

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: 16 March, 2023

Time: 2030

Type of Meeting: Regular Business

The meeting was held in person and was called to order by FC John Swink at 2030.

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

**Members present:** David Desplaces, Bill Garvey, Walter Runck, Ed Gerhart, Craig Hammer, Wilfredo Rios

**Total attendance:** 14 present, QUORUM was met.

**Guests Present:** None

**Training:** TCT/Risk Management 1830-2030, conducted by David Desplaces

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

**FC Announcements:**

Thank you, David Desplaces, for holding TCT/Risk Management training this evening. Welcome all who attended from Flotilla 12-8. With a total of 29 we had a great turnout; the class was very informative.

In the past we have had meetings where flotilla members come in uniforms they wear for various Auxiliary programs and talk about what they do. (e.g., flight suits, culinary, Ombudsman, etc.) If there is an interest, we will do this for the April meeting.

We also want to schedule some VE training to be held toward the end of May.

Are there any additions to the officer reports that are in the newsletter?

**Staff Reports:**

**Justo Torres: FN, PA:** Not present

**Joe Ego: IS, HR**

IS: Nothing further to report

HR: Nothing further to report

**John Swink: OP**

OP: Nothing further to report

**Susan White: PE, MT:** Not present

**Bob Gerber: VE, PV:**

VE: Stickers are available to anyone who needs them.

PV: Nothing further to report

**John Frassanito: MA, NS:**

MA: Nothing further to report

NS: Nothing further to report

**Rhett Myers: CM:**

CM: Nothing further to report

**Mike Pascale: PB:** Nothing further to report

**Dawn Gallapis MS, CS:**

MS: Amendment to report: I was on a workshop last night with District. Captain Jason Ingram came to speak. CG in general is very overwhelmed with migrant OPs now. District is having to pull all assets to handle the crisis in southern FL. There is a strong push for Auxiliary in Charleston to step into roles they cannot fill right now.

We're looking to get the marine safety program rolling here but there is a need for volunteers. If you did not reply to my email request with a series of questions please do so asap. I need your feedback. Are you interested in these programs should they come to Charleston:. Pollution Responder and Container Inspections need to be filled. Please respond to my email.

CS: Nothing further to report

**Scott Heisler: DV:** Nothing further to report.

Mike Pascale: Quarterdeck Watchstanding.

Randy Glass and I met with XO and Operations Officer of CGC Hamilton. We worked out a way for both of us to become qualified as watchstanders as we did with CGC STONE. There is more demand, more opportunity but only two of us. As we get more cutters over the next few years there will be more demand for Auxiliary watchstanders. If anyone here is interested, I'm happy to talk with you individually. I find watchstanding to be very rewarding because its working directly with active duty and highly appreciated by them.

Also, to follow up on MLEA, they haven't appointed a project officer yet. We want to strike while the iron is hot. I'll keep you posted on progress.

New Member: Wilfredo Rios welcomed by FC John Swink. Congratulations and we will have the swearing-in at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Blood Drive at the Blood Connection scheduled for 3/30 from 1000-1200. Gathering for lunch at the Tattooed Moose at 1230. Please consider donating! Contact: Kathy Pascale [kbpascale@gmail.com](mailto:kbpascale@gmail.com).

**Awards:** No awards to be presented.

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig Hammer and seconded by Mike Pascale.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2100. Next meeting will take place on 20 April, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,  
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale