

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 46, Cape Ann Gloucester, MA

Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2022

1902: In person meeting held at USCG Station Gloucester - called to order by: FC John Keyes

1903: Pledge of Allegiance led by: Evangeline King

1904: Invocation / Moment of Silence by: Reverend Floyd Grace

1906: Roll Call

Attending members:

John Keyes FC / FSO-CS-IS-PA

Jack Flanagan VFC / FSO-PV

Thomas Clarke FSO-HR

Floyd Grace FSO-AS-DV

John Mellen FSO-CM

Paul Maglio FSO-FN-MA-VE

Donald Strunk

Evangeline King FSO-NS-OP

Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

1907: FC Keyes Remarks:

Pleased to announce that our flotilla has now achieved a quorum 14 months in a row. Meetings in the warmer weather may be held outside.

Reminder of the mandatory annual workshops, e.g. VE, FS, PV (not for boat crew)

Unfinished from January's meeting, attending member Evangeline King participated in the oath of office ceremony and was awarded a certificate for her 2021 staff duties.

Safe Boating material is now available. How to acquire said material will be communicated via email.

As covid restrictions are somewhat being relaxed, we plan to have guests at our meetings.

1917: VFC Jack Flanagan accepted verbally the FSO reports from those in attendance:

Summary

John Mellen – (CM) getting more members qualified for radio facilities.

Paul Maglio – (FN-MA-VE) discussed our excellent financial posture, plans to team up with Ralph Milroy for future public courses, VE stickers available as well as other materials.

Discussion regarding member renewals and transfers.

Floyd Grace – (AS-DV) updated us in his respective duties.

Continued FSO reports

Tom Clarke – (HR) touched on his review regarding new member procedures and his experience with new member prospects.

Evangeline King – (NS-OP) discussed her NS and boat crew endeavors (Jack Flanagan offered encouragement)

Gerry Davidson – (SR) reported on his secretarial duties.

John Keyes – (CS) mentioned that our meeting minutes are available on our password protected website and reminded us of “Safe Boating Week” coming up in May.

Jack Flanagan – (PV) gave his insight on the several PVs’ in the flotilla.

1953: Old Business / New Business

FC John Keyes – informed us that the Coast Guard has a mentoring program which has been offered to the Auxiliary.

Paul Maglio – informed us of his free and on his own (outside of the Auxiliary) Sunday classes with the Sea Scouts.

Tom Clarke – Re: \$150 Zoom account, mentioned his experience pertaining to how it operates

Don Strunk – commented on how the free Zoom account works.

2005: Brief Recess

2016: FC Keyes – had a discussion on Sea Scouts, pros & cons, thinks it worth the effort. Mentoring, training & certification for both the flotilla as well as the Sea Scouts. But, should we embark on the process, we’d have to be committed to succeed. Can’t be one person effort, recommended four as a minimum and all involved get qualified before the summer (can be 2 Auxiliarists & 2 adult sea scouts = minimum).

Tom Clarke – added to the discussion, Youth Protection training course having several levels of structures.

VFC Jack Flanagan – proposed that a District Officer can render advice.

2041: FC John Keyes – topic of unused uniform items to share.

Don Strunk – touched on uniforms at the Division 4 website as well as a uniform tailor in Somerville.

Chapter 10 of the AUXMAN explains disposing uniforms.

FC John Keyes – a mention of receiving ribbons/awards.

Floyd Grace – asked about the 3 Star NACO award.

2050: A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Davidson (SR) and seconded by Don Strunk was unanimously agreed to.

Respectfully submitted:
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR
Cape Ann Flotilla
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