# 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 Aug 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 moment of silence to remember all those serving both in the U.S. and abroad.

**Officers present**: FC John Swink, FSO–IS, HR Joe Ego, FSO–PV, VE Bob Gerber, FSO–PB Mike Pascale, FSO-FN, PA Justo Torres, FSO–SR Kathy Pascale, FSO-PE, MT Susan White, FSO–MA, NS John Frassanito.

**Members present**: Walter Runck, Wilfredo Rios-Fret, Diana Belknap, Travis Rogers, Braden Kushdilian, Mariluz Rios-Fret,.

Total attendance: 14 present, QUORUM was met.

**Guests Present**: ENS Tom Yurkin (CGC HAMILTON), FC William Carter (12-8), Dik Kushdilian. Ed Kirk

**Guest Speaker:** ENS Tom Yurkin discussed mutual cooperation possibilities between Flotilla 12-06 and CGC HAMILTON.

Training: None

A motion was made by Susan White, seconded by John Frassanito, to approve the July minutes. The motion was approved.

## **FC Announcements:**

Awards will now be an early part of the meeting to give appropriate recognition to recipients.

#### Awards:

Walter Runck, David Desplaces, Mike Young: Operational Excellence Award: (2020); Bravo Zulu Award for 36 VEs (2023)

Phil Poole: Century Club Award recognition of completing 100 VE's in 2022

Mike Pascale: Bravo Zulu Award for Auxiliarist of the Quarter (Division 12/District 7)

Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (First Award)

Susan White: Auxiliary Performance Award (Public Education)

Justo Torres: AUXOP award.

# **Further FC Announcements**

Safe Boating class will be held on 9/7/23 on IOP.

Six new members joining this month.

Oath of Office administered to four new members:

Diana Belknap, Travis Rogers, Braden Kushdilian, Mariluz Rios-Fret.

Congratulations and thank you to Joe Ego for the HR work done to welcome new members.

Everyone is encouraged to take as many classes as possible and take advantage of all the Auxiliary has to offer.

VFC Announcements: Not present

Staff Reports: Full reports appear in the Sept newsletter. Stated here are additions to reports in the September newsletter.

Justo Torres: FN, PA: FN: Dues renewal email coming soon. PA: Nothing to add to report.

Joe Ego: IS, HR: Nothing to add to report

John Swink: OP: Nothing to add to report

**Susan White: PE, MT:PE:** Water & Kids program starting this school year at Sullivan's Island. **MT**: Boating skills and seamanship course is available for people interested in becoming Boat Crew qualified.

Bob Gerber: VE, PV: Nothing to add to report

John Frassanito: MA, NS: Nothing to add to report

Rhett Myers: CM: Not present

Dawn Gallapis MS, CS: Not present

**Scott Heisler: DV:** Not present

Mike Pascale: PB: Nothing to add to report

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**.

John Swink and Mike Pascale met with ENS Yurkin on CGC HAMILTON to discuss what needs there may be for Flotilla 12-06 Auxiliarists to help active duty members and what HAMILTON active duty can do to help Flotilla 12-06.

Kathy and Mike Pascale have accepted an invitation to be Ombudsmen for a new Coast Guard unit, Office of Chief Prosecutor. If anyone is interested in becoming an Ombudsman, please talk to Kathy or Mike.

Tour of MLEA has been scheduled for 8/24, anyone interested in attending who has not already expressed interest, please speak with Mike Pascale.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan White and seconded by John Frassanito. The meeting was adjourned at 2010. Next meeting will take place on 21 Sept., 2023.

Respectfully submitted by FSO-SR Kathy Pascale