

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**FLOTILLA 091-20-11**

**ST. CLAIR SHORES UNIT**

**Flotilla Commander** – Robert Bailey

**Vice Flotilla Commander** – Rick Lane

13 October 2020

1. **Business Meeting: Call to Order by FC Robert Bailey at 1913.**

Present: Frederick Lane, Robert Bailey, Joe Roskoski, Terri Lehman, Shari Raby, Mustafa Rasheed, and Larry Myles.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**: The pledge of allegiance was led by Rick Lane.

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 (Division 20 Commander) – Patti is helpful with the technical aspects of team meetings electronic web-site. There are still issues with Rick and Beetle running the meeting on their own. Patti committed to more training for Rick Lane.
* Bill Dyda (member 20-10 Warren flotilla) – Bill indicated that he has an interest in joining 20-11, as 20-10 is in the process of folding. Bill thinks that there will be several 20-10 members putting in paperwork to join our flotilla (3-4 members). Bill also indicated that the Division 20 is working out logistics for the transfers, including dues payments to flotilla 20-11.
1. **IV. Awards - after meeting addition:** Rick Lane reports that several flotilla awards were made to the flotilla during the recognition segment of Fall DTRAIN. Awards included:
* Most on-the-water patrol hours for the district (facility operation time)
* 3rd place Active Duty Support recognition in the District 9 Central.
1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approval of previous September 08, 2020 minutes – Rick Lane moved to accept / Larry Myles 2nd. Motion passed.

**VI. Announcements / Swear in New Members:**

* Beetle announced that 2021 flotilla dues (50$) were now due.
* Beetle announced that there were candidates for the November Flotilla elections. Candidates are: Flotilla Commander – Rick Lane, and Vice Flotilla Commander - James Sagstetter.

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

* **Finance** **FSO-FN – Joe Roskoski:** There has been no activity since the last report (March), the treasury has an ending balance of $**2,153.05**. Joe noted that dues are still coming in, and the flotilla looks in pretty good shape financially.
* **Communications FSO-CM – Robert Bailey:** No Activity
* **Computer Services FSO-CS –** FSO not assigned at this time
* **Diversity FSO-DV –** Larry Myles: no activity, Rick added that the flotilla needs to work on their Diversity designation. Some of the criteria includes a percentage of the members to have completed core training. Larry committed to contacting the Division Staff Diversity Officer for direction, so that we can become designated in 2021.
* **Human Resources FSO-HR – Yani Warda:** Rick Lane noted that Yani was “missing in action”, but that we have 3 potential members that need to have membership documents processed. Rick did speak with Yani of this issue , and will be working with Yani to follow-up on 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**: Not present / no report – Beetle indicated that he had additional material for MA storage.
* **Marine Safety FSO-MS – Matt Larivee:** Matt not at meeting and no report submitted.
* **Member Training FSO-MT – Rick Lane:**  During the month of August there was limited member training consisting of web-training for Operation’s personnel. Estimation of membership training time is around 32 hrs of training.
* **Navigational Systems FSO-NS – Joe Roskoski:** no activity for July due to COVID 19 shut-down.
* **Operations FSO-OP – Joe Roskoski:** Joe reported that there were two operational patrols, one of which was a SAR incident. Joe asked Rick Lane (facility Coxswain) to comment on SAR incident. Rick related events of October 13 SAR incident. Of note is that the flotilla support of Station SAR efforts was highlighted during the Sector Detroit Monday general activity meeting, and made both the Captain of the port, as well as the Admirals radar screen.
* **Public Affairs FSO-PA** – Robert Bailey: no activity for August due to COVID 19 shut-down.
* **Publications FSO-PB – Joe Roskoski:** Joe continues to post flotilla minutes on the flotilla website.
* **Public Education FSO-PE – Rick Lane:** no activity for July due to COVID 19 shut-down.
* **RBS Visitors Program FSO-PV – Leonard Fashoway:** not at meeting and no report submitted.
* **Secretary FSO-SR – Rick Lane: Rick continues to get the minutes out and keep the archive records.**
* **Vessel Examination FSO-VE – Jonathan Reese:** not at meeting and no report submitted.

**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 a couple of times a week. Potential members are included in any flotilla emails.

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

During the month of October we continue monthly flotilla meetings. The September meeting (Sept. 08, 2020) was not as well attended as August meeting with 6 members calling in to the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Rick Lane with Beetle present at Rick’s home to conduct the meeting. Rick’s home was picked, due to Rick’s home computer being more suitable to conduct the virtual meeting than Beetle’s home computer. Some difficulty was experienced with the web-meet program highlighting the need for web-meet training. Rick underwent training with Patty Mitrowski during the month as a result of the Sept. flotilla meeting.

1. ***Member training***

Member training during September consisted of individual on-line training, and face-to-face training between Patty Mitrowski. Membership training for September was about 32 hours (on-line, face-to-face and on-the-water).

1. **Public Education**

While books for the classes were received, all Auxiliary activity is placed on hold as of March 16 because of the COVID 19 pandemic. No PE activity as of March 16.

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. 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).

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

We have been prohibited from physically standing watch at Station St. Clair Shores. The goal for 2020 was set at 800 hrs / year (67 hrs / month), to date – 272.3 hrs. Due to the COVID 19 AUX shutdown this annual goal is not feasible. We did assist the station on 9/13 with a SAR on Lake St. Clair and will be involved in two-boat training exercise in October with the station.

1. **Operations**

Two patrols (16 hrs) was conducted in September by flotilla facility. The patrols involved a SAR case, as well as two boat tow training.

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 $1,500. During the September flotilla meeting, there was a call for 2021 dues to the flotilla membership.

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.

**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. **Post Meeting New Business –** Collecting of 2021 dues ($50) to start in order to avoid any issues of “non-payment”. Beetle indicated that the end of October was the “drop dead date” for sending in dues.
3. **Post Meeting New Business –** Continue with monthly “electronic meeting” format – Rick and Beetle to work on improving computer skills as meetings progress – thinking is that once we are back to routine AUX activity, this electronic forum can be incorporated into our “live face-to face” meetings.
4. **Joe Roskoski and Beetle are the 2021 election nominating committee, Beetle announce that: Rick Lane has submitted intent to run for Flotilla 20-11 Commander, and James Sagstetter has submitted intentions to run for Vice Flotilla Commander. At this time these are the only candidates for the flotation elections.**

**X. New Business**

