

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

Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2023

- 1900:** In person meeting held at USCG Station Gloucester - called to order by: FC Tom Clarke
- 1900:** Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Flanagan
- 1902:** Moment of Silence by: Jack Flanagan
Coast Guard prayer recited by: Jack Flanagan
- 1906:** Roll Call by: Gerry Davidson FSO-SR
Attending members:
Thomas Clarke FC / FSO-HR
John Keyes IPFC / FSO-CS-IS-PA
Jack Flanagan FSO-PV-PE
Paul Maglio FSO-FN-MA-VE
John Mellen FSO-CM
David Swensen FSO-MT
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR
Chris Houlihan
Alberto Hernandez
Allyson O'Connor
CWO-2 Elijah Reynolds (Guest)
- 1907:** Swearing in ceremony of new members "Alberto Hernandez & Allyson O'Connor"
- 1909:** Introduction of Guest: Asst. DIRAUX/OTO Elijah Reynolds
Some remarks: CWO-2 Reynolds expressed that the Active Duty CG appreciates our efforts. Active duty coast guard being short handed, he predicts to be a 10 year problem. There will be new missions for the Auxiliary in the future. Should ATON not be accomplished by the Auxiliary thus, will fall to the Active Duty CG. Paddle craft is getting more attention, paddle craft ashore & paddle craft afloat.
- 1915:** Awards Ceremony officiated by John Keyes
Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation
Recipients: John A. Flanagan, Paul L. Maglio, Thomas H. Clarke
(See attached copies)
- 1926:** FC Tom Clarke's initial remarks and calling for a vote on Flotilla 46 Standing Rules & Appendices.
Motion to accept by Jack Flanagan and seconded by David Swensen
Vote = unanimously approved.
- 1931:** IPFC John Keyes accepted FSO Reports with additional new info not yet submitted.

1941: FC Tom Clarke's continuing remarks and recognizing those with input on various topics e.g. Chris Houlihan advised on Boat Crew certification, swim test once per year.

Continuing member input

-John Mellen remarked on "best time to achieve Radio Facility approval", and must be TCO qualified. John M. announced he is presently training for watchstander.

-Paul Maglio & John Mellen discussed paying \$ cash for meals during training at Station Gloucester.

-Ally O'Connor suggested for the Boat Crew Manuals for sale on Amazon, make sure they are the latest version.

1955: New Business

FC Clarke announced that he informed Station Gloucester for various Auxiliary contacts (e.g. PE, VE, etc.)

-Chaplain Floyd Grace is deployed on assignment.

-FC Clarke also announced that the Flotilla has positions open for FSO-NS & FSO-OP.

2000: John Keyes requested feedback regarding PA events for 2023.

-David Swensen and Ally O'Connor touched on Gloucester 400 events.

-Ally O'Connor reminded us about the annual Schooner Festival, & also that the local American Legion Post 3 (old Gloucester City Hall) monthly breakfast is open to the Active Duty CG as well as the Auxiliary.

Also mentioned, auxiliariast not required to be a veteran.

2015: Prior Business

FC Clarke asked about member personal skills that could possibly assist the Active Duty Coast Guard.

Chris Houlihan touched on financial advice (e.g. setting up one's bank account, to acquire a notary, cpa, etc.)

Gerry Davidson offered a suggestion for something like our school days Guidance Councilor for assisting new Duty CG in everyday personal decisions.

The thought behind this was that most of us have experience in those matters.

2034: SR Gerry Davidson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Houlihan and unanimously agreed to.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023 (Monday)

Location: Station Gloucester, 1900 hrs

Uniform: ODU

Respectfully submitted:

Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

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