

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**FLOTILLA 091-20-11**

**ST. CLAIR SHORES UNIT**

**Flotilla Commander** – James Sagstetter

**Vice Flotilla Commander** – Rick Lane

19 January 2021

1. **Business Meeting: Call to Order by FC Robert Bailey at 1911.**

Present: Frederick Lane, Robert Bailey, Joe Roskoski, Terri Lehrman, Matt Larivee, Justin Montgomery, James Sagstetter, Mustafa Rasheed, Yani Warda, Namir Isso, Larry Myles, and Jonathan Reese.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**: The pledge of allegiance was led by James Sagstetter.

A moment of silence observed for those Team USCG personnel that have passed the bar and those currently serving.

1. **Introduction of Special Guests / Visitor:**
* Patti Mitrowski (District (CR Chief of Staff)

Patty talked about the new virtual “Microsoft Teams” format that the AUX is adopting. Of note is that the virtual 20-11 flotilla meeting conducted by 20-11 on January 19 is one of the first in Division 20 to use this format. 20-11 is ahead of the game.

1. **Awards - after meeting addition:** None announced.
2. **Announcements / Swear in New Members:**
* Patti Mitrowski swore in James Sagstetter as Flotilla 091-20-11 Vice-Commander.
* Rick mentioned the several new members were joining the flotilla from Flotilla 20-10. At this time Rick was made aware of Bill Dyda (20-10 IPFC), and Norm Raymond (20-10 VFC, NS, OP, and VE). Rick went on to say that once we received the final list of new members transferring into the flotilla. At that time we will look at the total membership and develop the 2021 FSO support staff. Rick asked the 2020 SFOs to continue until such time that we can name 2021 SFO’s.
* Rick mentioned that he had sent out the January District 9CR newsletter.
* Rick also mentioned that he had sent to everyone the Quarterly AUXSCOUT Forum.
* Rick also mentioned that he had sent out “Spotlight on Membership Training”.
1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approval of previous December 08, 2020 minutes – Beetle Bailey moved to accept / James Sagstetter 2nd. Motion passed.

**VII. Flotilla Staff Officers (FSO) Reports:**

* **Finance** **FSO-FN – Joe Roskoski:** There has been the addition of $37.50 from the District 9CR virtual BS&S class recently given – Rick Lane was one of the instructors so the flotilla got a percentage of the class fees / profit. The treasury has an ending balance of $**2,740.55**. James Sagstetter moved that Joe’s report be accepted, Yani Warda 2nd – passed.
* **Communications FSO-CM – Robert Bailey:** No Activity
* **Computer Services FSO-CS –** FSO not assigned at this time
* **Diversity FSO-DV –** Larry Myles: No Activity,
* **Human Resources FSO-HR – Yani Warda:**  Yani reported activity was in question as the final number of new members have not been reported and no new transfer paperwork has come into the flotilla. Yoni was requested to investigate the viability of any perspective members currently under consideration, and report to Rick any viable prospective new members.
* **Informational Services FSO-IS – Yani Warda: M**embership should continue to document hours on 7029 & 7030, and submit to Yani (FSO–IS).
* **Materials FSO-MA – James Sagstetter**: No activity.
* **Marine Safety FSO-MS – Matt Larivee:** Matt reported “no activity”.
* **Member Training FSO-MT – Rick Lane:**  During the month of November there was limited member training consisting of web-training for Operation’s personnel. Estimation of membership training time is around 8 hrs of training. Matt Larivee recently reported that a couple months ago he completed the requirements for Aux-Op, but has not provided member training hours he participated in to archive this distinction. Rick Asked Matt to email his estimation of training hours used in achieving this distinction.
* **Navigational Systems FSO-NS – Joe Roskoski:** no activity for December – off season.
* **Operations FSO-OP – Joe Roskoski:** no activity.
* **Public Affairs FSO-PA** – Robert Bailey: no activity for December due to COVID 19 shut-down.
* **Publications FSO-PB – Joe Roskoski:** Joe continues to post flotilla minutes and flotilla based information on the flotilla website.
* **Public Education FSO-PE – Rick Lane:** Rick was involved in the District virtual “boating safely” course. The course was given on December 12 & 19.
* **RBS Visitors Program FSO-PV – Leonard Fashoway:** not at meeting – no report.
* **Secretary FSO-SR – Rick Lane: Rick continues to get the minutes out and keep the archive records.**
* **Vessel Examination FSO-VE – Jonathan Reese:** no activity.

