## USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Agenda Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Time: Need Time

Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 South West 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Anthony Lapicola called the meeting to order at 1932.
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Anthony Lapicola.
- IV. Inspirational message: moment of silence observed.
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda. None.
    - B. Guest introductions: Alfredo Nardi introduced Fernando Villa who was processed at the Orientation and Processing meeting at Air Station Opa Locka.
    - C. Approval of meeting minutes: moved by Alfredo Nardi, seconded by Henry Quintana and approved by acclimation.
    - D. Member welfare: Bob Myers is ill with the flu. Robson Tavares returned following the completion of his police academy training.
    - E. Division meeting report, given by FC Anthony Lapicola:
      - Tom Walker would like everyone to go online and complete the "<u>Good Mate</u>" program. There's a <u>study guide</u> and an <u>exam</u>. This program centers around environmental issues. This is a requirement for the trident program.
      - There's a new form, 7028, which allows for your own amendment of your own records. It will submit the completed form to the FSO-IS. The zip code is listed as the zip plus four format. The system will email you to advise if the entries are accepted or rejected.
      - The calling tree will go off anew sometime between 16-18 May 2013. Team captains should remain the same. We must have 100% compliance. The caller will be Everbridge.
      - The prior ODU order was partially filled and distributed post-business meeting. The tucked uniform may still be used until they become unserviceable. Extra signage for those who were planning on offering their vessels as facilities were also made available. Officer shoulder boards courtesy of Shelly Dobkin were also made available.
      - On 7 April 2013, there will be an Auxiliary Leadership Workshop at Station Miami Beach, from 0800 until 1600. Uniform of the day will be either ODU or tropical blue, but it must be a complete uniform. Otherwise, wear business attire.
      - Due to sequestration, please fuel at the base. When on patrol, when you are underway, please advise as to your float plan. They want to know your intended route to better dispatch facilities. When you call in with your position, advise as to which way you are going next.
      - Anniversaries for flotillas, if a memorable anniversary is coming up, please advise. This Flotilla will be 47 in May.

- The Tradewinds exercise resulted in commendations for Henry Quintana and Ian MacBaradit.
- The rest of the division meeting was devoted to recruiting.
- Marcelo Freire, the division operations officer, offered helo operations training and qualifications. Contact Marcelo Freire if you are interested. Heaving line and a hailer are available for active facilities, ask Anthony Lapicola.
- QE has a maximum of two people on the check ride. If you are going for requalifications and you fail, then you are downgraded to a trainee. This is only in the division minutes, there is no particular rule. To get information inquiries, you have to use the help desk through the D7 gateway, member services. The flotillas can no longer have training patrols. The Flotilla will seek clarification as to whether the limitation applies to members seeking requalification.
- Recruiting procedures: a recruiting flier will include contact information for the FSO-HR. A Google phone number can be procured to have as the contact number. There is now an 8-member mentoring team to assist new members acclimate to the Flotilla.
- VI. Reports, VFC María T. Armas calls for FSO reports: Committee Reports: none. Staff Officer Reports:
  - A. FSO-FN Robert Myers, unavailable. Report by Anthony Lapicola. Alfredo Nardi noted a \$30 addition error. See the previously circulated financial report. BS&S fees were collected.
  - B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan, no report.
  - C. FSO-CS María T. Armas, no report.
  - D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi. Mr. Villa's paperwork is being processed. The BS&S class resulted in four leads which are ongoing. Alfredo noted he had a 5-member mentoring team, but Tony will update. The team members were given a list of the new members for the last two years.
  - E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit, not present. New member supplies were ordered. State of Florida regulations were acquired by Elena Cohan.

- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin. National Safe Boating Week is 18-24 May 2013. There will be activities scheduled, see James if you would like to participate.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan. Still trying to work out the requalifications the for 17 members who need this service. schedule To Elks Lodge meeting space. Annie needs our schedule. We also need to ensure we have a room for the BS&S class. Chris noted that there have been problems scheduling a room for training purposes.
- H. FSO-MV Scott Blumenthal. We have our <u>B&F Marine</u> event, and help is needed. On 10 April 2013, there will be outreach and education. 13 April 2013 is set for VSCs, from 0800 through 1600. The uniform is either the ODU or the tropical blue.
- I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan. The7028 form may be sent out

to the members so we can check it out.

- J. FSO-OP Abelardo Lopez de Queralta. Our next weekend is 20-21 April 2013. Two vessels, *Taxfree* and *Howdy*, are set for Saturday. There will be an effort to do training. Two more facilities were needed for Sunday. Tony Lapicola took South Bay on Sunday. If you need to requalify, contact Abe.
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps, not present, no report. On May 1, there will be an event at <u>Banyan</u> <u>Elementary School</u>, similar to the Boy Scout Camporee. See Tony if you are interested.

- L. FSO-PE Elena Cohan. Chris Cohan gave the report, 58 kids are signed up for the Youth Safe Boating class, which is set for 18 May 2013, the first day of NSBW. Assistance is needed.
- M. FSO-SR, vacant, no report
- N. FSO-VE David Neal. Saturday is our VSC day at <u>Black Point</u>. Carole Moppert passed her VE exam. Henry Quintana wanted to requalify for VE. Uniform of the day is full ODU.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz, not present.
- P. FSO-PB, Enrique Ventura, not present.

- VII. Old Business: None.
- VIII. New Business:
  - The canopy has been permanently borrowed and needs to be replaced. Frank Sullivan will purchase and be reimbursed. We may need room space for the BS&S if the Elks Lodge is unavailable, frank stated that Annie needs a schedule.
  - Patrick Powell is still awaiting his background checks to get final qualification. There appear to new criteria which are not written anywhere for member consideration. The help desk will have to be consulted regularly.

Comments from the Floor:

• Mandy Framil offered training on the CLIO project regarding climate change which will be conducted next month.

Awards:

Henry Quintana for the Tradewinds exercise and for interpretation support from the Department of Defense during a joint exercise with Chile; Chris Cohan for five years of Auxiliary service.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 7 May 2013 at 19:30. Moved to adjourn at 21:05 by Eric Jones, seconded by Henry Quintana.