

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: Brass Buckle on Station Charleston

Date: 21 April 2022

Time: 1916

Type of Meeting: Training followed by Regular Business

The meeting was held in the Brass Buckle on Station Charleston following joint 12-6 and 12-8 Risk Management training. The meeting was called to order by Flotilla Commander John Swink at 1916.

Officers present: FC John Swink, VFC Dawn Gallapis, FSO-CM Walter Runck, FSO-PA William Garvey, FSO-MA John Frassanito, FSO-IS Philippe Gresle, FSO-PE Susan White.

Members present: Joe Ego, Beatrice Berle, Ed Gerhart, Justo Torres, Craig Hammer, Will Smith, Rhett Meyers.

Total attendance: 14 of 53 present.

Guests Present: Michael Harvey and Ron Meetz from host Flotilla 12-8.

Training: Risk Management training prior to meeting 1700-1900.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion by Philippe Gresle that was seconded by William Garvey.

FC Announcements

FC Swink thanked Flotilla 12-8 Commander Michael Harvey and Flotilla 12-8 members for hosting this event. He expressed the hope that future training events could be arranged for the benefit of both flotillas.

FC Swink noted the excellent Coast Guard Band Concert that was held on April 3, 2022, in Summerville, SC.

VFC Gallapis cited current budget constraints for the Coast Guard as hampering patrols and possibly affecting the Air Operations Workshop scheduled for the following weekend in Savannah, GA.

Flotilla Staff Officer updates on previously submitted reports:

Communications (Walter Runck): Nothing to report

Human Resources (Walter Runck): Nothing to report

Public Affairs (Bill Garvey): FSO-PA Garvey invited any interested members to join him for the Blessing of the Fleet the following Sunday. Four Mayors have been contacted concerning National Safe Boating Week proclamations. David Desplaces volunteered to meet with Mt. Pleasant Mayor to accept in person on May 10th.

Public Education (Susan White): FSO-PE White – all 17 students successfully completed the April 16 Boat America class.

Communications (Philippe Gresle): – members should send in self-attestation forms for VE and IT courses. Other courses that are instructor led must also be completed by June 30.

Other comments of note:

John Frassinito passed along an invitation from Lowcountry kayaking club for us to attend a meeting concerning vessel inspections. The July picnic was suggested as a good possibility.

David Desplace and Philippe Gresle urged members to collect excess materials for distribution at PA and VE events.

Members were reminded of annual Life Jacket Studies that are held at four sites June-September. Online pretraining is available. David Desplaces is POC for this.

VFC Gallapis urged members to read photography article in March newsletter concerning National Photography contest.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Awards: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig Hammer and seconded by William Garvy. The meeting was adjourned at 2000. Next business meeting will take place on 5/19/22 , 1900, at Sea School, Daniel Island.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan White