



**Flotilla 013-02-08**

**FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES**

**01 OCTOBER 2015**

Attendance: 22 Members, 1 Guest and BM1 Barossi of Station Portsmouth Harbor.

Respectfully Submitted: FSO-SR Gladys Benshimol

**Call to order-** FC Costa 1900

**Pledge of Allegiance-** SO-OP Hogan

**Introduction of Visitors-** FC Costa: Jim Connelly.

**Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting** – Motion made by FSO-PV Ladrie and seconded by SO-OP Hogan to approve SEPT2015 minutes. The motion carried, minutes were approved.

**Announcements, Additions to Agenda** – FC Costa thanked VCDR Spiller for distributing the agenda for this month's meeting.

**Flotilla Staff Officer Reports-FC Costa**

**a. Additions or comments to Flotilla Staff Officer Reports**

- FSO-MS Dehne asked for volunteers to assist with check-in, ICP and possibly boat crew for the D.E.S Oil Spill Drill exercise on 14OCT at Pease. Please contact him if you can help.

**b. Albacore Update:** FC Costa said FSO-VE Jamieson extended his thanks to members who made for a well-staffed booth at the well-attended event last month in Portsmouth.

**c. Public Education:**

- FSO-PE Grossi said the BS&S class has begun at York Adult Ed. He welcomed members who might like to come and sit-in on the class with special encouragement to those who might have interest in becoming instructors.
- How to Read a Nautical Chart will be taught at Wells Adult Ed on 15OCT.
- Kittery Adult Ed has invited AUX back for a spring 2016 BS&S class.

**d. Finance Officer's Report-** VCDR Spiller for FSO-FN Wirth:

- Summary of ending budget for SEPT 2015: **Income:**
  - a. Dues: \$108.00. (67 of 82 members are current to date.)
  - b. Uniforms, T-shirts, Decals: \$172.00
  - c. Public Education: \$240.00
  - d. OPFAC donation: \$100.00108+170
- Summary of ending budget for SEPT 2015: **Expenses:**
  - a. Supplies: \$15.00
  - b. Dues Payments: \$2622.00 D1NR (78 DIV 2 (8)
  - c. Miscellaneous: \$65.79 (Station Decals)
- **Balance:** \$7,610.90
- SO-OP Hogan requested that next month the "Starting" and "Ending" totals be separated-out for General and OPFAC.
- Efforts continue to get the Budget Report posted to the website.
- VCDR Spiller moved to increase the Web Hosting budget \$80.00. SO-OP Hogan seconded the motion, which carried on a member vote.

**e. OPFAC Report:**

- VCDR Spiller said there were 80-plus hours logged on the OPFAC and thanks to SO-OP Hogan SAMA money will be forthcoming. FSO-FN Wirth and VCDR Spiller will reconcile this income.
- VCDR Spiller extended a "Big thanks" to FSO-PE Grossi for "doing his rounds" and for all he's done for the OPFAC all season.

**f. ATON update:**

- FSO-NS Ciolino reported being a little behind in season work. All PATON verifications have been completed. Work continues on approximately 25 remaining PATON checks.
- If any coxswains can commandeer an AV patrol it would be appreciated. A list of remaining PATONS for checks was emailed but will be redistributed.

**Old and New Business**

**a. BBQ Recap:** FC Costa said there was a good turnout for the Barbeque. Perfect weather complemented the opportunity to be with Auxiliarists from other regions making it an enjoyable event. FC Costa thanked the committee and other members for their participation.

**b. D2-Train postponed to April, D-Train 2016 update-** FC Costa

- The 10OCT training day has been postponed until APR.



- There will be a 1-day D-Train on 09JAN2016 in Quincy, MA and a 2-day D-Train in Newport, RI in APR 2016. More information will be on D1NR website.
- The Division Formal Dinner will be on 29OCT with an RSVP due to FC Costa by 15 OCT. Uniform: Tropical Blue or Service Dress Blue.

