

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: 18 August, 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 and a moment of silence.

Officers present: FC Swink, VFC Gallapis, FSO-CM Runck, FSO-PA Garvey, FSO-PV Gerber, FSO-FN Torres, FSO-PE White, FSO-MA Frassanito FSO-DV Heisler

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

Total attendance: 14 of 51 present, QUORUM was met

Guests Present: none

A motion was made by David Desplaces seconded by Bill Garvey to approve the July minutes with amendments from Susan White. The motion was approved.

FC Announcements

Operational activity of the Flotilla has been limited. Philippe indicates that it should be possible to get patrols together by Sept/Oct. Renewal has been submitted but hasn't gone through. It is a slow moving process getting reapproved.

Justo is in the process of applying to get his boat approved. Hopefully, we can get out on the water soon.

As State coordinator for life jacket observation, David Desplaces reports that the process is $\frac{3}{4}$ way finished. It should be wrapped up by this weekend. David is waiting on 2021 data, many people are not wearing life jackets other than young children. Everyone should be wearing life jackets.

Susan White has done a great job picking up where Chris Gallapis left off with Boating Safety classes. More on that in Officer reports.

VFC Announcements

Nothing to report other than to ask Susan White to send addition to July minutes to Mike Young.

Staff Reports Summary (Please refer to 8/ 2022 Flotilla Newsletter for complete reports)

John Frassanito M, NS:

The complete list of District 7 bridge numbers is completed for all (5) Sectors as well as ariel photos from AuxAir. I will be looking for detailed information on the navigation devices next.

Philippe Gresle C, IS: Not present

Susan White PE:

Had a meeting with Captain of Rifle Range Road fire station. They would like a training program for firefighters, especially those without boating experience. They will teach on-water skills, they need backup from Aux. Asking for multiple sessions two nights a week. Three 4 hr. sessions. Curriculum TBD.

Currently teaching the 3rd Boating skills and Seamanship class in 9 months time. Classes going well, will finish on Sept 5 or 7. Craig Hammer is teaching on Saturday.

William Garvey PA: Nothing to report

Bob Gerber VE, PE: Nothing to report

Walter Runck CM, HR, MT:

SeaScouts are back in school. Adults responsible for getting boat from City harbor is on hold. They will be moving the boat up-river in Sept.

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

Old Business:

Mike Pascale gave an update on work that has been done so far on the CGC STONE watchstander program. Introduction tour was on 7/30. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Mike to discuss.

Thank you to Justo for sending the email regarding dues. Please send in dues if you haven't already done so.

FC had a follow-up comment on bridge numbers study. A file will be created to match numbers to bridges.

Joe Ego gave an update on AuxAir. As with everyone, COVID took a big toll. Quite a few new people are training and things are starting to get back on track. Savannah is in need of more planes.

New Business:

Dawn reported that the Blood Drive will be held on 9/2 at Blood Connection and is open to all Aux of Lowcountry. Lunch after Blood Drive at Tattooed Moose.

FSO-DV Scott Heisler reported that Flotilla 12-6 received the Diversity Award.

USCGC Calhoun/American Legion Post 166, Goose Creek, needs volunteers for 9/11 Memorial event. There will be a large media presence, help needed with parking, clean up, etc. Please volunteer if you are available.

David Desplaces reports that Lifejacket observation is $\frac{3}{4}$ way through, Edisto is next.

FC commented that VE qualifications are an important part of the PE program and are easy to obtain. Walter has offered to host a combo fellowship/training event at his home. It will be a good opportunity for everyone to get VE qualified.

Walter reports that D-Train is coming up in mid Sept. The agenda can be found on D7 website. It is an interesting experience and worthwhile event for Aux leadership.

Hoping everyone can stay after the Sept. meeting to review and sharpen skills.

Elections are coming up for FC and VFC. John and Dawn are eligible for another year. Let John know if you are interested in running.

Awards:

(Will present both at next meeting)

Phil Poole: VEs last year

Susan White: Service Award

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig Hammer and seconded by David Desplaces. The meeting was adjourned at 1858 Next business meeting will take place on 15 September, 2022, 1900, at Sea School, Daniel Island.

Respectfully submitted by
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale