

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: 21 July, 2022

Time: 1900

Type of Meeting: Regular Business

The meeting was held 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-SR Pascale, FSO-PV Gerber, FSO-FN Torres

Members present: Ed Gerhart, Joe Ego, David Desplaces, Ed Boutilier,  
Craig Hammer, Mike Pascale, Phil Poole

Total attendance: 14 of 51 present, QUORUM was met.

Guests Present: none

A motion was made by Bill Garvey, seconded by Ed Gerhardt, to approve the May minutes. The motion was approved. (There was not a quorum at the June meeting)

### **FC Announcements**

Division meeting was held at Walter Runck's house also via Zoom.

Operational activities are down compared to what we could do pre COVID.

Hoping to get more crew trained, it is limited at this time.

Susan White has done 5 Boating Skills classes, 63 students, doing a great job filling in after Chris moved to Florida.

3,492 total hours logged.

There have been a few air operations done to support the gold side.

Lifejacket study, David Desplaces is the coordinator for the state.

Good work, thank you David.

ID machine is broken, no word on when it will be replaced.

Other flotillas have been putting together missions but are short on crew.

That creates opportunities for 12-6 members who need hours.

Sea Scout Program, Walter Runck. They have a 27-foot sailboat currently in maintenance. Assistance is needed to get the boat back in the water. They need painting supplies, not sure what the budget is. Will follow up.

D-Train in Orlando in Sept. Classes going on, good opportunity to catch up on some classes.

## **VFC Announcements**

Staff Reports Summary (Please refer to 7/ 2022 Flotilla Newsletter for complete reports)

**John Frassanito M, NS:** not present

**Philippe Gresele IS:** not present

**Susan White PE:** not present

**William Garvey PA:** nothing to report

**Bob Gerber PV:** nothing to report

**Walter Runck CM, HR, MT:** Comms. Request from Div. 7 to provide alternative sites for post hurricane Rescue 21 back up. Going to need a comms officer for an inspection on new facility. Hoping to do a VE class with chances to do VEs after the class. Rescue and Survival systems, been asked to put together our request list for equipment for Sector. PLBs are expiring next year, need to put together a budget.

**Justo Torres: FN:** Complete financial report can be found in the July newsletter

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Mike Pascale gave an update on how things are progressing with working on CGC STONE. Greatest need is for quarterdeck watchstanding. 11 people interested from 3 flotillas (12-6, 12-8, 12-4 (Myrtle Beach)). There will be a familiarization tour on 7/30. Details to come on how to qualify to be a watchstander.

Once the watchstanding program takes off, the next program the STONE would like assistance with is help in the galley.

John Swink spoke with Philippe Gresele about starting a CA training program for auxiliaries. Currently it is difficult to find qualified people to teach the course. At this time, there are no plans to hold a course.

Mike Pascale discussed Base Charleston's need for an Ombudsman. Great article in the May newsletter about the Ombudsman program. Anyone interested in the program, please reach out. Excellent training and support, very rewarding.

Also, Walter Runck's location is a great place for a social gathering combined with training. Hoping to hold meeting in Sept. with instructors, etc.

Dr. Poole spoke about Aux Chaplain Support program he created in 2017. 886 active duty to every 1 CG chaplain. With that in mind the Aux Chaplain was created which is clergy members within communities who assist ACS chaplains in the Charleston area. They go out to Sector, ANT teams, stations, field offices and do deck plate ministry.

Other responsibilities of clergy include change of commands, weddings, baptisms, funerals, burials at sea. Busy working directly with and for CG via the chaplain, Joe Seifert. Currently Dr. Poole is the director of the ACS program for entire Auxiliary.

John Swink thanked Dr. Poole for all he does for ACS program and for his devotion to Flotilla 12-6.

**Awards:**

David Desplaces: Certificate of Appreciation for leading the Flotilla as FC in 2021.  
(Bravo Zulu and Thank You)

Bob Gerber: RBS device will be presented in-person at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Boutilier and seconded by David Desplaces. The meeting was adjourned at 2000. Next business meeting will take place on 18 Aug, 2022, 1900, at Sea School, Daniel Island.

Respectfully submitted by  
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale