



# U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

## USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 65 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 07 February 2018  
Time: 19:30 hours.  
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Carol Moppert.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Led by Tony Lapicola.
- IV. Inspirational message: Moments of silence. Frank Sullivan quotes a prayer.
- V. Business meeting: Led by FC Carol Moppert.
  - A. Call for additional agenda items - (members wishing to have items discussed must submit for addition to the agenda). No additional items.
  - B. Guest introductions: Guest Roland Dahl, introduced by Bob Hopps. Guest Steve Myer, introduced by David Soderholm.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: December 2017 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve made by Roy Hellman, first made by Mel Sandberg, second made by Scott Blumenthal. Motion approved by acclimation.
  - D. Member welfare: None reported.
  - E. Report from Division: Division Goals for 2018 were discussed. An important goal is to Seek, Mentor and Train. There is a concern for loss of membership. We need to increase the mission hours and to report them with integrity. Miami International Boat Show runs from Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to have seven Auxiliarists in each slot to not only fill the booth, but also to walk around the show speaking with dealers and becoming familiar with boats and boating equipment. Government shuttles from CG Station Miami Beach will provide transportation.
  - F. Carol Moppert swears in 2018 FSO's James Guilmartin, FSO-SR, and Roger Kidder, FSO-MS.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Need a Lead for Boat Show; need a Lead for NSBW (National Safe Boating Week). James Guilmartin will be the lead for NSBW.
  - B. Recruitment: Bob Hopps reviewed that we recently had 10 people interested in the Auxiliary, but they don't want to join. We do have a guest today.

- C. Audit Formation Committee: The purpose is to go over finance reports, make sure expenditures are authorized and approved, and review receipts for expenditures. Jay Baum will be leading the Committee with assistance by Tony Lapicola.

Staff Officer Reports - Distributed with agenda.

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| A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan   | K. FSO-PA Andre Naumann    |
| B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan   | L. FSO-PE Carol Moppert    |
| C. FSO-CS Carlos Naumann   | M. FSO-SR James Guilmartin |
| D. FSO-HR Bob Hopps        | N. FSO-VE David Soderholm  |
| E. FSO-MA Dan Berger       | O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz       |
| F. FSO-MS Roger Kidder     | P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura  |
| G. FSO-MT David Neal       | Q. FSO-DV Mel Sandberg     |
| H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal | R. FSO-CC vacant           |
| I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola    | S. FSO-NV vacant           |
| J. FSO-OP Eric Jones       |                            |

Notes:

1. Frank Sullivan, Change of Watch (COW) update: We had 51 people attend and the money was paid to the Miami Shores Country Club.
2. Eric Jones reviewed that last month we had two boats scheduled to go on patrol, but the temporary government shutdown cancelled the plans. Next planned boat patrol date is Saturday, February 17th. Tony needs one crew; Eric needs two crew.
3. Tony Lapicola reviewed that all operations qualified members must complete the Operations Workshop before June. Tony says it can be done online. David is considering planning the workshop as a class, but it can be taken online, which is likely a PowerPoint format.
4. Enrique Ventura thanked all FSO's for all reports.

VII. Old Business

- A. Change of Watch: The Country Club cost for COW is going up \$5.00 more dollars. Now gone up to \$39.00 per person, because other Auxiliary groups have been using the club location. Eventually, we need to decide what to do, whether we subsidize \$5.00 or some other way. The Miami Yacht Club charges \$25.00, but you would have to bring your own dessert. Carol wants Social Committee to review it.
- B. We reviewed 2017 goals at last meeting.

