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City

## Flotilla Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 20, 2011

Meeting Location: Michigan City Station

Meeting Type: Monthly, Regular

Meeting Called to Order by: Orville Harness – FC

**Members Present:** Orville Harness, Carl Pennington, Keith Engstrom, George Hayes, Bret Morrison, Dan Hershman, Kenneth Pease, Dave Santana, Hal Schoenecker, Jeffrey Kirsch, Dan La Jeunesse

Guests: Leslie Fryer, VCDR, David Riffel and John F. Hodoreck

Agenda: Approved.

Past Meeting Minutes: Approved and adopted.

Awards: USCG Auxiliary Coxswain certification to Dale Lewis and Dan La Jeunesse. USCG Auxiliary Boat Crew certification to George Hayes and Keith Engstrom. CONGRATULATIONS!

Announcements: Fellow St Joseph Division Aux members, Francis Tilton and Roger Pacific have experienced health issues and would appreciate your prayers and support.

FSO Reports:

**Hershman** – Finance Current balance is \$649.97 Finance Report was submitted and approved by the Flotilla members. An additional \$ 140 is to be deposited with the Flotilla treasury for a “Station Michigan City Morale Fund”. These are the proceeds from the previous grill fund. Since the previously purchase of a BBQ grill was surprisingly donated by WalMart, these funds were still available and the Flotilla has voted to hold these funds for other morale purposes.

**Pennington** – Communication Services. Many photos of Flotilla activities have been posted on our 33-02 site. Check them out!

**Pease** – Materials – Nothing to Report. Mr. Pease has also asked to be relieved of this staff position.



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**Plough** – Member Training. Nothing to Report.

**Staff** – Marine Safety. Nothing to Report.

**Harness** – Public Visitor Nothing to Report.

**Hayes** – Public Education Our ABS class has been requested to reschedule for a September date in LaPorte. September 18 was suggested to avoid conflict with the September 17 SAR picnic.

**Lewis** – Human Resources Issues with AUX new membership application processing is moving toward a resolution. Still an open issue.

**La Jeunesse** – Vessel Exam We appear to be nearing 130 vessel exams for 2011.

**Hershman** – Operations. The following OPS activity has been successfully completed.

August 5,6,7 Mi City Boat Race – including storms

August 13, 14 New Buffalo Ship to Shore festival [ed. CANCELLED due to weather}

August 20, 21 Safety Patrols {ed. CANCELLED due to weather.}

August 27, 28 Mi City In-water Boat Show

September 17 – Business meeting / SAR end-of-season picnic

**Engstrom** – Public Affairs Mr. Engstrom teamed up with Mr. Pennington to utilize the web based “Sign Up Genius” site to assist in scheduling our Safety Booth coverage for the Mi City Boat Show. Members were encouraged to visit the link to schedule their time.

Photos from the Vice Commandant’s July visit to Station Michigan City will be available on the web site.

Local press announcements will be utilized to communicate upcoming boating safety classes.

**Nystrom** – Navigation Services Mr. Nystrom is in Iraq assisting with Iraqi police training activities.



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**Pennington** – Information Services. The 7038 vessel exam form has been upgraded to support MAC access. Please upgrade your Macs to the latest V.10.1 Adobe software.

**La Jeunesse** –S/R No news to report at this time.

**Old Business:** **The 2011 Michigan City Grand Prix** boat race was a Flotilla operations success. The Auxiliary provided six vessels to support the racing safety zone. The fleet included three boats were from our flotilla, one from the Division 33 St Joseph and two from Division 35 Calumet Harbor. Excellent job as we handled the race plus a bit of a blow off the Lake!

**BBQ Grill:** In June, members agreed to pool personal donations to secure a new grill for Station Michigan City. Mr. La Jeunesse reported that the local Michigan City WalMart has donated a 4 burner grill to the station at no-charge. The \$ 140 raised to help in this purchase were delivered to the Treasurer as reported earlier in these minutes. The members voted to retain these funds to be used as a kitty for other upcoming morale needs.

**Safe Boating Reward Coupons.** Mr. Kirsch reported that the Lubeznick Family would be willing to support a “Free Offer” coupon in conjunction with the Auxiliary on a Northern Indiana regional basis.. The purpose of the coupon would be to provide a “Thank You” to boaters that display safe boating activities. The Flotilla agreed to use the Winter season to see how a joint activity could be developed. Mr Kirsch has agreed to continue leading this activity.

**Rip Current Education** – The Auxiliary has been asked to participate in Beach Patrols on days of strong surf and rip currents. Auxiliary members are URGENTLY suggested to notify the Flotilla Commander or Vice Commander via e-mail when embarking on such an activity. This is to keep the station and USCG informed of such activity. It also ensures that patrol protections are in place for members involved in an “Assignment to Duty”.

This “Assignment to Duty” would include distribution of Rip Current materials to beach goers. Auxiliarists are asked to be in uniform, have a partner – if possible, have a PDF and a portable radio during this activity. Communication and coordination with the Station during this duty will be of the highest importance.



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## New Business:

**Uniforms** – Tucked and Untucked versions of the ODU are the acceptable and normal for most of our Flotilla activities. Let's maintain our sharp image and respect for the uniform by adhering to USCG regulations.

**Elections:** 2012 Flotilla elections will be held in November. A nomination committee was formed to assist in vetting candidates for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander. Mr.'s Engstrom, Kirsch and Hershman volunteered to serve on this committee.

Any active member who is interested in submitting their name in nomination for either of these positions should submit their interest in-writing to the nomination committee and/or Flotilla Commander prior to the November 33-02 business meeting. Open nominations from the floor will be considered during the November meeting as well.

**Station SAR Picnic:** The September business meeting has been suspended in lieu of the Station/Auxiliary picnic scheduled for September 17, 2011. Set up is expected to begin at 1130 and lunch served at 1230. All are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass.

Meeting Adjourned by: Orville Harness – FC at 1100.

Next Business Meeting: **0900 08 October** (as amended during a brief meeting held during the September SAR picnic), 2011 at Station Michigan City.

**Use the on-Line 7029 form to Report your Hours!** – USCGAUX funding depends on it.