

**USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65**  
**Agenda**  
**Change of Watch and Monthly Business Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 5 February 2013  
Time: 19:30 hours  
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 South West 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Anthony Lapicola @ 19:30
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: by Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message: cliff Harrison
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda items—none
  - B. Guest introductions: Elena Cohan introduced Adam Ramirez. Fred Jaca introduced Jerry Jones.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: 19 January 2013 minutes were provided for member review via email and posted prior to meeting. Moved by Alfredo Nardi; seconded by Henry Quintana. January meeting minutes approved by acclimation.
  - D. Member welfare: Scott Blumenthal's wife has been ill.
  - E. Division meeting report, given by FC Anthony Lapicola  
Minutes of the division meeting reviewed. Lt Albeyta are encouraged to complete watch stander PQS, it requires standing one duty per month. Tom Walker noted PE graduates, program visits, VSCs, member enrollment, etc., exceeded 2011 numbers.

2013 focus for every auxiliary member is to have a BQ status and complete the BS&S course. There is a need for more qualified VEs and members are encouraged to take the online training and exam. There will be quarterly division recruiting events. Our flotilla needs a mentoring program.

Aux status must be BQ to take the TCT exam as per Bill Tejero. There is a push to cross train between flotillas. Our flotilla needs more facilities. NSBW is 18-24 may 2013, Nicole Betterson will send out more info.

The Boat Show--There will be a booth in the skywalk and there may be government transportation from station Miami beach to the boat show. Nicole Betterson is making these arrangements. Uniform of the day will be either ODU or Tropical Blue.

Auxiliarists now have 30 days to submit their hours, this is a new policy. Maximum underway hours is 8 hours, if you exceed 10 hours, then the coxswain must submit an explanation.

VI. Reports, VFC María T. Armas calls for FSO reports:

Accomplishments and Future Plans, Anthony Lapicola reminded staff officers that they were asked to come up with goals which they can provide tonight or by the next meeting.

Committee Reports: Elena Cohan on the Boy Scout Lincoln Marti Camporee. A great success, 11 volunteers, 95 man hours. 993 youths visits, 183 adults. Many materials were handed out, including BS&S materials.

Staff Officer Reports

- A. FSO-FN Robert Myers, please refer to the January Financial Report previously circulated, which contained an error concerning a check to the elks lodge for the use of the room for the COW, the actual amount was \$500, \$875 to the caterers. Which left a different balance. The COW needs to be planned earlier to bring down the cost per member. As for dues, two members owe partial dues for 2012, Auddy Leza and Oliver Samy.
- B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan, no report
- C. FSO-CS María T. Armas— no report.
- D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi, final 2012 HR report. We had 18 prospective members, 8 joined our Flotilla. *See* HR report. Carol Moppert has officially joined our Flotilla. Goals for 2013, a 10% increase from last year. Alfredo wants to implement the mentor program.
- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit, no report.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin, no report. NSBW is the big event for 2013. Lincoln Martin was a MS event.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan, we have 19 members who need to do requalifications. 8 members need TCT, and 2 who need to do IQ. Tony considers persons who have completed BS&S as eligible to go on patrols. There will be MT on Wednesday.
- H. FSO-MV Scott Blumenthal, report by e Cohan. West marine slam event went well. B&F marine wants to get involved with the flotilla. We need support for this as well. Bird road & 72nd. We need to revamp the flotilla brochure for handing out.
- I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan, no report. You have :30 days to submit your hours.
- J. FSO-OP Abelardo Lopez de Queralta, sent out a PowerPoint presentation which had new information on towing and uniforms. Pay attention to the towing section as we no longer need station authorization to tow. There are two facilities for our patrol weekend, one more was added for Sunday. This is also the Boat Show weekend. Bob noted that the non-authorization for towing applies only to a come-upon boat, not for

boats where the boater already arranged for towing. As for uniforms, the untucked ODU is the only ODU which may be worn. Devices must be sewn on, with black A; new ball cap requires the metal insignia, not sewn on. Anthony Lapicola will seek division clarification. Eric Jones needs crew, as does Anthony Lapicola.

- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps, nothing definite as to the Boat Show, this depends on arranged transportation.
- L. FSO-PE Elena Cohan, next BS&S class is 2/25/2013 at UM Rosentiel. There are 22 confirmed, with 8 more possible. New members encouraged to take this course for BQ qualification. We will take the Monica Brugera foundation one-day

class. If you want to be an instructor, please see Elena. We need to look at storage alternatives.

- M. FSO-SR, Ken Irving. No report.
- N. FSO-VE David Neal, for January, it was a slow day. February was slower still due to the Super Bowl. We need more VEs, see David Neal. The united safe boating institute is collecting data on all boats which fail and why they failed-without noting the name of the vessel owners. Marpol placard, due to rules changes, this is not applicable for this year, so mark it as NA.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz, not present, no report.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura, no report. Please send photos from the Lincoln Marti Boy Scout Camporee.

VII. Old Business: COW: thanks to Fred Jaca and Abelardo Lopez de Queraltá for stepping up when our original plans fell through. We need to make COW arrangements by July or August of 2013.

VIII. New Business: Boat Show, Uniforms, Goals, Youth Boating Safety Class for NSBW  
Uniforms: there were requests for the old ODU tucked uniforms which were submitted to Tom Walker. Don't be surprised if you don't get what you asked for as supplies were limited. There is an emphasis on persons on patrol be dressed in the same uniform, the coxswains have the duty to call the uniform of the day.

Goals, all FSOs are to have at least two goals to achieve for this year and how they will achieve it. Make your goals achievable.

Comments from the Floor

By Elena, if we want to go to Stiltsville, we have to advise in advance as a phone call will no longer suffice, a form will be necessary. Quite a few members were interested with a preference for June or July 2013.

Tony also thought that a land-based picnic should also be considered.

Patrick Powell recounted his December 2012 Senegal trip as an interpreter which involved taking an oral test by phone covering such topics as maritime terminology.

Awards: Gary Ellis, performance award for PE, recognition for OP, MT, PE; Eric Jones, performance award for OP and recognition for MT and PE; Chris Cohan, division award for MT, 3rd place and a flotilla recognition for MT OP and PE; Elena Cohan, two awards division award, 3rd place in PE and a flotilla recognition for PE and MS. Bob Meyers was recognized for completing TCT. Team meritorious awards for the 2012 NSBW were handed out to Gary Ellis, Enrique Ventura, cliff Harrison, and Jim Scholtz.

Ken Robertson was sworn in and received his identification card.

Concerns were raised as to storage of materials and supplies. The time has come for the Flotilla to secure its own, accessible, and secure storage space. Before we begin looking at storage options, an inventory is necessary to determine what kind of space we need. Elena Cohan will look into this.

Bob Meyers moved to adjourn, seconded by Cliff Harrison. Meeting adjourned by acclamation @ 20:58.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 5 March 2013