



FLOTILLA 4-11, MAIN LINE

MINUTES

Tuesday, **June 11**, 2019 @1930 - 2200
Ithan, Radnor Hotel

FC: Don Monkhouse

VFC: Bayard Anderson

- a. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – led by *Dixon*
- b. **Invocation** – led by *Sheetz*
- c. **United States Coast Guard Guardian Ethos** – led by *Moatz*

I am America's Maritime Guardian.
I serve the citizens of the United States.
I will protect them.
I will defend them.
I will save them.
I am their Shield.
For them I am Semper Paratus.
I live the Coast Guard core values.
I am a Guardian.
We are the United States Coast Guard.

- d. **Introduction of Guests** –Ken Enochs, Dave Savage, James Lynn, Peter Lacey, Scott Graham & Chris Bishop
- e. **Determination of Quorum (%)** – 9/13 = 69%

Attendees: Monkhouse, Anderson, Munroe, Dawson, Dixon, Moatz, Sheetz, McGeehan, Ramer

Number of Members in Uniform: eight

Apologies:

Absentees: Ingiosi, Phinney, Webster, Leidy, O'Donnell

- f. **Bridge Address to the Flotilla Membership** –DCDR Pete Lacey & VCDR Scott Graham introduced themselves and advised that they are in charge of Division 4. There are 8 flotillas under their jurisdiction and they have their meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month. They discussed how impressive the food drive was during the government shutdown. Division 4 raised the value of about \$3133.18. Which included \$630 worth of

WaWa gas cards, \$2,200 shopping trip food and food donations with the value of about \$300. They thanked the participation of 4-11 membership for their contributions.

g. Recognition & Pledge – Conducted by *DCDR*

DCDR conducted the pledging of Barbara Dixon.

A photo of the ceremony can be found on our Facebook Page.

h. Adoption of Minutes – May 13, 2019-Adopted

i. FC Opening Remarks – An auspicious occasion to host the Bridge management at this meeting

j. FSO Reports for 2019 – VFC

PUBLIC EDUCATION: PE – Anderson

Suddenly in Command rescheduled for July 10th. Dixon will reach out to American Legion Post 668 to confirm date.

Post Meeting Note: SIC Committee has since postponed this event to a later date.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: PA – Ramer

Wheels of Wayne was a PR success as many people were introduced to the USCG Aux. A few expressed interests in our organization but there were no firm commitments. The event was attended by Ramer, Sheetz, Dawson and Munroe. Special thanks to Phoenixville Flotilla for letting us use their trailer and Sheetz for picking up/dropping off trailer. One highlight was the interest shown by the children who tried on lifejackets with their parents looking on.

HUMAN RESOURCES: HR – Munroe (*Assistant – Ingirosi*)

Dave Savage, Chris Bishop, James Lynn need to go over paperwork to get citizenship verified with Ray Sims at the Division Meeting. Munroe discussed interest in becoming a citizenship verifier.

Mentors - instead of assigning mentors to new members, it was discussed that anyone interested in becoming a mentor to please see Munro privately. New members will then pick their own mentor.

Dues owed - Webster will contact Moatz, Phinney wants to pay dues, and Munroe has called O'Donnell but has not had any return calls.

SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNICIAN: – Dixon

Informed Flotilla that we now have a new, public Facebook page thanks to Emma Laing. It will now be easier for the public to see and post to the Facebook page.

VESSEL EXAMINATION: VE – Sheetz

Ramer needs to pass the VE test before he is able to conduct VSCs. Monkhouse did 9 VEs, Dawson did 11 and Munroe did 8. Need to order VE decals - Anderson is responsible for ordering them. Monkhouse and Munroe can also order decals.

2nd VE day - Sheetz contacted Corinthian Yacht Club and he wants to contact West End Boat Club. Will send out a group email within next week about the agreed date.

MEMBER TRAINING: MT – Dawson

Dawson reported he needs new computer for educational classes/training

DIVERSITY: DV – Ramer – (Assistants – Dixon, Ingiosi, Bishop)

Ramer set up a few more outreaches this month. Application must be sent by June 30th. Talked about the different goals that need to be met for the NACO 3 Star Award. Some examples are: fellowship dinner has to happen twice a year, diversity training and 50% members attending meeting this year. Just need to meet a few more goals before we can send in the application.