**VIII. Commander’s Report**

1. ***USCG Auxiliary Shut-down***

Due to the March 16 Stand-down of all Auxiliary activity involving travel or “face-to-face” meetings, the flotilla is meeting in virtual web-meet mode. The FC and VFC are meeting by phone during the month. Potential members are included in any flotilla emails.

1. ***Flotilla Meetings / members***

During the month of December we continue monthly flotilla meetings. The December meeting (Dec. 08, 2020) was well attended with 10 members calling in to the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Rick Lane with Beetle present at Rick’s residence. James Sagstetter has completed the AUX procedures course, and is fully qualified for the VFC elected office. During the December flotilla meeting James was again confirmed as the 2021 VFC for the flotilla. Rick Lane was sworn in as 091-20-11 Flotilla Commander during the December Division virtual change of watch meeting. James Sagstetter is still in need of swearing in for the office of Flotilla Vice commander.

1. **Flotilla Restructuring**

We have been told to expect several new members to be transferred from the dissolved 20-10 flotilla by the end of the 2020 year. To date we have received no transfer paperwork, or list of members transferring into 20-11. Until such time as we receive this transfer information, 20-11 is “dead in the water”. The intention is to review all transferring member’s leadership qualifications (past staff positions and offices held), and meet (virtually) with each transferring member to ascertain where they will best fit within the flotilla. We intend to restructure the flotilla into a “stronger” 20-11 by incorporating the transferred members talents and “Auxiliary path” desires. This will result in reevaluating the flotilla structure (all staff officers). The result should be a flotilla with all members identifying with the flotilla (no preexisting cliques).

1. ***Member training***

Member training during December consisted of individual on-line training (James Sagstetter for the APC Course). Membership training for December was about 8 hours (on-line) plus activity by James Sagstetter in AUX procedure training.

1. **Public Education**

On December 12 and December 19 Rick Lane took part in the District virtual ABS course. Rick was one of the instructors for the course. This was a District course and the first ABS virtual class – Rick put in about 12 hours in preparation and instruction for this class.

1. ***091-20-11 Membership Growth Campaign.***

At this point we have received a interested in joining inquiry from three potential member in the St. Clair Shores area. These potential members are a question as they have been “joining the flotilla” for over a year. There paper work was being filled out for processing when the COVID 19 shutdown occurred. Yani Warda is pursuing these three potential members and reporting on progress. With flotilla 20-10 closing, the flotilla is open to any 20-10 members looking for a new home. We have reached out to the acting flotilla commander to communicate a welcome from the flotilla for any 20-10 members looking to join. At the writing of this report, one 20-10 member (Bill Dyda has asked to join 20-11, we have seen no transfer paperwork. Paperwork on transfers is being handled by 20-10 FC and will be shortly hand delivered for processing). At this point we have 3 interested new members.

1. ***Flotilla Support for Station Shores***

We have been prohibited from physically standing watch at Station St. Clair Shores. Rick Lane is the AUC for Station Shores.

1. **Operations**

No operational activity for December.

1. **Public Affairs**

We are stand-down for Auxiliary activity – due to COVID 19.

1. **Financial Health of the flotilla**

The flotilla is in the best financial shape that they have been in for years. The treasury shows a current balance of over $2,700.

1. **Flotilla Goals**

Once the Auxiliary is back to “normal” activity, the flotilla goals will be reevaluated to set a revised level for the flotilla goals.

Rick Lane

091-20-11 FC

**IX. Old Business**

1. Rick Lane contacted Yani Warda about the processing of the new member applications of Nick Relich, Tyler Hoffman, and Bill Vogel. Rick will team with Yani on the new members.
2. Purchase of new plate for the flotilla bell (Beetle Bailey FC 2020). Rick to investigate the completeness of the “Bell Nameplates”.

**X. New Business**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Beetle Bailey and seconded by Yani Warda – meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date and Location:** To be announced.

