

## Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2021

**1900:** Virtual meeting held on *Microsoft Teams* called to order.

**1905:** Roll Call

Attending members and guest:

Mark Lapham FC  
John Keyes VFC / FSO-CS-IS  
Ralph Milroy IPFC / FSO-PE  
John Mellen FSO-CM  
Floyd Grace FSO-DV  
Paul Maglio FSO-FN-MA-VE  
Tom Clarke FSO-HR-MT  
Evangeline King FSO-NS-OP-PA  
Jack Flanagan FSO-PV  
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
Bill O'Neil  
Bob Goetschkes Guest and future member

**1910:** Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance

Invocation by Floyd Grace ACS-Chaplain

**1915:** Flotilla Commander Mark Lapham's Presentation

Future vision and goals including our progress through the years.

Commander's Discussion:

1) Quest for copy of the Standing Rules. It was mentioned that the most recent are from the Beverly Flotilla 2012.

Also, would like to acquire any available past records from our Cape Ann Flotilla.

2) Explanation of goals - recruitment and retention, increase outreach efforts, grow operational and support capabilities.

3) Reasons why members join the Auxiliary including their primary source of satisfaction as well as their dissatisfaction (**see attached graphs**).

4) To seek out available remote training seminars.

5) Reminders of the Auxiliary's organization structure (span of control) and the four cornerstones (**see Auxman A.1**).

6) Establishing three new committees: Budget Committee - Historical Committee - Outreach Committee.

**2000:** FSO Report Updates

All January 2021 reports previously submitted have been entered into the official records.

Additional FSO discussions:

Tom Clarke FSO-HR-MT expressed his thoughts on inquiring from the USCG as to what they would like our flotilla to participate in which would be beneficial.

John Mellen FSO-CM informed us of the shortages in the food service program. Watchstanders are appreciated and that the USCG would like to train on auxiliaries' vessels. Also, there are other assistance opportunities to the USCG other than being on the water. Lastly, radio activities are on going.

Jack Flanagan FSO-PV touched on John Mellon's Division activities. The availability of used uniforms was brought up and Jack informed us of a trip to CG Bourne for acquisition is probable after the stand down order is lifted. Re: PV, waiting to hear when authorized activities will resume.

John Keyes VFC listed some available opportunities at the Division. Also, USCG needs for watchstanders, coxswains, aids to navigation, air crew, boat crew, etc. From the FL46 archives, John provided us a historical article for us to view.

Mark Lapham FC requested the article be distributed to the entire membership (**see the attachment**). Also, he discussed the NACO 3-Star Award "Excellence in Diversity Mgmt" achieved since 2019 to present.

Evangeline King FSO-NS-OP-PA gave report highlights from her respective staff positions. Requested from Tom Clarke (MT) how to get certified for "Aids to Navigation"?

Ralph Milroy IPFC / FSO-PE Nothing scheduled due to the stand down order however, virtual courses are being offered by other flotillas.

Paul Maglio FSO-FN-VE No outstanding membership dues and reports 120 stickers have arrived and will begin distribution when authorized.

**2030:** Old Business / New Business

Jack Flanagan announced he has awards for five flotilla members and made congratulating remarks regarding member promotions.

Bob Goetschkes guest and future member had his question regarding uniforms answered by Paul Maglio FN.

Mark Lapham FC remarks on new members coming aboard and a brief mention of the AUXSCOUT.

Mark plans for having two guest speakers at our next (February) virtual meeting: Jason Oliveira DSO-AS to discuss AUXSCOUT and David McClure DCOS to discuss the Auxiliary University Program. **Members are requested to attend in ODUs' if possible.**

**2055:** A motion to adjourn was made and second, unanimously agreed to.

Respectfully submitted:  
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
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