

Minutes of the January 4,2022 Meeting of Flotilla 070-08-06 at the Venice Community Center, Venice FL

Attending on Zoom: Roman, Gzyl, Joan Lappin , David Bloomquist, Dorinne Reiley, Tom Mooney, Mike Pflieger, Richard Klein, Jean Ellen Trapani, Robert Spong, Walt Jennings,

In Person: Denis Keyes, Carol Hoernle, Judith Bidwick, Al Bidwick, Thomas Lynch, Joseph Amabile, Stanley Smith, Suzanne Bobey, Mike Alexander, John Heyer, Deb Casey, Dottie Olszyk

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. followed by our first in person gathering in many months due to Covid restrictions. Denis Keyes administered the New Members Pledge to Thomas Lynch, Joseph Suzanne Bobey and Tom Mooney.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by J. Bidwick, seconded by Tom Lynch and passed. A finance report was filed by John Heyer. Our current bank balance is

The flotilla was asked to save several dates in January for Auxiliary events on 1/5, 1/8 and 1/17. Some were eventually rescheduled to zoom due to resurgence of Covid in Florida.

Extensive awards of recognition were given out by Al Bidwick as Awards Chair. Vessel Exams, R. Gzyl and Robert Spong, Public Education to: Judi Bidwick, Al Bidwick, Juan Hernandez, Denis Keyes, Joan Lappin and Tom Lynch. Even though we were unable to offer in person BSS classes Judi Bidwick very successfully offered the classes on Zoom to people in and out of our community we would not normally reach.

Member of the Year was awarded to Dottie Olszyck for wearing 3 hats in 2021 and her great service to our flotilla. Plaques were awarded to our top performers in Aux Data for hours contributed: Roman Gzyl, Dori Reilly and Jean Trapani for Program Visits, Crew: Rich Klein. Judi Bidwick was honored for Most VE's and instructor hours. 2 members were honored for AUX CHEF and 3 others have now been qualified at Radio Watchstanders. Many members received certifications. ON 12/27/21 Walt Jennings was renewed as a Coxswain after a night mission with Tom Albert and Lawrence Berman.

The staff officers for 2021 were thanked by FC Denis Keyes for their service in a difficult time of Covid. Special thanks were given to David Bloomquist and Robert Spong for training center maintenance and plumbing repairs. Our new satellite based internet system has been installed and tested to replace the slower than dial up set up it replaced which Frontier had rendered inoperable last year.

The new staff officers for 2022 are as follows: Communications Services (CS): Walt Jennings;CM(Communications)Mike Plieger, Finance, John Heyer; HR: Robert Spong. Stanley Smith stepped up to fill the long vacant IS position and is undertaking training for certification for this job which will be a huge help to our flotilla. Materials(MA): Dottie Olzyck, Member Training: Al Bidwick; NS and OP: Roman Gzyl; Carol Hoernle, Public Affairs (PA); Publications and Public Education (PB and PE): Judi Bidwick; Public Visitation(PV): Jean Trapani, (VE)Vessel Exams: Tom Lynch, Fellowship: Dottie Olszyck, Medical Officer: Fred Varricchio and Secretary/Records: Joan Lappin. Several positions are not yet filled so please step up if you can especially to fill Diversity (DV), and Marine Safety (MS). Maintenance: David Bloomquist

The election and installation of our new FC, Carol Hoernle was postponed to later in January after the completion of additional officer qualifying course work.

The FC explained that our 2022 budget has just been moved forward from last year due to our inability to execute our plans because of Covid. Walt Jennings made a motion for the budget to be accepted and Judi Bidwick seconded it. It was passed unanimously. It was pointed out that our grant provides a lot of

money for us to execute our good work for the community. Each officer has money to spend but must keep an accurate and complete record of all expenditure requests and then provide receipts to the Financial Officer. Please consider what important funding requests we can make of the County for 2022.

Our incoming FC would like officer reports at future meetings to be a CONCISE report of what you are doing to be submitted in advance of our meetings to the VC and to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. Her goal is to make our meetings more interesting by inviting speakers and having enough time for them to provide interesting information on topics relevant to our various roles in the community.

Al Bidwick spoke at length in an exposition of his plans for 2022 for member trainings. Al believes that without training people leave the flotilla. His goal is individualized instruction paths for members to be able to grow in areas of interest to them. We must do our utmost to integrate new members into 8-6. We want to move members from AP to BQ with workshops and required courses being offered every couple of years. We need more crew qualified members to be a healthier organization. He would like to offer classes 1 day a week to learn basic skills and then finally OPS courses. Be sure to use form 7029 to report your hours. Contact Al at ALBIDTRAIN@gmail.com

Carol reported that we will have another exhibit at the Venice Library during Boating Safety Week in the spring to draw attention to our flotilla within the community. Carol also needs help with an inventory of our assets, fellowship ideas, boat trips, communal meals once it is safe for us to do so.

Roman Gzyl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Dori Reilly. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Lappin FSO SR