

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, Station Charleston, 196 Tradd Street, Charleston, S.C.

Date: 16 February, 2023

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 and Invocation by Dr. Phil Poole.

Officers present: FC John Swink, VFC Dawn Gallapis, FSO-CM Rhett Myers, FSO-MA, NS John Frassanito, FSO-SR Kathy Pascale, FSO-PE, MT Susan White, FSO-IS, HR Joe Ego, FSO-PV, VE Bob Gerber, FSO-PB Mike Pascale

Members present: David Desplaces, Phil Poole, Bill Garvey, Walter Runck

Total attendance: 35 present, QUORUM was met.

Guests Present: CAPT Randy Brown, MLEA CO, CDR Graham Lanz, MLEA XO (guest speakers), ENS David Holland (AUXLO), DCDR William Hayes, Robert McCune (Flotilla 12-8), Randy Glas (12-8), Ken Chichester (12-8), Donald Heibel (12-8), Cathy Heibel (12-8), Frederick Leary (12-8), Joe Livingston (12-1), Ron Meetze (12-8), Jenn Lanz, Rachel Brown, Dik Kushdilian, Braden Kushdilian, Wilfredo Rios, Brian Wildstein

Training: None

A motion was made by Rhett Myers, seconded by Joe Ego, to approve the January minutes. The motion was approved.

John Swink welcomed and thanked all guests and prospective members in attendance.

Mike Pascale introduced CAPT Randy Brown and CDR Graham Lanz, from USCG Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) who discussed their background, the MLEA mission and how auxiliarists can help MLEA. The presentation included a lively Q&A. There are many opportunities for auxiliarists. Next step is for CAPT Brown to appoint a project officer, who will arrange a tour of MLEA for potential Auxiliary volunteers. Mike Pascale will be the liaison between 12-6 and MLEA; the 12-8 liaison TBD.

FC Announcements: We're happy to have speakers like we had tonight, thank you Mike and Kathy. Interesting to hear about what MLEA does but also nice to hear about opportunities for Auxiliary to support the gold side. Great opportunities to make the most of our collective talents.

Core training is required every 5 years and can be found on AUXDATA II. While you're there please log your hours.

VFC Announcements:

Staff Reports:

Justo Torres: FN, PA: Not present. Full report in newsletter.

Joe Ego: IS, HR

IS: Any questions with logging hours please contact me; we'll get it figured out. Planning on some training in the next few months.

HR: New prospects, eleven on track, four here tonight. Happy to see new faces, welcome.

John Swink: OP

OP: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

Susan White: PE, MT:

PE: First Safe Boating class of the year is scheduled for this Saturday. David Desplaces will teach Risk Management class at the next flotilla meeting.

MT: Correction: Instructor workshop IS mandatory this year. If you have trouble accessing it please let me know.

Bob Gerber: VE, PV:

VE: If anyone needs stickers please see me.

PV: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

John Frassanito: MA, NS:

MA: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

NS: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

Rhett Myers: CM: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

Mike Pascale: PB: Nothing to report that wasn't in the newsletter.

Dawn Gallapis MS, CS:

MS: Update on meeting/training education regarding the background on marine safety. There is a big national push to get marine safety in areas where a program is missing. Charleston is one of those places. I've been in contact with a few members from around the state and D7. In the spring there will be a marine response PQS and training available. Let me know if there is interest.

CS: Working with SO on social media. I will have more information at the next meeting.

Scott Heisler: DV:

I'm pleased to submit the 3 star award for diversity, training, inclusion.

Division asked us to train on this aspect of human trafficking. All of this information can be found on DHS website. Segment on website devoted to human trafficking called Blue Campaign. Blue Campaign works closely with DHS Components to develop general [awareness trainings](#), as well as specific educational resources to help reduce victimization within vulnerable populations. Millions of men, women, children are being trafficked worldwide. Victims often don't ask for help. Situational awareness applies to all of us.

Old Business: None

New Business:

John Frassanito: There is a need for a CA training session and the possibility of a FSO-CA position. This is something to look into.

William Hayes: CAPT Brown gave a great example tonight about how the gold side can incorporate the Auxiliary in their activities. We should look for more opportunities like that to work with active duty, especially as the Coast Guard's presence will increase dramatically over the next several years.

National Safe Boating week is coming up.

I encourage everyone to take mandatory training as soon as possible, don't put it off. Now is the best opportunity to keep the momentum going, we're only better if we work together on training. Try to motivate and encourage your fellow flotilla members, be a mentor, offer to train together. The more we train the stronger we are. I appreciate all you do, we have great flotillas and a great division. Thank you everyone.

ENS Holland: Thank you for the great turnout tonight for the Captain. I'll be in touch for MLEA's request for Auxiliary assistance. Let me know whatever assistance you need from me.

John Swink: I echo all that William Hayes said. Also, ENS Holland is a joy to work with. He is a great supporter of the Auxiliary and we really do appreciate everything he does for us.

Joe Ego: If anyone is listed as REYR on AUXDATA II please give it your immediate attention. I'm happy to assist anyone who needs help.

Walter Runck: Please reserve June 28th. (Reason to be announced).

Awards:

Christophe Masiero:

Second Sustained Auxiliary Service award 10/22

Membership Service Award for five years in the Auxiliary 12/22

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan White and seconded by John Frassanito. The meeting was adjourned at 20:17. Next meeting will take place on 16 March, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale