

**Flotilla 12-04 Central Grand Strand  
Meeting Minutes  
12 February 2013**

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of Flotilla 12-4 was called to order at 1915 on 12 February 2013 at Surfside Beach Firehouse by FC Chuck Budnick. The meeting started at 1915 due to receiving PPE equipment from BM 2 Jason Reiling.

**Present:**

Members: Angelo Scorzello, Chuck Budnick, Tom Williamson, Vernon Simmons, Billy Shaver, Jack Stacy, Nancy Johnson, Tommy Timberlake, Jack Margolis, Dolorene Arruda, Oliver Leimbach, Bud Shepard, Josh Gray, Eric Hurlin, Donald Siwirski, Tony Presson, Jim Nelson, Betty Hayes, Larry Koslap, Bradley Sweeny.

Guests: Stephanie Poole.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Motion by Ollie Leimbach. Second by Don Siwirski.

**Financial Report:**

Bud Shepard reported a bank balance of \$1159.66 less \$513.00 (for dues) or \$696.66.

**Coast Guard Comments:**

Auxiliary Liaison BM 2 Jason Reiling reported nothing new except that a vessel had sunk at a Georgetown dock and CG had to pump it out.

**Comments By District, Division Staff Officers Present:**

Division Commander: None

**Auxiliary Elected Officers Comments:**

Flotilla Commander:

Chuck Budnick swore in Vern Simmons as a new officer (FSO Diversity) and Larry Koslap as a new member. Chuck will be taking over Public Education from Bob Lippert. Bob has had to drop the office due to business interests. Chuck also mentioned that Walter Spall is planning to move North due to health issues. Eric Hurlin has appointed a proctor to replace Walter.

Vice Flotilla Commander:

Tommy Timberlake reminded Flotilla Staff Officers they need to send reports to Division by the fifteenth of the month. See Tommy if you have any questions.

Immediate Past Flotilla Commander: None.

**Staff Officer Reports:**

Tommy Timberlake reported:

Information Services: Tommy requested members to get in their 7029's submitted.

Member Training: Tommy stated some members still need to complete TCT training classes. No training tonight due to Tommy's vacation. He will commence training during meetings next month.

Eric Hurlin reported:

Marine Safety: Six sites were visited for Sea Partners-Environmental.

Marine Dealer Visits: Four visits were completed.

James Nelson reported:

Web site development and maintenance: Everything is good. Pictures of FC and VFC are now on the site.

Jack Margolis reported:

Communications: Nothing new.

Operations: He has been working on pictures and locations of Marinas Also he would like to integrate boat landings and establish some as safe havens. Chuck added we could have patrols check locations and take pictures. Jason Reiling remarked it would help new active duty personnel familiarize with the operating area. Jack continued to talk about a rescue mission gone wrong. Chuck offered to put it on the website or email it to members. He also mentioned a course on relieving an incapacitated coxswain had been requested. Chuck has the course partially done. Chuck also suggested members train as they patrol. Jack suggested man overboard drills and search pattern practice.

Tom Williamson reported:

Public Affairs: Our next event will be the fishing expo at CCU on Saturday, 2 March. It includes four salt water fishing seminars. He will email all members details and wants as many volunteers as possible.

Oliver Leimbach reported:

Human Resources: Our guest tonight Stephanie Poole is a student at Horry Georgetown Tech. She is interested in joining the Coast Guard. Ollie passed a memo on grooming standards from the HR Directorate.

Aton: All Quiet.

Tony Presson reported:

Material: VE decals are in. He is working on an order for Eric. Tommy will also prepare an order.

Billy Shaver reported:

Vessel Examinations: The VE workshop will be held 9 March.

Comments By District, Division Staff Officers Present: None.

**Committee Reports, Future Plans:**

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

**Swear in New Members / Staff Officers / Awards:**

Jim Nelson, Bud Shepard, Tommy Timberlake received a meritorious team commendation from Air Station Savannah. Chuck read the commendation.

Bud, Tommy and Billy Shaver received a certificate for completion of the seamanship course.

Dolores Arruda was designated a VE and received her certificate.

Certificates for completion of GPS class were awarded to Jim, Ollie Leimbach, Tony Presson, Bud, and Verne Simmons.

Billy Shaver received a Communications Certificate.

Chuck handed out Certificates of Appreciation to last years Flotilla Staff Officers.

**Questions and Discussion by members:**

Bud mentioned Ruby Tuesdays has a gift bag program. Chuck asked if he would look into it. Bud also said he had submitted a \$7000 grant request to West Marine for a trailer and PFD's for a children's safe boating program. In the past we have given out gifts for children wearing life jackets.

**Comments from members and guests:**

Chuck mentioned a navigation seminar (GPS charting) at the Brass Buckle, Station Charleston 16 March 2013.

Eric Hurlin mentioned there would be an air show in Myrtle Beach in June and asked if we knew about it. Tom Williamson said he would look into it. Jack Margolis and Jason Reiling said that they expected CG and Auxiliary personnel to be asked to assist.

Training: None.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made for adjournment by Dolores Arruda and seconded by Jack Margolis. The meeting adjourned at 2007 hours. The next general meeting will be held at the Surfside Beach Firehouse, 13 March 2013 at 1900 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Williamson, Secretary