



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65, Miami South

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

Date: Wednesday 3, February, 2016
Time: 19:30 hours
Location: South Miami Elks Lodge, 6304 SW 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143.

- I. **Call to Order:** FC David Neal.
- II. **Roll Call:** Sign-in sheet to be circulated.
- III. **Presentation of Colors:** Pledge of allegiance.
- IV. **Inspirational Message:** Moment of silence.
- V. **Business Meeting:** Conducted 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 submitted.
 - B. **Guest introductions:** Al Juliachs, Division SO Member Training, Unit Coordinator, ADSO Incident Management. If any resources are needed or if there is a need for a representative from active duty, ask Al Juliachs. Because of budget cuts, there is a greater need to include the USCG Auxiliary in ways to augment the active duty Coast Guard. Auxiliary assistance with food services, incident management, marine safety, navigation verification for ATONS, and PATONS, for example, are needed. These and other areas will open up with opportunities to work with active duty Coast Guard. Dockside and underway training will be available at Matheson Hammock Marina on February 27th. See the flyer distributed at the meeting. The online "Mandated Training" is available, but not enough people have completed the courses so there will be a live training class on March 12th at CG Air Station Opa Locka. On February 20th at Station Miami Beach, there will be a navigation/chart plotting class. In April, a CPR/AED/First Aid class will be scheduled at Station Miami Beach. Night training – some operations manual changes need to be worked out, so there is currently a delay. Night qualification is an extra qualification. Logistics is also a problem because we do not have enough QE's. Auxiliary Member and Coxswain Eric Jones, asked a question if there is any way to do QE's at a place other than Station Miami Beach. According to Al Juliachs, the control of that decision is up to the QE's.
 - C. **Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:** December 2016 Business Meeting Minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve: First by Bob Hopps; Seconded by Enrique Ventura. Approved by acclamation.
 - D. **Member welfare.** Welcome back to Member Kenny Irving.
 - E. **Swearing in of new member:** Ryann Valmonte. Sworn in by David Neal.
 - F. **Retirement:** William H. Wilson – Auxiliary Member for 40 years.
 - G. **Guest Introductions:** Alejandro Fernandez, introduced by Member Oliver Samy.
 - H. **Division meeting report:** USCG LCDR Cortese is looking to provide more meaningful tasks for the Auxiliary with Al Juliachs support as unit coordinator. In addition, Station augmentation is suggested with such ideas as money for coffee, "cookies for Coasties" for the Active Duty. Funds are needed for things for the Active Duty if possible. The Mandatory Training series of classes is now required for new staff officers. This must be done.
 - I. **Swearing in of Flotilla Staff Officers:** James Guilmartin, Chris Cohan.
- VI. **Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:** VFC Carol Moppert calls for FSO reports:
 - Special Report:** Review of Staff Officer Goals and Reports presented by VFC Carol Moppert.
 - Goal 1: Expand Training** - For Vessel Examiners training, our Flotilla conducts vessel safety checks (VSC's) on the second Saturday of the month. We need more Vessel Examiners (VE's). We would want to do two or more hours of training before prospective VE's take the online VE

exam. This proposed training is not required. Also for Boat Crew Members the QE's stress more navigation knowledge.

Goal 2: Public Education - Increase Public Education. Idea is to provide a one-day course, which is a lot of information, excluding navigation. We're not sure if it can be a one-day class. Frank Sullivan – we would need to order class books for the ABS class. We have many BSS books, but we don't have a condensed book for ABS class. Tony Lapicola suggests to get instructors together to discuss it. For an ABS one-day class, a large primary location would be needed. There is a cost, a fee. Need to plan how to do.

Goal 3: Morale - We should find ways to do more social activities. Get more active, do more things perhaps with other Flotillas. The month of May in 2016 is our Flotilla 65's 50th Year Anniversary.

Goal 4 – Recruitment and Retainment – Leadership wants us to be smart recruiters, we've neglected to recruit for leadership, we've focused more on operations, but idea is to get younger people interested in the schools, from the universities. There are opportunities in the Auxiliary in addition to boat operations.

