

Flotilla 170-02-03, USCG Auxiliary
Saturday, April 13, 2019, 0930
KIBSD Central Services Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Fran March led the flotilla in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

One guest was in attendance. YNC Jerry Grant from the Kodiak Chief Petty Officers' Association introduced himself and said he would be talking about two upcoming events, Tom's Run and the Crab Fest turkey leg booth, later in the meeting.

Lyle moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2019, flotilla meeting; Kalynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicole shared several announcements of upcoming Division/District needs:

- The new DCDR 2, Allan Christopherson, has identified a need for Division staff officers (parallel staffing), particularly in the areas of VE, PV, MT, MA, OP. FSOs should expect an increase in communication from the new SOs (division) as well as from the corresponding DSOs.
- Need for AUX Food Service specialists. Several flotilla members have expressed interest; Nicole has passed their names on to Lori Cook. Training date/location will be announced once it is set.

Nicole and Wes gave a recap of D-Train. Kodiak Flotilla received several awards. Nicole discussed the training that was presented, including: Kids Don't Float, Coastie/PFD Otter, Tribal Relations, 2019 VE Workshop, Flotilla Finance, and more. VFC covered FC academy, and also mentioned that Eagle River member (and DSO-PA) Doris Thomas was recognized during D-Train for 40 years of service to the Auxiliary.

Nicole mentioned several events coming up:

- Coastie @ Kodiak College BBQ, 12-2 p.m. today (April 13)
- Coastie @ MWR Spring Fling on base, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 27 (need volunteers)
- Coastie @ Peterson Elementary, 8:30 a.m. April 29 (need volunteers)
- Walmart Safe Boating Event, 12-4 p.m. May 18 – GOING TO BE HUGE
- Crab Fest 5/23-27

A short discussion about Coastie followed. Danae suggested including older age groups in some of the "behind-the-scenes" learning of how Coastie works. Could be a good mentorship/leadership opportunity. Nicole mentioned that KIBSD is very supportive of the Auxiliary.

Wes reported that March and April have been busy, and re-emphasized the impact of Coastie on the community. He introduced a document called the "Member Involvement Plan" and invited members to take a copy on their way out. This document includes flowcharts detailing

the path to attaining virtually any Auxiliary goal and space to create your own plan. Anyone in leadership can serve as a mentor.

Staff Reports:

HR: New members have been processed much more quickly than in the past.

IS: Kalynn requested new member info for the roster. Keep sending her hours!

MA: Ask if you need help obtaining uniform items.

OP: We have support from D17 Aux and AD personnel for them to come down to Kodiak and assist with training and signoffs. The pressure is on for Kodiak to get this started. Wes has a few repairs to do on his boat, but then it will be ready to be inspected and offered for use. Any boat can be used for practicing skills. Wes will email the crew trainees. Joe offered his boat to do 2-boat training, such as towing. CAPT Patrick Hilbert will be in Kodiak April 24-25 and is very supportive of the crew program in Kodiak.

PA/PB: FB page is staying active, always looking for things to promote. Newsletter should be coming out soon. Kids Don't Float poster contest has concluded; Nicole will send list of winners to KIBSD board secretary for inclusion at next Monday's board meeting, and create a press release to send to KDM and KMXT. Danae suggested making copies of the posters and putting info on what the Aux does/upcoming events on the backs.

PE: Suddenly in Command class TBA, Nicole will help teach. Risk Management training to be offered following the meeting. It can also be taken online and is available to everyone. ABS is slated for next month and will be open to the public.

VE: Joe has already completed one VSC this year. He will contact the boathouse on base to arrange to do the rental boat exams. Trying to connect with the community of Port Lions as there are so many vessels traveling to and from Anton Larsen Bay.

Finance Report: Checking: \$1558.28. Savings: \$1699.25. Upcoming expenses will include: KDF prize money and supplies for the Walmart event. Upcoming revenue will include the SIC and ABS courses.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business: Nicole announced plans to partner with Walmart for a Safe Boating Event on May 18 (the first day of NSBW.) Possible events include: VSC station with sample boats; paddlecraft safety; display of the winning KDF posters; cold water immersion/survival suits; Coastie/children's water safety/life jacket fit demonstration. Andy Schroeder and/or Tom Pogson could be tapped to conduct some training. Recruiting and public education. Assembling planning committee: Kalynn, Lyle, Danae, Joe, Wes. Next phases will be: confirming presenters, supplies and equipment; holding the event; and an after action report.

Kids Don't Float Poster Contest Voting: Fran expressed appreciation to those flotilla members who have helped with the project: Danae, Kathy, Sharon, Nicole, Wes, and Joyce. More than 300 people participated. Fran reviewed the prize distribution plan, and it was decided to select "honorable mention" winners so every school was represented. Danae explained how the voting process works. Fran thanked KIBSD for their support. Fran will contact the grand prize

winner to get the correct sizes for their life jackets; Danae will email teachers announcing the winning entries and inviting parents to attend the school board meeting. Nicole will email the list of winners to Bianca (school board secretary), Wes (certificates) and Barb (checks). Nicole will also get posters color copied and laminated, and will check on having them enlarged and used for the Walmart event.

YNC Grant talked about the Crab Fest booth. All booth helpers need to have fire extinguisher training and a food handler card; all volunteers need to have the food handler card. Fire extinguisher trainings are scheduled for 10 a.m. 4/26 and 10 a.m. 5/3 (need only attend one) at the base fire station. Lunch will be provided after the training. Nicole advised that the Auxiliary will not have our own booth at Crab Fest this year, so all volunteer efforts can be directed to the CPOA booth.

YNC Grant talked about Tom's Run, which will be from 5/31 to 6/2. Kodiak will participate remotely in a 200-mile relay. You can run between 1 and 5 miles. You can volunteer to run/bike and/or help with the post-race BBQ, etc. All runners will have a cyclist with them for safety.

Awards and Recognitions:

Kalynn Irwin was presented with an Auxiliary Information Systems Certificate of Achievement for reporting 25 hours of AuxData/AuxInfo data entry.

Melanie and Ross Weller were presented with certificates for Outstanding Member in Community Relations. Fran March was recognized as an Outstanding Member in Youth Education.

There being no further business, Wes moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.