

Minutes of Flotilla 6-11 Meeting, April 7 2015, 1930 hrs, Station Miami Beach FL

FC Zima called the meeting to order at 1952 hr. Only 21 members were present hence there was no quorum.

Guests attended included Dr Tijeiro, Div. VC Roger Kidder, ex 6-11 member Alejandro Tellechea, Nathan Kerbel from Orlando, prospective members John Davis ex Miami police officer and Jose Moreira of Miami Beach. FC Zima welcome Matthew Paulini back. Dr Tijeiro led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ricardo Torrez led the invocation. AFC Arnaldo Perez & Mrs. Perez brought spaghetti meatballs & cake.

Change of Watch Sunday March 15, 2015 at MOC 1400-1800 hrs

New 2015 FSOs were sworn in. FC Zima reported members paid \$860 total. The bill was \$1000. The difference was paid out of the emergency fund, well within Flotilla spending guidelines.

2015 Flotilla 6-11 Activities

FC Zima said 2015 should be a good year if members give their support e.g. at Bass Pro Shop, the most important goal being to promote boating safety.

New Boating Skills & Seamanship Class

Above class will be at the Palmetto Bay Branch Library April 15 2015 with approval from the City. Members who have not taken the class are urged to attend.

Presentation of Awards

Dr Tijeiro presented Admin Support Award, VE award, Aux Performance Award and others to former FC Matthew Paulini, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Patrol) Award and PQS Telecoms Operator to Christian Vasquez, 2014 Member Appreciation Award to Ruben Bruno who was sworn in as the new. RBS Support awarded to FSO MA

Video on RBS PV

At 2010 hr VFC Perez presented the above video covering several topics.. over 25,000 marine dealers in the US; important to keep this list updated; how to approach a Program Partner; explain importance of boating safety, Federal Regulations and vessel safety checks. VFC stressed the importance of using the correct Forms when reporting on such activities – Form 7047 for Manufacturer, Form 7046 PV Log. FC Zima implored members to carry copies of Fed Regulations in their car when they pass by marine store to drop these off.

#### FSO VE Eddie Lim's Report

VSC Blitz on Sun March 29 2015 at Pelican Harbor. FC Zima, FSO CS Barreras, FSO IS R. Bruno, Christian Vasquez, FSO HR C. Guterrez and FSO VE Lim were present.

Guests John Davies ( ex Miami police officer) and Tarasik Abdell ( a security guard and a merchant marine member) expressed interest in joining the USCG Auxiliary.

In March nine VEs were conducted and five decals were issued. Lim had copies of Float Plans in case anyone was interested. He also shared a recruiting flyer from Flotilla 3-2 of Ft. Lauderdale. They have a permanent display with literature at Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club. Next blitz will be at Watson Island on Sun April 26.

#### FSO OP Daniel Prezibel's Report

Above will be moving back to Miami in the near future. Anthony Vaquer is the new boat crew. SO OP David Neal will send out an email update on a count of Div coxswains and boat crew.

#### Barvo Zulu Familiarization Ride

DCDR Tijeiro reported that on April 3 he went as a crew on above with Coxswain Marcelo Freire, DAUX station Miami Beach and Ops Training Officer D7.

#### FSO RBS PV Bob Evan's Report

Bob says he knows all the local marine stores very well. When he visits them, he did not find any USCG literature. E.g. at Fisherman's Paradise, our racks have been used by Sea Tow. He even found our racks on the floor ! He visited 4 stores but no racks to put the literature. FC Zima suggested ordering new counter top racks.

#### FSO MA Roy Hamlin's Report

Members to let him know what they need for May. E.g. it takes 2-3 weeks to ship Children's literature. Members to send checked items in the Flotilla Supply Requisition Form (Rev.9/2014) and email this to him.

Other requisition forms currently in use are:

- 1) Boating Safety Material for Boat Shows / PA Events ( Rev. 4/2014)
- 2) Division Supply Requisition ( Rev. 4/2014)
- 3) Sea Partners – Environmental Outreach Materials Order Form (Rev.4/2014)
- 4) Maritime Homeland Security Outreach Program / America's Waterways Watch- Maritime Domain Awareness Materials Order Form ( Rev. 4/2014)

#### FSO CM Carlos Cabrera's Report

A meeting was held at Opa Locka on the new computer training system for CM. FIU will provide classrooms for three ham radio training classes.

### FSO MT Monica Zima's Report

A member training class will be held on April 24 at MYC at 6.30 pm. She will notify all via email. Emergency TCT Training Class is 4 hours but for the next one hr TCT class she needs minimum of three members.

### 2015 Budget

FC Zima reported that at the budget meeting there was no quorum ( needed two more members). Since there were no urgent expenditure, budget approval will be tabled. He thanked members of the Budget and the COW Committee members who are now dismissed.

### New Businesses – Bravo Zulu

DCCR reported that BZ has posed a problem unique to 6-11 since its "owned" and in the custody of 6-11. In the event of catastrophic damaged, we cannot make claims to the CG. We have to foot the bill. Last time BZ was damaged it took a year to get Station MB to provide the funding, that MB owns the engines and 6-11 owns the hull. M. Paulini said only qualified coxswains can use BZ. It is Aux leadership position that the flotilla has the rights to the engine. An option is to return the engines to MB. R. Torres said if other flotillas use BZ and BZ is damaged, 6-11 may still be responsible for the repairs. If Command decides to open BZ to all coxswains, this question must be addressed. Dr. Tejeiro said Station MB Commander will make the final decision. Silvio Rodriguez said he has no idea the used hours of the engines. He further stated that BZ is not a commercial vessel and should something happens, it's not fair to blame the last user e.g. A. Tellechea may want to use BZ but may not want to be responsible for any repairs or damage. Current BZ account stood at \$1200 ( \$1400 pending). M. Zima said though engines own by MB there is no coverage ! FC Zima said there are three options : a) return engines to MB b) 6-11 keep the hull and c) BZ not to be loaned to other flotillas. This will be tabled until we have quorum. DCCR will report this to Station MB.

### Other New Businesses

- 1) On April 11, we have been requested to help out at PhilanthroFest at Museum Park. Uniform is ODU
- 2) April 17 Open House at AIRSTAMIA. Uniform ODU
- 3) April 18 Spring Festival at Tamiami Trail Park.

Meeting adjourned at 2105 hour.