

Dept. of Homeland Security
US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 070-12-06 East Cooper

Auxiliary- Record of Unit Meeting: 20 January 2022

Unit Number: 070-12-06

Location: Sea School, 624 B Marina Dr, Charleston, SC 29492

Date: 20 January 2022

Type of Meeting: Regular Business

The meeting was held in person and electronically via Zoom, and was called to order by FC John Swink at 1900, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Phil Poole gave the invocation.

Officers present: FC Swink, VFC Gallapis, FSO-CM Runck, FSO-PB Young, FSO-PA Garvey, FSO-MA Frassanito, FSO-SR Pascale, FSO-IS Gresle.

Members present: Joe Ego, Phil Poole, Beatrice Berle, Ed Gerhart, Justo Torres, David Desplaces, Rhett Myers, Luc Georget, Chad Rogers, Mike Pascale.

Total attendance: 18 of 53, QUORUM was met.

Welcome new member: Beatrice Berle

New member pledge: Rhett Myers

No training provided at this meeting.

2022 new Staff pledge: Dawn Gallapis, Philippe Gresle, Walter Runck, John Frassanito, Kathy Pascale, Bill Garvey, Mike Young, Robert Gerber.

A motion was made by Philippe Gresle, seconded by David Desplaces, to approve the November minutes. The motion was approved.

FC Announcements

FC reminded everyone of new Covid policies and a questionnaire sent to District via email regarding intentions for Covid vaccine exemptions. FC asked that everyone please respond.

FC thanked David Desplaces and Susan White for their leadership in 2021. They were "awesome", especially with Covid restrictions and operational challenges.

The Division meeting took place last weekend. Many had to cancel, last minute, due to the updated Covid policies. Walter Runck attended via Zoom. FC said he is happy to have Walter's leadership at a Division level. Division meetings will be held every quarter, next meeting will be in April. The July meeting will take place in Charleston.

FC discussed District's in-depth Flotilla analysis report, which measures flotillas in District. Rates criteria from 1-5 (5 is highest). Geared toward member activity, engagement by members and number of hours reported. Flotilla 12-6 received all 5s .

Only 11 of 93 flotillas received 5s. Very proud of 12-6; it is a tribute to David Desplaces and Susan White for their leadership. Congrats to all!

Flotilla 12-6 will receive a banner from National Commandant 3-Star award for diversity. This is a repeat award, thank you to Scott Heisler.

Operations are limited due to Covid, good opportunity for online training. Every member is encouraged to take training for Program Visitor. Please consider Vessel Examiner or Culinary Assistant (CA).

As mentioned in the National Newsletter, Joe Woodbury, 12-8, went on a circumnavigation of the world trip as a CA. Joe will make a presentation on his trip at the next 12-8 meeting. Feb 9th, 19:00 at Station. All are invited to attend.

Joe Ego was recently appointed to National Staff as Branch Assistant - Aviation Management (BA-RAM). Joe discussed his efforts to keep AuxAir currency information available for the members, including building a D7 AuxAir web site. Congratulations to Joe!

FC noted budget is a priority for next year. Need to present a budget in next few months.

Staff Reports: Dawn

Please have Staff reports in on time each month.

Public Affairs (Bill Garvey) Boat Show next week in Charleston, 3-day event. Volunteers are needed to help man Flotilla 12-8's outdoor exhibit.

Human Resources (Walter): Sea Scouts are looking for high school-age students interested in sailing on a 28-foot sail boat out of City Marina. They would like to invite/recruit 12 scouts between 13-18 years old. Speak with Walter for more details.

Communications (Philippe): AUXDATA II testing came up with some bugs, will be up and running soon. Philippe was appointed Culinary Assistant and will be working with the program. He is working toward providing a Culinary class to allow members to complete initial requirements for the CA program.

Stickers for VE, vessel safety check stickers, Phil Poole asked for 200 stickers.

New Business: Covid Risk form 7101, latest version is 1021. There will be a new form after booster. Everyone is asked to please complete forms.

Sector Charleston is looking for an Ombudsman. Kathy Pascale, Mike Pascale, Philippe Gresle described the role of Ombudsman and encouraged members to consider the Ombudsman position/training for Sector Charleston.

Awards:

Phil Poole: Auxiliary membership service award.

Philippe Gresle: Auxiliary membership service award, Performance award.

Joe Ego: Auxiliary membership service award, Instructor certificate.

David Desplaces: Certificate of Appreciation for service as FC 2021.

Luc Georget: Auxiliary membership service award, 5 years of service.

A motion to adjourn was made by Philippe Gresle and seconded by Joe Frassanito. The meeting was adjourned at 2012. Next business meeting will take place on 2/17/22 , 1900, at Sea School, Daniel Island.

Respectfully submitted by
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale