



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2017

FC Olsen brought the meeting to order at 1900hrs. It was determined there was a quorum. Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

FC mentioned his goals for the upcoming year. Recruitment of new members, retention of present members, and reaching out to inactive members and trying to get them to get involved again.

Guests were Senior Chief Petty Officer Steven Beasley, BM2 Kevin Grant (our Flotilla liaison) and BM2 Rachel Corbett. All were welcomed to our meeting and stated that they intended to try and attend each meeting if possible.

Senior Chief Beasley spoke about his plans for Safe Boating Week, which are still in the making. He wants to have an open house at the Pt. Judith Station and hopes that we as a flotilla will be involved. He mentioned possibly doing VSC's on attendees who have trailered boats by opening up the parking area for that purpose. He envisions possibly a Rescue Swimmer deployment from a Helo as a demonstration. He will keep us advised as the plans progress. The entire Flotilla voiced their commitment to this endeavor.

From Division: Division CDR Cunniff stated that Division's goals are to really push the "Wear It" Campaign as well as "Paddlesmart" courses and education. He also reminded all of the Change Of Watch scheduled for 21JAN17 at Davenport's Restaurant in East Providence. He also encouraged members to try an attend D-Train in Newport on 3,4,5FEB17, although the cutoff for registering was 13JAN.

VFC Hanson obtained staff reports from our FSO's. Due to the time of year, not a lot to report. Dave Johnson is working on scheduling some ABS Classes for the Spring, Dave Kerwood mentioned the Salt Water Fishing Show coming up in March...there is a need for Watch Standers as always!

VFC Hanson is organizing through the Westerly Ambulance Corps a class where all members in REYRS can attend for CPR, AED, and First Aid Training. Date will follow soon and the notice will go out at that time. The cost will only be \$5.00 which is for the certification card.

There was mention that there is a need on at least two days in March for anyone with FS certification to help out at the Station as their only FS Person requires a couple of days off. Jim Beardsley will handle March 13th and Ken Olsen, Oudi Ouder Kirk and Sally Hanson will handle March 10th. There may be further need on weekends which will be covered if possible based on our availability.



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Senior Chief Beasley also mentioned that this year starting on Memorial Day through Labor Day, they are going to try and keep Block Island Station staffed with Boat Crew seven days a week. He asked that all qualified Boat Crew and Coxswains keep this in mind as the time nears and think about participating in this important mission.

FSO-FN Kit Griffith also asked for a motion to donate money to the Coast Guard Mutual Aid association. Somehow it slipped by us last year and is something that we have done on a regular basis for some years now. In the past we have donated \$100.00. Kit asked that we up the amount to \$200.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed. He will be issuing the check immediately.

VFC Hanson thought it might be less of a burden on the Command Staff to ask members to sign up to bring the snacks to our meetings, taking turns obviously so it is someone different each month. Several people signed up before the meeting ended. FC Olsen stated he would continue to provide the coffee.

Lastly two awards that had not been given out were given to Pete Antonacci; A Coast Guard Unit Commendation and a 15 year service award. Congratulations to Pete!

At approximately 2000hrs a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next meeting is again at South Kingstown Police Department on February 20, 2017.

Submitted (by memory) by,

FC Ken Olsen