

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Minutes Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2015

Time: 19:30 hours

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

I. Call to Order: FC María T. Armas

- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet to be circulated 21 members present, quorum(17 min) exists
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance:
- IV. Inspirational message: moment of silence observed
- V. Business meeting: María T. Armas
 - A. Call for additional agenda items: none
 - B. Guest introductions: none
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: October 2015 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Frank Sullivan motions to accept as submitted, seconded by Bob Meyers, approved by acclimation
 - D. Member welfare: Bob Meyers saw former member Steve Miller and he is doing well. GPSStore.com has PEPIRBs at a good price, it is not yet known whether these specific PEPIRBs will be approved for use on CGAux Patrols. Flotilla 61 is offering a fellowship event at a local shooting range. If interested send email to FC and she will get you the information.

E. ELECTIONS

Overseen by William Tejeiro, 21 eligible voters (quorum is 17). Eric Jones, Frank Sullivan, Tony Lapicola (teller committee). From the screening committee Tony Lapicola advises that no letters of intent were received. The screening committee is dismissed.

Elections for Flotilla Commander

- 1. From the floor: Bob Meyers nominates David Neal for Flotilla Commander. Frank Sullivan moves to close the floor for nominations, seconded by Roy Hellman. Approved by acclimation.
- 2. No other persons nominated for Flotilla Commander.
- 3. One ballot is cast for David Neal for Flotilla Commander by acclimation.

Elections for Vice Flotilla Commander

- 1. From the floor: Bob Hopps nominates Carol Moppert for Vice Flotilla Commander. Alfredo Nardi motions to close the floor for nominations, seconded by Lubby Navaro. Approved by acclimation.
- 2. No other persons for Vice Flotilla Commander.
- 3. One ballot is cast for Carol Moppert for Vice Flotilla Commander by acclimation.

- F. Division meeting report—see attached October 2015 meeting minutes. New Division leadership is: Roger Kidder Division Commander Elect and Ed Dickson Vice Division Commander Elect. AP members are being processed, backlog is going down. Flotillas cannot pay dues for members. 61 is putting out another all day session for the mandatory training. An email will be sent out with the details to all flotilla members.
- VI. Reports, VFC Carol Moppert calls for FSO reports: Staff Officer Reports
 - A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan—see attached report
 - B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—no report
 - C. FSO-CS William Ambros—website is updated, calendar is up to date. all info and articles are updated. Form 7029 is on our site
 - D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi— Finished processing with Reann. On 17NOV2015 there will be another processing meeting for HR
 - E. FSO-MA Dan Berger— not present
 - F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin keep situational awareness while on patrol
 - G. FSO-MT Chris Cohan—not present, will get another MT class in hopes to get trainees out on the water this month or next.
 - H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal—see report, over 60 PV this month
 - I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola— all 7029 and 7030 have been entered. AuxData is now keeping track of new Mandated Training. Only 11 members sent in time for October, please send Tony an email and he can enter in your hours. Member Rosters

- will not be sent in email any more. They can be printed from the D7 website.
- J. FSO-OP David Neal—All flotilla boats (3) were out for Columbus Day Regatta. Another PWC mission last month and standard patrol weekend had 2 boats. NOV 21, 22 is our weekend. If you need hours contact the coxswains.
- K. FSO-PA Lubby Navarro encourage members to use their network of people to promote boating safety and the boating safety course. 61 put on a boating safety course for students, many parents also attended the classes. Flotilla can coordinate with local schools to use their facilities for teaching classes. Flotilla may want to look into offering a single 8 hour course to help bring in more participants. Miami Military Museum and Memorial will the Army Band host 13NOV2015.
- L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca— not present
- M. FSO-SR Ross Gibson— see meeting minutes
- N. FSO-VE vacant— given by Tony Lapicola. VE day was

- Columbus Day Regatta Day. No VEs performed that day. Next VE day is 14NOV2015.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz— not present
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—news letter out in 30 days.
- Q. FSO-DV Carol Moppert almost ready to submit for diversity award
- R. FSO-NS Patrick Powell—nothing to report
- S. FSO-CC Jackie Hartley not present, gave two career presentations at the Mast Academy

VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2015 FSOs: VE, PE, and SR Rene Arca is interested in FSO-VE.
- B. DUES. Our 2016 dues are now being collected. If paying by check, please make the check out for \$75 payable to USCG AUX Flot 65, and either bring it to our business meeting, or send it directly to our FSO-FS Frank Sullivan at 7475 South West 74th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33143-4116. Dues not paid by 01 October 2015 will be deemed delinquent and the member will be disenrolled by 5 November 2015.

If you are no longer interested in being an active Auxiliary member and you have enough time in as a member, then you may wish to take retirement; otherwise, please advise so that FC María T. Armas may begin the disenrollment process ASAP.

C. January 2016 COW update—we will have our COW at the **Miami Shores** Country Club, Sunday, 24 January 2016 from 1030-1400, cost is \$31.95 per person. Please send a check to Frank Sullivan or bring it to our meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Awards: **Stephen Cruz**, Operations; **Carol Moppert**, VE-RBSVP; **David Neal**, Operations, Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (Second Award).
- B. Retirements: J. Paul Simons, Henry Quintana
- C. Identification Card: Lubby Navarro
- D. Flotilla comments discussion:
 - 1. Alfredo Nardi asks about PPE already in use, CGAux has a waiver to use existing equipment until June of 2016. After that we will have a complete list of approved PPE.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 02 December 2015 at 1930, <u>Elks Lodge</u>, 6304 South West 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

Bob Hopps motions to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Powell. Meeting adjourned 2045.