



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65, Miami South Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 05 April 2017
Time: 19:30 hours
Location: [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Led by Ayisha Loya, USCG.
- IV. Inspirational message: Moment of silence.
- V. Business meeting, directed by David Neal:
 - A. Call for additional agenda items - (members wishing to have items discussed must submit for addition to the agenda). No additional items added.
 - B. Guest introductions: Bob Hopps introduced guest Diego Cely, who is interested in joining the Auxiliary. Our Flotilla was also visited by a new USCG Liaison, Ayisha Loya, who thanked us for helping out with training and who offered to facilitate communication with the Coast Guard.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: March 2016 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve: First by Scott Blumenthal; second by Patrick Powell. Motion approved by acclamation.
 - D. Member welfare: Frank Sullivan presented uniform items donated by Ed Burbank, who is unable to participate in Auxiliary activities. Mandy Framil is recovering from knee surgery.
 - E. Report from Division: There was no Division meeting because of the cookout picnic held last month at Bill Baggs park. We had good Flotilla participation at the event with about 10 members and 6 guests. RS&S safety equipment gear is to be inspected. David will inspect safety gear, such as PFD's, lights, etc.
- VI. Reports: Committee Reports:
 - A. Fellowship Committee: We are having a cook-out on Saturday with vessel inspections. Tony will do hot dogs and hamburgers. Members can show up from 9:00 to 1:00pm. Uniform is shorts and t-shirts, white-socks, and black shoes. Upcoming next month for NSBW, we will do the same kind of thing on May 20th, which is a larger scale. And on July 22nd, we will do a picnic at Matheson Hammock Park. A decision will be made to get a caterer or to cook on our own. Carol Moppert will look into finding a caterer for the event. There will be an update for the next Flotilla meeting.

- B. Recruitment Committee: William Ambros will keep an eye on local media to see if there are events to attend where we can set up a table. Also, we have our Auxiliary Flotilla 65 Brochure, which is being reprinted and updated. David Neal is on the Division recruitment committee. Carol Moppert suggested setting up a table at the Perez Art Museum, or the Science Museum.

Staff Officer Reports - Distributed with agenda.

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| A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan | K. FSO-PA vacant |
| B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan | L. FSO-PE Carol Moppert |
| C. FSO-CS William Ambros | M. FSO-SR James Guilmartin |
| D. FSO-HR Bob Hopps | N. FSO-VE vacant |
| E. FSO-MA Dan Berger | O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz |
| F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin | P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura |
| G. FSO-MT David Neal | Q. FSO-DV vacant |
| H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal | R. FSO-CC vacant |
| I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola | |
| J. FSO-OP Ross Gibson | |

Notes:

1) Operations: Ross Gibson - needs crew counts for two boats going out on Saturday the 15th. One vessel is for sure. Eric Jones' boat has enough crew already, but trainees are especially invited. If Tony Lapicola's boat is working, he can take more crew. Contact either Eric or Tony if you are interested in participating.

2) Member Training: David Neal said that Member training will be held at the Moose Lodge this coming Monday. Carol Moppert said that an Auxiliary communications course for radio will be coming up.

VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2017 FSOs: FSO opportunities are available for Diversity, Public Affairs, Vessel Examiner, and Career Counseling.
- B. Update member information online: Make sure your information is up to date. Let Tony know if you need to request the changes, then Tony does the actual change. You can send an email to Tony with your request, but he has to do the changes into the system.

VIII. New Business

- A. National Safe Boating Week: James Guilmartin talked about the event. It's a big deal, a national effort and local focus with vessel safety checks, public recreational boating safety exchange of information and contact with the boating public combined with a fellowship event and a cookout at Black Point Marina. All members are invited to attend on Saturday, May 20th.

- B. National Boy Scout Jamboree: An ALCOAST notice was sent to members describing an event to be held in West Virginia involving 40,000 Boy Scouts. It's a big event for the Coast Guard to reach out to young people. Refer to the ALCOAST email for details.
- C. District 2017-2018 Operational Plan: This is a plan put together by Judith Hudson, which includes information from the surveys provided by members from last year. Carol Moppert reviewed the details of the Operational Plan 2017-2018 for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- D. Note that CPR cards are good for two years, but the information must be entered into the data system in each year.
- E. ID Cards: ID cards issued to Scott Blumenthal, Rene Arca, and Tony Lapicola.
- F. Awards: Sustained Auxiliary Service - Carol Moppert (5th Award), Scott Blumenthal (10th Award); Auxiliary Performance Award VE-RBSVP - Carol Moppert, Scott Blumenthal; (outstanding volunteer activity.) New Vessel Examiner – Leon Cintron.
- G. Comments from the Floor: No further comments.

Motion to Adjourn: First by Scott Blumenthal; second by Maria Armas. Motion approved by acclimation.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 03 May 2017 at 1930, [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.