



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

## USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 04 October 2017  
Time: 19:30 hours  
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 SW 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet to be circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Led by Roy Hellman.
- IV. Inspirational message: Moments of silence.
- V. Business meeting: Led by FC David Neal.
  - 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: Jim Scholz introduced guest Lydie Oucherovitch, who may be interested in joining the Auxiliary. Also, guest Auxiliarist Henry Cespedes, SO Public Education, attended the meeting.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: August and September 2017 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve made by Roy Hellman; first made by Bob Hopps; second by Tony Lapicola. Motion approved by acclimation.
  - D. Member welfare: Many people were without power and internet after hurricane Irma. Carol Moppert worked on calling and checking on all Flotilla members and we had a 100% response rate. Carol fortunately had electrical power and was able to call everyone. Frank Sullivan mentioned that Fred Jaca's wife experienced a health issue, but she is now out of the hospital and recovering.
  - E. Report from Division: A Veterans Day event is scheduled for 09 November 2017, at CG Air Station. A CPR class will be scheduled on 21 October on a Saturday at CG Station Miami Beach. No full details yet. Many members need CPR update. It may be possible to have a first aid class for our Flotilla but we would need to find a place to hold that class. If a class was scheduled, it would be more hands on first aid. By a show of hands, we showed about 16 members who are interested.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Fellowship Committee: No new Flotilla event planned. With December and COW coming up, nothing is planned. But there may be a Fall Social event put together by Division on November 18th.

- B. Recruitment: Bob Hopps was able to track down a missing new member, who was out of town, and who is very busy so he needs time working.
- C. Election: Elections will be held during our November Flotilla meeting. Carol Moppert intends to run for Flotilla Commander and others are interested in Flotilla Vice-Commander. We need many members to attend the November meeting to achieve a quorum. Anyone interested in leadership positions should contact Tony Lapicola or David Neal.

Staff Officer Reports- Distributed with agenda

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

Staff Officer Notes:

1. David Neal, Operations: Tony Lapicola plans to go on boat patrol, Saturday the 7th for the Columbus Day event. And on the 21st, both vessels Howdy and Sun Runner plan boat patrols.
2. Tony Lapicola, FSO IS: Put your travel time on 99E on the 7029 hours report. 99D is training, studying, it's nothing else, it's not teaching. Marine Safety is the act of doing a vessel examination, on a boat. RBS - recreational boating safety is teaching. Marine safety is actually doing the task. Unless you record your hours, there is no record.
3. David Neal, Member Training: A class will likely be held in two weeks on Monday at the Moose Lodge.
4. Tony Lapicola, VE's: Vessel examination is the second Saturday, October 14th, at Black Point Marina from 0900 to 1200 hrs.
5. Carol Moppert provided a presentation regarding a new website that is the "my.CGAux.org" which is a one stop site for a large amount of information, references, procedures, policies, photos, videos, activities, news, opportunities, training, etc.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2017/2018 FSOs. David Neal - FSO positions need to be filled.
- B. Update member info online - make sure your contact information is up to date. Our Flotilla had a 100% response rate regarding Hurricane Irma. Some members were contacted in person. The Everbridge message was confusing, they changed the rules, it was a call if you were only evacuating. Carol, Bob, and David contacted our members directly. Tony - we have redone the calling tree. We have a manual tree, for in the event that we lose power and cannot use the automated. We have 7 groups for our Flotilla members. Bob Hopps is the coordinator. Tony has the list. Call the people in your group when asked to do so. Only when the system is down, is the manual system used.
- C. Collection of Dues - deadline was September. October 8th is the deadline.
- D. Hurricane Irma - understand that we as Auxiliarists never self-deploy. We are not on the front line. We could re-supply or help at the base if USCG is called away.
- E. Other old business: Maria Armas thanked Tony, David, and Carol for helping her put up her shutters.

## VIII. New Business

- A. Calling Tree - already covered.
- B. Food Service Program workshop early 2018 - workshop will be March 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Air Station, Carol Moppert said. Station Islamorada needs help, but Food Service needs berthing to stay over. Do breakfast and lunch. Carol will be doing the help. Food Service can also work on the Cutters when in port. They filled in for other USCG who were injured so they did the food service.
- C. ID Cards: Jim Scholz, and completion of Instructor requirements.
- D. Awards: Sustained Auxiliary Service - Carol Moppert (6<sup>th</sup> Award), (4,500 hours); Auxiliary Membership Service Award – Marshall Welch (15 years), Francis Delaurier (15 years), Robert Meyers (15 years).
- E. Comments from the Floor - Next months is elections. We need attendance. Please also wear uniforms or dress business casual.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Scholz; first made by Patrick Powell; second by Bob Hopps; motion approved by acclimation.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 01 November 2017 at 1930, at the Elks Lodge, 6304 SW 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.