MATERIALS: MA – Anderson – (Assistant – Dixon)

Dixon was given boxes of insignia/pins to take inventory.

PROGRAM VISITOR: PV – Anderson – (Assistant – Dixon)

Munroe suggested we schedule more program visitations to distribute educational brochures.

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: NS – Dawson

Nothing new to report

OPERATIONS: OP – Munroe

Munroe was concerned that we need PPEs for McGeehan & Monkhouse because it will be helpful with safety training. Division 4 has them and hopefully hand them over at the Division meeting.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS: IS – Munroe

It was reported that all is up to date.

FINANCE: FN – Moatz

Checking account information shared. Discussion of dues discussed. Moatz shared that 12 out of 15 member dues are paid.

SECRETARY/RECORDS: SR- Euker – (Assistant – Dixon)

Dixon working with Euker to work on taking minutes from meetings in his absence.

k. ***FIVE MINUTE BREAK (Beverages were provided by Hotel)***

l. **Old Business**

Sheetz needs to speak to General Manager at the Union league GuardHouse to discuss menu and confirm the availability of a private room. The Flotilla EOY celebration meeting was tentatively set for Sunday, December 15 at noon.

m. New Business

Dawson discussed the August outing plans in lieu of the monthly meeting. We will be visiting Havre de Grace, MD on Friday, July 16th. Discussion of visiting Concord Point Lighthouse, the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum and the Lock House Museum. Planning for the picnic has been deferred to the July meeting.

Flotilla GAR evaluation – Flotilla received a score of 9 for GAR evaluation - Doing Well.

The volunteer for Fireside Chat #6 is Bill Moatz.

n. Fireside Chat #5 – “You’re the Skipper, You’re Responsible” – Anderson

Anderson discussed responsibilities of Skipper, but ultimately owner of the boat is also responsible. When loaning your boat out make sure the skipper is well trained and knows the rules of the sea. Before you leave dock always do a short tour of the boat and safety equipment. Make passengers aware of what needs to be done in case of an emergency. Remember always give assistance to someone in need unless it will endanger yourself or vessel. Group discussed different scenarios and stories about this topic.

o. What Knot To Do in July – Demo for practice at home – Munroe

Will be discussed at future meeting

p. Nautical Term of the Month – “Splice the Main Brace” – Munroe

Munroe tested our knowledge of various nautical terms and catch phrases. Skuttlebutt, Bumpkin and Moonraker are a few examples of words for which we learned the meaning/history.

q. Instruction: Outside Speaker Series –

Ken Enochs (Flotilla 4-9) is an instructor and has been involved with food services (AUX FS) since the program’s inception. Enochs talked about his personal experience working in this field and how it has been very fulfilling. The training takes place over the weekend, starting Friday, ending Sunday with the class preparing a meal on the base. A new class will be forming soon and anyone interested should contact him at k.enochs@inspectman.com.

r. Guest Speaker Coming Attractions –

CPR certification class is scheduled for 5:00 on July 8th before the Flotilla meeting. Set up will start at 4:30 and 8 members are expected to attend.

s. Comments for the Good of the Flotilla & Auxiliary – Closing Remarks by the Bridge

The Bridge congratulated the Flotilla on an impressive and well-organized meeting. It was the best they had been to so far. Graham opened the floor to any questions the members had for the Division. Anderson discussed membership and the difficulties becoming a member. Graham gave back positive feedback and some issues were discussed. Members were given an invitation to attend a Division meeting to see how it works and become a more informed member.

t. Adjournment**u. Fellowship**

Calendar: Next Flotilla Meeting: 7:30 pm on **Monday, July 08, 2019**
Next Division Meeting: 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019**
Our Summer Outing: 10:00 am on Friday, August 16, 2019 at the Havre de Grace
Decoy Museum/Lockhouse
Suddenly in Command: July 19-start time will be discussed
D-TRAIN: September 13-15, 2019
Marcus Hook Pirate Festival (TRACEN): September 20-21, 2019
EOY Celebration: 12:00 pm in December

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FEMA Courses: http://ntc.cgaux.org/ics_support.php

Classroom: AUXLMS