

Kodiak Flotilla, USCG Auxiliary
Regular Meeting
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Fisherman's Hall

FC Wes Hanna called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. VFC Nicole Clark served as minute taker.

Also in attendance:

Darren Asuncion	Joyce Blair	Jill Bunting	Bryan Ferris
Drew Herman	Tracey Mertens	Lyle Refior	Jane Renslo
Sharon Reppond	Joe J. Spear	Joe W. Spear	Jeff Stewart
Ed Vitorino (Vito)	Fran March		

Guests:

Robert Alvarez and Christopher Soncrant, both active duty CG who have worked with Auxiliary previously and are looking forward to building a relationship with the Kodiak flotilla.

Wes announced several upcoming training opportunities:

There are several new members who still need to take a boating safety course in order to become BQ. Once we know who needs the training, Lyle will schedule an ABS class and let us know; he advised most weekends are available for him. Fisherman's Hall and the KIBSD conference room were offered as potential training locations depending on the number of participants.

We recently held a classroom ICS 700 course in the KIBSD conference room; we had pizza and it was a fun night for all involved. As there are still people who need to take the course to finish mandated training, we would be willing to offer it again this month if there is a critical mass interested.

We will hold a 1-hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher in the evening on Saturday, March 25, in the KIBSD conference room. It will be another pizza fellowship night. The course is geared toward those interested in pursuing operations (boat crew) but is open to anyone interested. Vito advised there is a C school available for those who wish to dive deeper into TCT.

Our next training night will be Tuesday, February 21 in the KIBSD conference room. We will offer the GoodMate course. Plan is to meet at 6 p.m. for pizza and fellowship, then begin the course around 6:30 p.m.

Wes discussed some of the goals for this year:

The Coastie team is getting ready for presentation season. There has been a request for a presentation on March 3; Fran will get in touch with Coastie Coordinator Penny Boschee.

The Kids Don't Float poster contest committee has already begun planning for this year's contest. They will communicate via email as it is easier than trying to get everyone together and will include FSO-PA Nicole on all communications. Fran is in charge of this year's committee and advised that they will continue to encourage adult participation (for PA reasons, the slogan will remain "Kids Don't Float.") The committee will also encourage multilingual entries by providing entry materials and slogan translations in multiple languages including Spanish, Tagalog and Alutiiq. Vito will advise District so the contest can be further promoted. The committee requested \$500.00 to purchase prizes for the winners, including coffee cards and a life jacket. This will be in lieu of soliciting donations, and the time saved can be put into running the contest.

Nicole MOVED to authorize \$500.00 of flotilla funds to the "Kids Don't Float" poster committee for the purpose of purchasing prizes. Vito seconded the motion.

After some discussion, a voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A number of people who held qualifications last year went into REYR, many of them vessel examiners. FSO-VE Joe Spear Jr. will work with the MWR boat house to get at least one VE re-qualified, and then both can work to get the remaining examiners re-qualified.

Wes noted that everyone in attendance had completed mandated training. Tracey requested a transcript of the courses, including which ones needed to be renewed after five years. Wes will follow up with that information.

The "Kids Don't Float" life jackets and boxes need to be checked regularly and maintained as needed. Wes will touch base with Tad and Peggy Morris regarding inventory of available life jackets and replacing life jackets/decals/boxes as needed. Drew advised that we need to keep in touch with the Alaska Office of Boating Safety regularly throughout the year, as there are certain times throughout the year when life jackets are reordered. In addition to Kodiak, we also maintain boxes in Ouzinkie and Old Harbor, and Drew suggested we keep in touch with VPSOs to see what needs they may have.

Drew advised he will be working on organizing Coast Walk (annual beach cleanup event formerly organized by Island Trails Network and dormant for the past couple of years.) This year's event is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in June (6/3). More details to follow.

Staff reports not addressed above:

OP: Wes advised that anyone with PPE (personal protective equipment – primarily applies to operations) needs to touch base with him as he is working with District to inventory everything that we have.

MT: Sam Chelmo is our new FSO-MT. He will be attending D-TRAIN to prepare for his new position.

HR: Jill is our new FSO-HR and will be attending D-TRAIN to prepare for her new role.

FN: Wes reported the flotilla has \$4785.79 in checking and \$740.65 in savings. We have not yet paid dues. FSO-FN Barb Oatman has not received any more dues payments or disbursement requests.

DV: Vito advised the CG has updated its bullying/hazing policy. This will be a hot topic, with more information to follow. He also commended the KDF poster committee for encouraging multilingual entries. The Alpine Hut (former Ski Chalet) has been actively maintained in the past year and a half and is available and free to use (donation basis.) Amenities include a new wood stove, fire pit and couches. No overnight stays. Jeff expressed concern about children sledding close to the road. Vito advised there is a berm (rock pile) in place to keep sledders off the roadway, but use is at own risk.

PA/PB: Nicole is continuing to update the Facebook page and will post photos from Change of Watch. Interested in reviving the flotilla newsletter; please contact if you have any ideas or would like to contribute.

IS: Turn in your hours! If you are attending meetings or training, the roster you sign will be forwarded to FSO-IS Kalynn Irwin for entry into AUXDATA. If you are volunteering as a small group (e.g. Coastie presenters), delegate someone to note who was there and how long and send it to Kalynn. Sharon advised there are forms for the Coastie presentations that include date/location of presentation, who presented and how many kids. Jill asked how members can check their hours for their own records/motivation. Tracey advised she worked with Kalynn to access the AUXDATA report and print screenshots. Nicole advised she will ask at D-TRAIN and put together a walkthrough to be shared with the flotilla.

Old business: none.

New business:

Wes proposed the idea of a portable "award wall" to be displayed at flotilla meetings/events, etc. This would be in addition to the permanent display area on base that Carlie Franz is looking into. More discussion to follow.

Bowling fellowship event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at Tsunami Lanes on base. Time TBD and will depend on the bowling alley schedule, but will be sometime in the afternoon.

Awards and presentations:

Swearing in of staff officers: postponed due to a number of officers absent.

FC Wes Hanna administered the New Member Oath to Bryan Ferris.

IPFC Drew Herman presented Jill Bunting with the 2016 Auxiliarist of the Year award for her work in getting the membership up to date with mandated training.

Member comments:

Drew mentioned that several members (Wes Hanna, Nicole Clark, Jill Bunting and Sam Chelmo) will be attending the District 17 Summit (D-TRAIN) in a couple of weeks. If anyone has anything they'd like to pass on, let one of them know.

Wes called in to the monthly Sector Anchorage meeting on January 3. Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) formed a detachment of the Kenai flotilla. The detachment has five members. There is also a detachment being established in Ketchikan.

Jane reported that an elder expressed concern about the availability of rescue ladders in the harbor in light of a recent drowning and wondered if there was anything we could do. Jeff advised there are codes relating to the number of/distance between the ladders, as well as life rings. Wes advised we would need to work with the City, as they own and operate the harbor facilities.

There being no further business, Nicole MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Vito seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Clark