

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 79 MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 15, 2018

South Kingstown Police Department, 1790 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02813

1. Meeting called to Order-1900 hours.

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Moment of Silence
- c) A quorum was present for this meeting

2. GUESTS INTRODUCED:

BM2 Kevin Grant
BM2 Kirsten Allen
BM3 Andrew Velky

3. FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REMARKS / REPORT

FC Olsen took the opportunity to encourage members to come up with ideas to promote Paddle Craft Safety Programs, and Member recruitment. He suggested that we try to get opportunities to address local organizations to acquaint them with our mission in order to stimulate their interest in joining the auxiliary. Also, to boost member recruitment and retention we will incorporate a guest speaker program and informal training into the monthly meetings.

4. REPORTS/REMARKS OF VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER AND STAFF OFFICERS

a) VFC Hanson recently attended the Leadership Development Academy and found it to be quite informative. She recommends it for anyone interested in a leadership position.

b) In the intervening month since last meeting the VFC sent to Staff Officers both a schedule of the dates for Staff Officer Reports to the VFC, as well as a copy of her Monthly Staff Officer Report. SOs who missed the written report gave the following reports, verbally, at this meeting:

c) FSO-CS Kerwood had no report but suggested attendance at D Train

d) FSO-DV Ouderkirk no report

e) FSO-FN Griffith forwarded information to indicate 1) that there are no financial/bookkeeping problems, 2) a check that was received bounced but was ultimately resolved, and 3) reintegration of C. Livolsi into Flotilla 79 has been accomplished

f) FSO-OP T. Livolsi forwarded information to indicate 1) there was a smooth turnover of responsibilities from Beardsley to T. Livolsi, 2) the gaskets on the P5 pump have been replaced,

g) FSO-PA Ouderkirk reported 1) the newsletter went out, 2) it is not too early to come up with ideas for National Safe Boating Week. To this end a committee of Tom McHugh, Joe McElroy and Dave Kerwood and BM2 Kevin Grant was drafted (volunteered.)

h) FSO-CM Landry no report

i) FSO-PE Johnson is currently working up the Spring training schedule.

5. ONGOING BUSINESS

Members are requested to consider volunteering to serve as officers, vessel examiners Instructors and Aids Verifiers.

6. DIVISION UPDATES

IPDCDR Cunniff reported that 7025 Audit report is due on 1/31/2018.
Paddle craft safety is a hot issue.

7. NEW BUSINESS -

a) The Auxiliary should communicate with the Station to pick a date for Safe Boating Week.

8. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

Thanks to BM2 Grant for handling the garment sales.

FC Olsen gave a shout out to all members who received their awards for the Block Island SAR detail who received their Meritorious Team Commendation ribbons at the Christmas Party from Sr.Chief Beasley.

9. AWARDS

- J Beardsley received an award for completing a 4 hour course in Team Coordinator Training.
- David Kerwood received a certificate for 10 years of Dedicated service.
- IPDCDR Cunniff received a Meritorious Team Commendation for 1100 hours of Search and Rescue with the USCG. The award was presented by BM2 Grant

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN was presented and passed without abstention at 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

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