**Department of Homeland Security**

**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

**Flotilla 39-02 (9th WR) Des Plaines IL**

**Minutes for 15 September, 2021**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Alternate Zoom meeting

**Member Training at 1830:** Understanding Diversity

**Meeting to follow at 1930:** Meeting called to order at 1930.

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY:** Trops or Appropriate Civilian

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by: Bob Reczek

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **ATTENDEES: 7** members out of **26**(1/4 of membership) required for quorum: |  |  |
| ~~Gary P. Cahill~~ | John C. Johnson | ~~Sylvia M. Tipsword~~ |
| Bridget A. Darrey | ~~Ryan D. Joslyn~~ | Ronald W. Tragasz |
| Timothy F. Darrey | ~~Andre Kovalenko~~ | ~~Michael A. Valente~~ |
| James T. Davy | ~~William F. Markey III~~ | Dennis W. Waugh |
| ~~Christine S. Gressick~~ | Arcia L. Moss | ~~Andrew J. Weiler~~ |
| Virginia J. Haase | ~~Louis A. Muno~~ | ~~Scott J. Ziegler~~ |
| Charles H. Hague | Robert W. Reczek |  |
| Ruben A. Howard II | Edward Siegel |  |
| Barry J. Jacobson | Jeffrey Silberg |  |
| Carol M. Johnson | ~~Joel A. Smith~~ |  |

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST’S MEETING:** Minutes not transcribed yet

**Flotilla Commanders notes:**

* At present, all Assignment to Duty requests continue to be submitted to me to send up the chain for approval by the Division Commander. Below is an update from Shawn:

Based on today's guidance, that all indoor activities that have a gathering of 50 persons or more need to be approved by the DHS Secretary will change the following as of August 16, 2021 until further notice. Please pass along to your Deck.

1. I will not approve any ATD for any indoor PA activities, PV at venues will be approved for the purpose of restocking pamphlet's etc and then departing.

2. All VE examiners should wear a mask when aboard a vessel under inspection or when within 6' of the vessel owner or vessel's crew. This is for all of you regardless of your vaccination status.

3. I would suggest that meetings and training be held in person outdoors with proper precautions or if indoors in a venue that will allow spacing and of course under 50 in attendance. That being said I would at the moment encourage your meetings to be held by Zoom.

While this is all obviously disappointing I do not want Div.39 to be responsible for any spread of the virus. I appreciate your cooperation and keep up the good work.

* The Division’s Election Vetting Committee has received one letter of intent for each position, Division Commander and Vice Division Commander.
* Flotilla 2’s Election Vetting Committee has received a letter of intent for both positions: Arcia Moss for Flotilla Commander and Ruben Howard, II for Vice Flotilla Commander. Thank you both for stepping forward.

I also wish to extend a special thank you to Barry Jacobson for committing to be Vice Flotilla Commander in the case no one else volunteered for the position.

* Robert Reczek received a confirmation letter reserving his seat on next month’s Honor Flight. The trip to Washington will take place on Wednesday, October 27th. Congratulation’s Bob.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Please work with Bob to get your hours into AUXDATA II. Time reporting is very important for our funding. It is also a way to demonstrate to the Coast Guard what our contribution is to Team Coast Guard. Recognition is also given for time served. Thanks.

**VFC CALLS FOR ADDITIONS TO STAFF REPORTS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Communications | FSO-CM | Jeff Silberg | Nothing new to report |
| Communication Services | FSO-CS | Andrew Weiler | Absent |
| Diversity | FSO-DV | Ryan Joslyn | Absent |
| Finance | FSO-FN | Ron Tragasz | Nothing new to report |
| Human Resources | FSO-HR | Ruben Howard, II | I am working with one potential new member (was a prior auxiliarst). |
| Info Systems | FSO-IS | Bob Reczek | Nothing new to report |
| Materials | FSO-MA | Jim Davy | Nothing new to report |
| Member Training | FSO-MT | Tim Darrey | Nothing new to report |
| Operations | FSO-OP | Tim Darrey | Nothing new to report |
| Public Affairs | FSO-PA | Barry Jacobson | I participated in two and John Johnson participated in one 911 Remembrance Ceremonies. |
| Public Education | FSO-PE | Chas Hague | Nothing new to report |
| Publications | FSO-PB | Chas Hague | Nothing new to report |
| Program Visitor | FSO-PV | Gary Cahill | Absent |
| Secretary/Records | FSO-SR | Aricia Moss | Nothing new to report |
| Vessel Exams | FSO-VE | Barry Jacobson | VEs are just about finished for this year. |

**AWARDS:** None

**1. CORE TRAINING:**

**2. OLD BUSINESS:** Reminder – 2022 Dues must be received by our September Flotilla meeting.

Future meeting venue – Two prospective locations: Des Plaines Park District (Prairie Lakes) and the Des Plaines American Legion Hall. After a lively discussion, a vote was taken. The Prairie Lakes location was chosen with a count of 10. The American Legion Hall received 5 votes.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:** Tonight’s attendees of the Diversity Workshop have already been entered into AUX DATAII.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Election Vetting Committee:**

This year’s election will be held electronically like last year. There will be no nominations from the floor allowed.

**5. UPCOMING DATES:**

* Next Division meeting – October 6th
* Next Flotilla meeting – October 20th

**6. OPEN FORUM / VISITOR COMMENTS:**

**7. REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT IN PERSON MEETING:** Tim and Bridget Darrey

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by: Chas Hague Second: Edward Siegel Passed: Y\_X\_ N\_\_\_\_

**September 2021 STAFF REPORTS – (no request for reports was issued)**

**FSO-CM Jeff Silberg:** Nothing to report

**FSO-CS Andrew Weiler:**

**FSO-DV Ryan Joslyn:**

**FSO-FN Ron Tragasz:** Reminder – 2022 Dues must be received by our September Flotilla meeting.

**FSO-HR Ruben Howard, II:**

**FSO-IS Robert Reczek:** Nothing new to report.

Various reports sent out last week for members.

**FSO-MA Jim Davy:**

**FSO-MT Tim Darrey:** Please check out the 9WR website to review the Fall E-Train schedule and curriculum.

**FSO-OP Tim Darrey:** Surface Ops for the most part are wrapping up around the 20th of September. Good opportunity to continue working on shore side sign offs.

**FSO-PA Barry Jacobson:**

**FSO-PB Chas Hague:**

Goals/Plans  INFORM MEMBERSHIP OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

Strategies  Use different format from newsletter

Challenges: Finding time to accomplish due to personal time demands. Finding out about events

Accomplishments:  Sent out on-line Bilgewater with meeting information, article about Einstien as a sailor.

**FSO-PE Chas Hague:**

Goals/Plans  Continue conducting classes and seminars.

Strategies Use ZOOM for class instruction and Google Poll for giving quiz

Challenges: Personal time constraints. Re-imposition of COVID restrictions limiting in-person classes, and difficulty in finding space to conduct them.

Accomplishments: Docent at Gross Point light Sept 12. 5 visitors. Masks worn.

**FSO-PV Gary Cahill:**

**FSO-SR Arcia Moss:**

**FSO-VE Barry Jacobson:**