FSO Reports:

- A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan - We pay \$48 per member to national, we have to send check to national of \$3,096. If member is on roster, we must pay. Miami Shores country club, we had 27 people but not the 35 promised. Dec thru Jan – balance current is \$12,779. We are spending more than taking in funds.
- B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan – Communications ongoing. Get interested in radio ops.
- C. FSO-CS William Ambros – next meeting will have a projector on how to navigate our website.
- D. FSO-HR William Ambros – William is new FSO HR.
- E. FSO-MA Dan Berger - A storage unit list of inventory is done for the facility. We have new decals for VE's. Respond if you have any materials issued by the USCG – we need to know.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin – Pollution issues articles, reef depletion due to dredging and silt or diseased reefs attributed to the deep dredging for the improvements of the shipping depths at the Port of Miami,
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan – 13 people up for requalification this year. About 1500 scouts attended the Scouts Jamboree prior activity.
- H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal – 74 visits this year.
- I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola 7029 and 7030 forms being submitted, but not enough hours. Summaries were sent to active members. Coast Guard gets budgeted \$29 per hour per Auxiliary member hours. VE – last Saturday – Carol and Tony. Next VE is 2nd Saturday of the month. 9am to 12pm.
- J. FSO-OP Ross Gibson – Operations – Division notices patrols have fallen off, want to know the reasons for not being as active as we used to be. Send notes to Ross, can say things anonymously. List complaint and solutions. Send to Ross. Patrol worksheet – available to use for patrols. Note boats contacted, any other contacts, and what happened on patrol. Send to Ross he sends to Division. Patrols: Feb 20th – Tony – Saturday south bay. Jim on 21st for South Bay. – Sunday. Nonstandard Patrol on February 13th for Boat Show.

- K. FSO-PA Lubby Navarro – sent electronic notice of public affairs class. Not present.
- L. FSO-PE Carol Moppert - Addressed in goals review.
- M. FSO-SR James Guilmartin - New SR position.
- N. FSO-VE vacant. We need a FSO- VE.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz – not present.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura – Newsletters by quarter. Show more educational training things from patrols, line handling, training. Info on learning skills from member training aspect that we do have a lot of member training. More articles on environment.
- Q. FSO-DV Carol Moppert - Diversity “three star program” being sought as a goal.
- R. FSO-CC Jacquelyn Hartley - not present.

VII. Old Business

- A. Change of Watch, 2017, need a committee. – We need to schedule early and set up a committee if want to stay going to Miami Shores. David asked for committee, locations, Enrique, Roy, and Bob – the committee. Costs, place, menu.
- B. Need for 2016 FSOs: VE.

VIII. New Business

- A. Boat Show – Feb. 11 to Feb. 15 – if interested to go on land, send participation interest to Carol. Get names in.
- B. 50th Anniversary of Flotilla 65 on 5 May, 2016. Planning committee is Christian, Carol, James, and Enrique. No more new business.
- C. Awards: Auxiliary Membership Service: William H. Wilson (40 Years)
 Division Six Public Education Instructor: Fred Jaca (1st Place)
 Air Observer: Patrick Powell
 Auxiliary Performance Award: Scott Blumenthal, Eric Jones.
 Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation: Eric Jones, James Guilmartin, Chris Cohan, Patriuck Powell, John Kleiss – Columbus Day Event, Biscayne Bay.
 Certificates of Appreciation – Eric Jones - Outstanding Operations.
 Certificates of Recognition - Scott Blumenthal – Outstanding Operations.
 Certified as Air Observer - Patrick Powell, Recognition for Public Affairs, Surface Operations.
 Appreciation Flotilla Recognition - James Guilmartin – FSO MS; Eric Jones, Patrick Powell, Chris Cohan, Appreciation Recognition; Roy Hellman, Oliver Samy – Surface Operations. Bob Hopps – Human Resources Excellence in Participation; Recognition for Public Affairs. Tony Lapicola, Carol Moppert – Excellence in participation in marine safety and vessel examiner - Tony Lapicola and Carol Moppert. Public Education first place award for Fred Jaca.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 2 March, 2016 at 1930, Elks Lodge.
 Motion to Adjourn: First by Scott Blumenthal; Seconded by Patrick Powell. Approved by acclimation. Meeting adjourned at 2055 hours, (8:55pm.).

Minutes Recorded by:
 James Guilmartin, FSO Secretary Records, Flotilla 65