



MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2017

FC Olsen brought the meeting to order at 1900hrs. It was determined there was not a quorum with only 11 members present, later in the meeting 12. Quorum just met. Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

FC mentioned updates on Core courses: Those who have not completed them may only do the following: 1. Attend meetings and vote, 2. Attend Social Functions, 3. ONLY train in completing core courses, and 4. UNTIL CORE COURSES COMPLETED THEY ARE NOT INSURED.

Guests BM2 Kevin Grant (our Flotilla liaison) and BM3 Connor Herrick. All were welcomed to our meeting and stated that they intended to try and attend each meeting if possible.

BM2 Grant will check with Senior Chief Beasley to get us a time/date and expectations for the upcoming kickoff of "Safe Boating Week" where he plans to have our Flotilla at Station Pt. Judith to conduct VE's, answer questions to the public, etc. He also invited us to a special dedication/commemoration on March 25th 2017 marking the passing of one of their own in a training accident. Service Dress Blue Uniform with Combination cover is required.

From Division: Division CDR Cunniff was out of our AOR and FC Olsen passed on information from last Division Meeting. Stressed core course completion, Division will pay for parking for anyone who watch stands at the New England Boat Show in Boston this June. (car-pooling is recommended), SAR vests are required for ALL boat crew. Those needing items should notify FC Olsen who will contact Charles Jenison. Additionally, three boats from both New England sectors (NE and SE) are committed to manning Block Island this summer to supplant the boat crews as Senior Chief Beasley requested at the last meeting.

VFC Hanson obtained staff reports from our FSO's:

MT: CPR and First Aid training on March 18th at the Westerly Ambulance Corps from 1000 till 1300. Motion made to have Flotilla pay for the member training. Only \$5.00 per person for their card, seconded, no discussion, unanimously approved. Thank you to VFC Hanson for setting this up. Note: ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED CORE TRAINING MAY PARTICIPATE.

OPS: Dates for boat crew training will be posted on Flotilla 79 Website.

PE. Dave Johnson has a few classes in the works, primarily at the Guild in Wakefield. Dates and times TBD based on sign-ups. All data will be posted on Flotilla website.



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PA: John Ouderkirk had planned a meet and greet with several local newspapers but the snowstorm prevented those meetings. They are to be rescheduled. Under his role as DV officer, he also attended a webinar and consulted with SO-DV Marcus Mitchell. Goal is to recruit members to Flotillas that "reflect the face of America". All members urged to try and recruit some new members to our flotilla.

CS: Dave Kerwood advised that www.flotilla79.org is back up and running and requested we forward all events, classes, and any other pertinent information to him so he can post it on the site. He also offered that each months meeting minutes be sent to him so we have a permanent record should anyone want to read back on past meetings. FC Olsen will ensure these are sent.

BM2 Grant also mentioned there is assistance needed on weekends through April for FS personnel at the Station. All FS personnel are doing their best to try and accommodate. He mentioned that our efforts are truly appreciated.

FSO-FN: Was absent but via email assured all accounts were balanced and up to date. A question was posed by Tom McHugh whether the audit had taken place. It was completed by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Ouderkirk. A suggestion was made that a third party be involved at next audit. FC Olsen will see that a third person is involved in the next audit.

FSO-NA Livolsi mentioned that WEB training for ATON will begin on 21FEB at 1945hrs. He will be in attendance.

Awards were given out to several members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2015hrs. Seconded and passed.

FC Olsen and VFC Hanson had a brief Staff Meeting with the FSO's in attendance immediately following the meeting. All was concluded at 2030hrs.

Next meeting is at the Westerly Yacht Club on March 20, 2017 at 1900hrs. There will be a guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Olsen, FC (with assistance from FSO-VE Joe McElroy)