## VIII. New Business

- A. TCT – 1 hour Refresher will be held immediately before the March business meeting. This is for operations qualified boat crew. Suggest start at 6:30pm. About 20 members raised their hand that they will attend. If members need four-hour TCT, they need to contact Tony Lapicola.
- B. Surface Operations Workshop due by June.
- C. First Aid Course: For Flotilla 65, set for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. This is only First Aid. CG only pays for CPR, not First Aid. It will cost \$10.00 per person. usual amount is \$35.00 per person with other organizations. Can be entered into AUX Data when you get your card.
- D. Telecommunications Workshop – First 3 Weekends of March. More information will be coming.
- E. Food Service Workshop - March 2nd thru 4th, 2018. See Carol if interested.
- F. Divers Direct has gone out of business. Our chairs are in storage. We have 25 chairs. We might need to use the chairs if other places will be used for training so we shouldn't sell them off.
- G. New Mandatory Training - Basic Qualification Course II for new members. This basic qualification is composed of seven modules; it's a review of the Auxiliary manual. You will get a credit for the Aux Ops award. Also qualifies for elected office positions. Everyone is urged to take it, new and current members.
- H. Surface operations manual. A new feature is the uniforms. District uniforms - hot weather uniforms - are authorized all year long now for crew operations. The Coxswain decides the uniform for the patrol mission. No consumption of alcohol within 8 hours of doing duty. An Auxiliary leadership class reviews competencies in four categories. Basic Members, Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders, then Division, then District level. A lot of education is valuable. Carol said the future depends on strong leadership. Carol also thanked David Neal for his support.
- I. Goals 2018 - Cards. Our Flotilla goals are on laminated cards. Carol reviewed goals. A new idea is to do a public affairs outreach possibly the first Saturday of the month. Only 16 people submitted hours to Tony. Goals are realistic, we can "own" them.
- J. Auxiliary participation at "The Fair" March 15th thru April 8th. Jay Baum arranged for us to get a table so we can be there at the fair to recruit, give out boating safety information and meet the public. Two weekends in The Fair,

March 24th and 25th, or April 7th and 8th. Carol recommends 12:00 noon to 11:00pm at night. Jay said 50K to 60K people go to the fair on weekends. Jay said he can get VIP parking. Must be in uniform at the booth. Get enough people to rotate in the booth. For Public Affairs you can talk to thousands. We get special allowance, other groups for government are not allowed. Get a sign-up sheet. We will be inside the building, they provide a table. We would need materials to give out. We need to talk to people.

K. Awards:

Flotilla "Up & Beyond" Award - Jay Baum, 2017 Member Performance Award, Operations/Patrols Trainee - Jay Baum, 2017 Member Performance Award, Member Training Instructor - David Neal, Instructor Certification: Enrique Ventura, Basic Qualification Course II: David Soderholm, Basic Qualification Course II: Carol Moppert, Auxiliary Membership Service Award for 5 years of Service: Carol Moppert; Seventh District Lighthouse Award: Scott Blumenthal, Century Club Award: Benjamin Roger Kidder, Commodore's Certificate of Excellence: CG Operational/Administrative Support: Benjamin Roger Kidder, Commodore's Certificate of Excellence: Operations/Marine Safety: Benjamin Roger Kidder, Certificates of Recognition: Jay Baum, Roy Hellman, David Neal, Robson Tavares, Certificate of Appreciation: Steve Cruz - FSO/AV, Retirement from the Coast Guard Auxiliary: Julian Mesa.

L. Eric Jones asked about ID cards, when to renew. Give information to Carol, get photo from Frank, give information on back of card to Carol Moppert. David said to renew the card two to three months ahead of time.

M. HAZWOPER course - Roger Kidder plans to lead the course.

N. Jay Baum accompanied some Junior Navy ROTC students from Kropp Senior High School out on a sea cruise on a 45 ft. Coast Guard boat. Carol also attended. It was the Coast Guard Reserve working that weekend.

O. Jim Scholz announced he is the Auxiliary Liaison for the Coast Guard Academy.

P. Notice for next meeting to be held on March 7th, 2018 at the Elks Lodge. Meeting time for one-hour TCT training for boat operations members will be at 1830 hrs. Meeting time for all members will be 1930 hrs.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Eric Jones; first by Stan Flanders; second by Scott Blumenthal. Motion approved by acclamation.