

**Flotilla 12-04 Central Grand Strand
Meeting Minutes
9 January 2013**

Opening:

The regular meeting of Flotilla 12-4 was called to order at 1900 on 9 January 2013 at Surfside Beach Firehouse by FC Chuck Budnick.

Present:

Members: 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, Roy Gnirke, Donald Siwirski, Tony Presson.

Guests: None.

Minutes:

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

Jack Margolis remarked that the heading District Commander should be Division Commander. Secretary Tom Williamson said that is correct and would be changed on this months and future minutes.

Financial Report:

Bud Shepard reported a bank balance of \$1159.66.

Coast Guard Comments: None.

Comments By District, Division Staff Officers Present:

Division Commander: None

Auxiliary Elected Officers Comments:

Flotilla Commander:

Will defer comments until after swearing in of new officers.

Vice Flotilla Commander: None.

Immediate Past Flotilla Commander: None.

Staff Officer Reports:

Tommy Timberlake reported:

Information Services: Submit 7029's. He will enter them after he comes back from vacation.

Member Training: Tommy is putting together an ABS course and asked for volunteers to teach. In order to inspect an OPFAC VE's will have to attend an inspection workshop per District Commander. Discussion followed on reasons and implementation. Tommy will conduct the

workshop around the middle of March. Two or more classes if needed.

A GPS for mariners course (free to members) will given at the Brass Buckle, Station Charleston 19 February 2013.

Tommy and Chuck talked about extending meetings (1900 to 2100 HRS) and including 20-30 minutes of training. Possible subjects would be First Aid, knots and towing procedures for boat crew and coxswains. Jack Margolis remarked that they did the same thing at his previous Flotilla.

Tommy also remarked that we have received an additional finger print kit courtesy of the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

Eric Hurlin reported:

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

Marine Dealer Visits: One visit was completed.

James Nelson reported:

Web site development and maintenance: Chuck read an e-mail from Jim that he had met with Chuck and Tom Williamson to get minutes on the web site. Tom said the minutes appear on the PA page. Eric mentioned the need for an operations calendar. Tommy suggested getting into PALMS since it shows all scheduled patrols.

Jack Margolis reported:

Communications: He is new, just getting started.

Operations: Nothing yet. He needs to have his Coxswain certificate transferred.

Tom Williamson reported:

Public Affairs: Our next event will be the fishing expo at CCU. Josh Gray will obtain details for us. We will probably use the PA trailer and Coastie. The boat show is this weekend. We had planned on supporting 12-2 at it but they received notice of the show late so they decided they did not have enough time to attend. Discussion followed and it was decided we would try to take the lead on this important event.

Oliver Leimbach reported:

Human Resources: Throw away any old copies of membership applications. We have a new application that must be used.

Aton: Nothing new.

Tony Presson reported:

Material: Nothing new.

Billy Shaver reported:

Vessel Examinations: Nothing new.

Committee Reports, Future Plans:

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Swear in New Members / Staff Officers / Awards:

Chuck presented Vern Simmons with his ID card.

Chuck swore in Flotilla Officers for 2013 (list attached).

New member Josh Gray was sworn in.

Sustained Service Awards were presented to Christine Siwirski (third award) and Nancy Johnson (seventh award). Christine's award was accepted by Don Siwirski.

Ollie Leimbach received his Aid Verifier Certificate.

Billy Shaver received his VE test certificate.

Tommy Timberlake received his AUXCOM communications test exam certificate.

Bud Shepard received his certificate for passing the Aviation Exam Part B.

Comments by Flotilla Commander:

Chuck remarked that a uniform check list had been passed out at the meeting and should be used as a self check list by members. A draft calendar was also passed out.

There have been some new VE updates. See Tommy. Tommy intends to handle them in his workshops.

Questions and Discussion by members:

Vernon Simmons asked how Betty Hayes was doing. Chuck said she was up and about.

Comments from members and guests:

Jack Margolis recommended BM 3 Michael Kline at Station Georgetown if anyone needs insignia and name tags sewn on to their ODU's. Price is \$1 per Shirt and a dollar per item.

Training: None.

Adjournment:

Motion was made for adjournment by Jack Margolis and seconded by Dolores Arruda. The meeting adjourned at 2016 hours. The next general meeting will be held at the Surfside Beach Firehouse, 13 February 2013 at 1900 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Williamson, Secretary