiqui Lake June 2 & 3
 - Blue Water Lake June 16 & 17
 - Navajo Lake July 7 & 8
 - Conchas Lake July 21 & 22
 - Ute Lake August 4 & 5
 - Santa Rosa Lake August 18 & 19
- Contact Tom Deforest at 505/256-9036 if you'd like a camp site for any of the VE ramp dates.

New Business:

- Division meeting is on Saturday, March 17 at the corner of Elizabeth and Central. Friday and Saturday night dinners, too. Tropical Blue uniform.
- Coast Guard Academy Partner John Bowers reported that interviews are taking place now at high schools and that no one from New Mexico is participating.

Old Business: Nothing to report this month.

Awards:

- Mr. Taylor received a certificate for 30 Years of Dedicated Service
- Dave Adair received a certificate for completing over 60 Vessel Exams and Program Visits in 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date: September 2018

Event: **Division Meeting**

Staff Officer Reports:

Communication Services/CS – Cynthia Adair

- Prepared and forwarded request for training at AUX04 WOW Websites and PowerPoint training in Charleston, SC 09MAR18. Request was forwarded but I have not received approval notification.
- Downloaded USCG Auxiliary Information Technology Group WOW: Pushbutton Website Platform, Version II User’s Guide. Began familiarization with the guide and flotilla and division websites.

Communications/CM – Dave Adair

- Texas’ Division 7 has a standardized radio package with antenna and Dave personally purchased one that is programmed to match their equipment.

Finance/FN – Janice Convery

- 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 3/1//18 is \$2,179.06
- We have 26 members in good standing
- Motion to accept this financial report was made by Ron B., seconded by Mary R., motion passed.

Opening Balance as of 2/1/18 **\$3,260.57**

Expenses: (3 checks cleared) **\$1,081.51**

Deposits: **\$0.00**

Closing Balance as of 3/1/18

\$2,179.06

Human Resources (HR) – Susan Trodoux

- Email received February 25, 2018, from FC Dave Adair to contact prospective new member. Contact made March 1, 2018 and invitation extended and accepted to attend Flotilla 2-4 meeting on March 5, 2018.
- Steve Verchinski application returned due to improper submission and will be resubmitted. Applications cannot be submitted double-sided.
- An online recruiting ad in the Alibi community events section will be ongoing. Respondents make contact through the following website:
<http://www.cgaux.org/>, flotilla0810204.uscg.aux@gmail.com,
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081-02-04>. No contacts to date.
- Division 2 Commander Carolyn McCandless recommended a recruiting tool entitled: “Enhancing Recruitment and Retention of Volunteers in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary” by Matthew D. Doors. Efforts are underway to obtain a copy.

Diversity (DV) – Susan Trodoux

- The 2017 NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Managing Diversity application is due no later than June 30, 2018. Preparation of the application for Flotilla 2-4 is underway. Information has been sent to the other FSO-DVs in Division 2 should they wish to apply. Several PowerPoint presentations were provided for Diversity officers to use in trainings as well as an email etiquette PowerPoint.
- March is Women’s History Month. Attached is a website with interesting facts:
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/msn/womens-history-month-2018-7-interesting-facts/ar-BBJKeuU>.
- See **attachment** for a Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Survey.

Information Services/IS – Kathy Lucero (no report)

Materials/MA – Frank Lucero (no report)

Marine Safety/MS – No officer

Member Training/MT – Bob Krangle (no report)

- Dave A. reported that the 2018 National Surface Operations Workshop is due by June 30 for all crew members. This will be needed before anyone can get out of REYR.
- Ron B. asked whether we can we tag along with Farmington on this and TCT?

Navigation Systems/NS – No officer

Operations/OP – Ron Beck

- Working on Offers for Use for Beck, McCandless and Trodoux facilities
- Planning when and how to get everyone to the lakes to get the Trodoux’s out of REYR and the Navajo Lakes folks their hours and QE sessions. El Paso is in good

shape. Tom Deforest and Janice Convery also hoping to become qualified boat crew this year.

Public Affairs/PA – Mary Reinhardt

- See **attachment** regarding fundraiser cruise organized by Flotilla 070-17-10 and Division 17 members to support the Bahama Air Sea Rescue Association

Publications/PB – Mary Reinhardt

- National Safe Boating week is May 19-25.
- Need to find out who the Division PB officer is as there is no District PB officer.

Public Education/PE – Ron Beck

- There are no Safe Boating classes scheduled to date. There is a boat show in mid-March, and that, along with possible interest from the Sea Cadets, will help determine when the next class will be scheduled.

Program Visitor/PV – Tom Deforest

- Did RBSVP program visits with Dave Adair on Fridays.
- Tom and Dick F. will hook up to do VEs at Cabela's toward the end of National Safe Boating week.

Vessel Examiner/VE – Tom Deforest

- Have VE Ramp Dates scheduled for 1st and 3rd weekends of every month June – August (May is a bit different)
- We do have decals. Tom will be out of town as of early April for 3 weeks, so if you need forms or decals, contact him before then.

Secretary/SR – Janice Convery

- February meeting minutes passed as published.
- All reports from the Flotilla Staff Officers were entered into the minutes.
- Monthly meeting notice was emailed to all members of the flotilla on **March 20, 2018**
- The **March** minutes were emailed to the membership on **March 20, 2018**.

Vice Flotilla Commander's Report – no report

Flotilla Commander's Report – no report

Motion to Adjourn

- Ron B. made motion to adjourn meeting; Mary R. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:30 hours

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	
December--	N/A	
Change of Watch		

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>