**c. PPE Inspection, TCT:**

- FSO-OP Armstrong said BC who did not have PPE re-inspected in SEPT must do so during OCT to be eligible for any remaining patrols this season.
- FSO-MA Hanson will be available for inspections, 10 & 11OCT 0600-1200 at the Station. Dry suits must be inspected by Station personnel.
- Members who have inflatable Mustangs should check the recall list online.
- MBR Bradbury will be teaching a 1 or 2-day TCT class on 26 and 27OCT at the Navy Yard for the TAHOMA crew and approximately 10 others from 02-08 and the Station. Aux must get clearance onto the Shipyard premises. Contact FSO-OP Armstrong.
- Taking the 8-hour TCT will waive requirement for the 1-hour refresher.

**d. Election Committee Update, Election Date:**

- SO-OP Hogan received letters of intention from FC Costa for FC position in 2016 and from FSO-PE Grossi for VFC position for 2016.
- Election will be at the 05NOV meeting. A quorum of 25% is required (21 members), but, for the good of the Auxiliary, all members are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in this important event.

**e. Change of Watch 30JAN2016 Confirmation:** FC Costa, VCDR Spiller, FSO-PE Grossi offered to serve.

**f. Committees: Audit, Awards, Semper Paratus, Budget**

• **Awards Committee:**

- Per FSO-IS Manning's question, the Semper Paratus Award is included under the aegis of the Awards Committee, members of which include: FSO-IS Manning, MBR Hewitt, and FSO-CS McAndrew.
- Semper Paratus Award criteria is on the Flotilla 28 website. Send nominations with a brief statement of reasons for the nomination to any Awards Committee Member. Other award nominations should also be sent to a committee member. Members should have received a recent email from VCDR Spiller with Information about awards.
- A motion was made by MBR Greig to include a brief description of SP candidates on the ballot. Per recommendation of MBR Wes Smith the motion was tabled pending review of previous minutes where the issue had already been discussed and decided upon.
- Susan McHugh offered that members who are unsure of candidates have the option to abstain.
- FSO-IS Manning initiated discussion about absentee ballots: e.g., e-mail, USPS. FC Costa will get clarification.

- **Audit Committee:** FSO-FN Wirth, VCDR Spiller and FSO-PE Grossi offered to serve.

- **Budget Committee:** FS-FN Wirth, SO-OP Hogan, and VCDR Spiller offered to serve.

**g. Award Presentations**

- MBR Hewitt 10 Year Dedicated Service Award
- SO-OP Hogan 20 Year Dedicated Service Award
- FC Costa 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustained Service Award for 750 hours
- FSO-PE Grossi Superior Performance of Duty
- FSO-PE Grossi 3<sup>rd</sup> Sustained Auxiliary Service Award
- FSO-PE Grossi Superior Performance of Duty Award
- FSO-IS Manning 3<sup>rd</sup> Sustained Auxiliary Service Award
- MBR Greig Successful Completion of 8 Hour TCT
- MBR Bradbury Successful Completion of 8 Hour TCT

**Comments by Auxiliary and other Coast Guard personnel:**

- SO-OP Hogan said SNNE has asked for OCT patrol hours. Season ends 31OCT for safety and budgetary reasons.



- BM1 Barossi confirmed this end-date for the Flotilla OPFAC as well unless there is a specific request/order from the Gold Side.

**For the Good of the Auxiliary**

- SO-OP Hogan said he had spoken with FSO-MT Heath today after his arm surgery. SO-OP Hogan said it was a lengthy procedure but FSO-MT Heath sounded good. FSO-SR Benshimol was instructed to send a card on behalf of the Flotilla.
- FSO-PE Grossi reminded members of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners hosted by the Auxiliary for the Station's Gold Side. FC Costa will send an email requesting volunteers.

**Closing Remarks, Adjourn business meeting:**

Motion to adjourn was made by SO-OP Hogan and seconded by FSO-OP Armstrong. Meeting adjourned at 2003.

**Next meeting: 05 NOV 2015**