

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

Unit Number: 070-12-06

Location: Sea School, 624 B Marina Dr., Charleston, SC 29492 (Daniel Island)

Date: 17 March 2022

Time: 1900

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. Dr. Phil Poole gave the invocation.

Officers present: FC Swink, VFC Gallapis, FSO-CM Runck,
FSO-PA Garvey, FSO-MA Frassanito, FSO-SR Pascale, FSO-PE White,
FSO-PV Gerber

Members present: Beatrice Berle, Ed Gerhart, Justo Torres,
Craig Hammer, Mike Pascale, Rhett Myers, Phil Poole.

Total attendance: 15 of 51 present, QUORUM was met.

Guests Present: DCDR William Hayes, LT Shelly Allen, Bob Weskerna

A motion was made by Susan White, seconded by John Frassanito, to approve the February minutes. The motion was approved.

FC Announcements

FC stated with warmer weather coming, boating activities will begin to pick up, and we can play a critical role in helping prepare Lowcountry boaters, through boating safety classes (now called Boat America) and vessel safety exams.

Everyone is encouraged to consider working on the Vessel Examiner qualification or at least take the course.

Everyone is encouraged to verify their information in AUXDATA II to ensure we have accurate contact information for EverBridge notifications. Everyone is also encouraged to log their hours.

Upcoming events:

Blood Drive, scheduled for 24 March followed by lunch at DIG in the Park.

The Coast Guard Band will be performing at the Summers Corner Performing Arts Center 3 April.

Also, several members attended the SAR (Search and Rescue) Conference in Charleston on 15 March. Nice to see the event well attended by AUX. Members

were given a tour of the Command Center, everyone is encouraged to visit and take a tour.

Congratulations to Morgan Gallapis on her promotion to Chief Petty Officer and her assignment to USCGC Calhoun.

VFC Announcements

VFC thanked the staff officers for turning in 100% of the staff reports for February.

Dawn stated that due to a positive development in personal circumstances, she will be able to finish her term as VFC.

Guest Speaker

LT Shelly Allen gave a presentation about Sector Charleston Command Center. Q&A followed.

Staff Reports Summary (Please refer to March 2022 Flotilla Newsletter for the complete reports)

Dawn Gallapis: Operations

Local notes: No operations in February

The leadership of 12-06 and the Division are working on a plan to get operations back in full swing.

We will be offering support security patrols at the Bridge Run on 2 April.

National notes:

DIRAUX put out an update to the Prohibition of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

DIRAUX put out an update to the Air Program. The Air Crew Qualification Commandant Instruction has been updated to the Air Crew Qualification Syllabus.

John Frassanito: Materials, Navigation Systems

Materials: Placed (3) separate orders from the Auxiliary National Supply Center. Received equipment from Ann Marie Graham.

Navigation Systems: The Navigations Systems department is continuing to work on the new Bridge Database for all of District 7, not just Sector Charleston.

William Garvey: Public Affairs

Attended the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition to see if that could be a good venue for a 12-6 table display going forward.

Flotilla's application for an exhibit table spot Air Expo 2022 at Joint Base Charleston in April was denied.

Our participation in the latest blood drive 24 March should be well received and appreciated, as always. The folks at the Blood Connection do value our giving of ourselves.

Philippe Gresle: Communications Systems, Information Systems

Nothing to report.

Walter Runck: CM, HR, MT

CM: No activity to report. HR: One candidate had to withdraw partway through the process, but plans to join sometime in the future. MT - Working to schedule RM refresher when David returns.

Susan White: Public Education

Boat America Class was held 19 February at Daniel Island Library with 15 participants. Some interest has been generated for the Kids and Water Elementary School presentations both as assistant educators (no Instructor qualification necessary) and as possible venues.

Bob Gerber: VE/PV We had 58 VEs, but no PVs reported in Feb.

Justo Torres: Financial

Complete financial report can be found in the March newsletter

Old Business: None

Awards:

Robert Weskerna: Certificate of Appreciation (Bravo Zulu and Thank you)
Jackie Weskerna: Certificates of Appreciation (Bravo Zulu and Thank you)
LT Shelly Allen: Certificate of Appreciation (Bravo Zulu and Thank you)

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan White and seconded by John Frassanito. The meeting was adjourned at 2015. Next business meeting will take place on 21 April 2022, 1900, at Sea School, Daniel Island.

Respectfully submitted by
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale