



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

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

Date: Wednesday, 01 March 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 Judith Hudson.
- IV. Inspirational message: Moment of silence.
- V. Business Meeting, directed by FC David Neal:
 - A. Call for additional agenda items - (members wishing to have items discussed must submit for addition to the agenda). No added items.
 - B. Guest introductions: USCG Auxiliary DCO, Judith Hudson. United States Coast Guard, Miguel Carrio, our Flotilla 65 Auxiliary Liaison representative. Diego Sanchez, former Coast Guard interested in joining our Flotilla.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: February 2016 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve; first by Roy Hellman; second by Stan Flanders. Motion approved by acclamation.
 - D. Member welfare: Fred Jaca is going through some injury related health issues, but he is improving.
 - E. Report from Division: There will be no Division meeting this month. There will be a Division social event at Bill Baggs Park, Key Biscayne, on Saturday, March 25th. All members are invited. There will be free food. There is a membership leadership course for leaders who want to go into Division Officer positions. If anyone is interested for future positions they should talk to David. It's a multiple day course, possibly three days. The location at this time is unknown.

DCO Judith Hudson presented several items of interest: Judith will pass out a voluntary anonymous survey to gather information for her and Executive officers of the District, which will be used to put together a Divisional Operational Plan. This information will be used to help Judith know how to serve you better. Judith is impressed at what our Flotilla is doing. Our Flotilla has contributed 7,444 hours. We are active in surface and RBS activities. The District had record highs for mission hours. Judith thanked us. We have members who have not completed mandated training and they need to get that done. Two of our Flotilla members contributed more than 1,000 hours. Carol Moppert is one, the other is Scott Blumenthal. For our awards, we are developing new awards that will be at a higher level of achievement than our current awards. Judith congratulates our Flotilla. Judith's number one goal is recruiting, mentoring and training. All of

this is a continuing process. We recruit but we lose members because we don't mentor enough. We are a service organization. The Coast Guard needs us and we need to train and be ready. The Coast Guard needs several areas of certified service, particularly for food service. Some galleys are closing down, otherwise the Coast Guard needs to go out elsewhere for food. Also, there is a need for clergy support in District 7. Anyone interested would have to go through the same qualifications as a Navy Chaplain - it's not a layman's position. There are also needs for pollution responders, uninspected passenger vessel examiners, commercial vessel examiners, and financial people to advise on how to choose wisely for financial benefits programs for the Coast Guard active duty.

VI. Reports:

A. Committee Reports:

1) Fellowship Committee: Tony Lapicola is planning for a date for a picnic at Black Point Marina likely to be held on Saturday, April 8th. This is not our traditional annual picnic, but instead an extra event to encourage fellowship. We will have more information by next month's meeting. It's also in concurrence with our Vessel Safety Check day at Black Point Marina.

2) Recruitment Committee: We want to form a recruitment committee for more ideas on how to recruit more members and retain their interest. Bob Hopps, Carol Moppert, and William Ambros volunteered to lead the committee. The purpose would be to focus on getting new members, boaters, leaders, and also try to recruit at the University level, such as at FIU.

Staff Officer Reports - Distributed with agenda in a separate document.

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

Notes to Staff Officer Reports:

- 1) Some Staff Officer positions are vacant. We are asking for members who are interested to fill the vacant officer positions.
- 2) Operations - AUXFAC Howdy is busy and cannot go out this month. AUXFAC Sunrunner is under repairs.
- 3) Vessel Examination day for Black Point Marina is a week from Saturday.
- 4) Member Training boat crew session will be Monday night, March 13th.
- 5) Eric Jones - A One-hour TCT required training will be held at the April Meeting.

VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2017 FSOs: We need members to fill vacant positions for FSO's.
- B. Update member info online: Members should check if their information is up to date online in the directory. Some emails have been kicked back with bad addresses. Update your records if needed.
- C. Boat Show: Judith Hudson mentioned that the Auxiliary booth was near the entrance and it garnered a lot of interest. People were particularly interested in the Coast Guard Mobile App, and marine safety and public education events. The app needs to get a certain number of hits per year to keep it active. Encourage people to download the app.
- D. Mentoring: For new members, if you want a mentor, talk to David or Carol for a new mentor. William Ambros, Tony Lapicoa, Mel Sandberg, and Enrique Ventura are mentors.

VIII. New Business

- A. Flag for Moose Lodge: We would like to provide a flag for the Moose Lodge because they have let us hold member training and other meeting activities for a long time. We show our appreciation. Frank Sullivan made a motion that we buy two flags for the Moose Lodge, one is the National Ensign and the other is the POW flag. The cost should be around \$100. The motion received a first by Mel Sandberg; a second by Roy Hellman. The motion is approved by acclimation.
- B. Awards - Previously Announced: No new awards in this month.
- C. Comments from the Floor: New pictures need to be taken for expired ID cards. Frank Sullivan can take those photos for you. You can also do it online with a Jpeg or cell phone photo of yourself.
- D. Tony Lapicola needs more 7029's and 7030's forms turned in. Tony needs you to fill out these forms to collect the hours.

Motion to adjourn: First by William Ambros; second by Patrick Powell. Motion approved by acclimation.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 05 April 2017 at 1930, [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.