

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



Flotilla 07-04, San Antonio, Texas
Division 7, 8th Coastal Region

The Civilian Component of the U.S. Coast Guard
(Authorized by Congress in 1939)



Minutes **11 JAN 2020**

Call to Order/Pledge/Attendance/Guests

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, by FC/CS/MS: Shapovalov. The pledge was said, and attendance was taken. There were no guests.

BQ	= 12
AX	= 3
AP	= 1
IQ	= 0
Pending	= 0
Guest(s)	= 0
Total	= 16

Any classes/training taught – None

Any classes/training to be taught – Uniforms and their Proper Wear; How to do a Vessel Exam – February Mtg.
Forms 7029/7030 – Their Importance and How to complete – March Mtg.

NO REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 2019. COW WAS HELD 7 JAN 2019.

Old Business

A motion to accept the minutes was made by member Aux Moore and seconded by FSO-MA: Maung. The November 2019 minutes were approved as written, unanimously by the members. There were no minutes for December because there was no separate Flotilla 7-4 meeting. The COW was held in lieu of a regular flotilla meeting. FSO reports/7029 forms were submitted prior to 15 DEC 2019, so that credit would be received in 2019. Over 8900 hours were reported for the flotilla in 2019.

A short review of the C.O.W. was given. There were reports that all who attended enjoyed the evening! There was music, good food & wine, multiple awards presented, door prizes and four raffle prizes! There was a suggestion to have the 2020 C.O.W. earlier, as a lunch instead of dinner, on a Saturday. This would increase the number of attendees because many people do not like to drive at night, especially long distances.

Flotilla 7-4 received the Silver Oar Award in 2019! Go Flotilla 7-4 members!! Great teamwork!!!

All members were encouraged to accurately log hours for meetings, instructing, reading & responding to emails, travel to and from meetings/training, kayak & VEs, PEs, mentoring, etc. Some members underreported hours during 2019. Additional training on 7029 & 7030 forms will be offered during 2020.

PA Events: Aux. Moore and Aux. Shabaaz participated in a program for Veteran's Day, at Blue Skies of Texas-West, and represented the USCGAux. Aux. Shabaaz read the names of 35 residents (both retired military and civilians) that died in 2019.

By request of the Geoffrey Souris, Division Commander, Division 7 D 8CR, FC Shapovalov, Aux. Moore and Aux. Shabaaz attended the funeral services for an Unaccompanied Veteran, SP4 Ronnie Dutton, (1948-2019). SP4 Dutton served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970. The service was held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, on 08 JAN 2020. The three Flotilla 7-4 members represented the USCGAux and wore the dress blue uniforms. Five Sea Scouts also attended the service including their Adult Leader, Mary Oakes.

Reports

CM: Puharic – PRESENT. Has been made SO-CM as well and attended Division 7 meeting. Completed Radio Watchstanding 1/3-1/5, 2020. Gave PA (10J) talk to BSA troop 285 on 1/26/20.

CS: Shapovalov – PRESENT. Updated pictures/officers on the website

DV: Lathrop, R. – EXCUS. ABSENCE. No Activities reported.

FN: GawronRosario – PRESENT. Participated and completed Financial Audit. Assisted by Aux. Gosschalk and Aux. Moore. Flotilla voted on closing out accounts at Frost Bank at end of the month due to excessive fees for the accounts. New account was opened at: . **NO REPORT SUBMITTED.**

HR: McNamara – PRESENT. 2 inquiries were made during the month of December and 1 in January. Packets have been emailed to all three. Current Roster: 22 BQ, 6 AX, 2 AP; TOTAL = 30. 1 pending transfer [Robert Janusaitis – status IQ] from Division 6 – Paperwork completed, not showing in AUXDirectory. Continued Incident Management Team training. Attended Division 7 meeting.

IM: Ortiz Diaz – PRESENT. Continues to assist with weekend Board Patrol. Assisted in relief efforts in Puerto Rico after earthquake.

IS: GawronRosario – PRESENT. **NO REPORT SUBMITTED.**

MA: Maung – PRESENT. Conducted physical inventory of all unit property on 11 Jan 2020. Outgoing FSO-MA Mendez-Rodriguez was present. Preparing MA form 525 for each member for all equipment in their possession. New policy states that if a member is no longer attending meetings but still paying dues, they must return all PPE to the flotilla. Studied new FSO-MA Manual. Attended SA-EMD (San Antonio Electromagnetic Defense) quarterly meeting at VIA Metro center hosted by JBSA commanding general on 29 Jan 2020.

MS: Shapovalov – PRESENT. Participated in Unit Leadership Training by District web conferences. Spent time at the San Antonio USCG Recruiting Station on the computer re-activating my uscg.mil account.

MT: Lathrop, K. - EXCUS. ABSENCE. No Classes were taught. 1 member completed On-line Instructor training.

NS: Ansbergs – PRESENT. **NO REPORT SUBMITTED.**

OP: Ansbergs - PRESENT. **NO REPORT SUBMITTED.**

PA: Poppen - PRESENT. Presentation to National Park Service Employees on 13JAN 20
Discussion with FSO-VE regarding presentation on VE procedure.

PB: Poppen - PRESENT. Gathering and preparing articles for next edition of newsletter.

PE: McNamara – PRESENT. Starting to work on Boat Show Classes and lining up instructors for classes assigned.

PV: Gosschalk – PRESENT. Working on passing MDV test. Working with Sea Scouts.

SR: McNamara – PRESENT. Minutes were recorded by Aux. Shabaaz and completed by IPFC McNamara (acting SR).

VE: Beeson – PRESENT. 12 VEs were completed by McNamara, early Jan. 4 VEs were completed by Beeson at Yacht Club on Canyon Lake, 24 Jan 2020.

New Business

Awards & Recognition/Swearing in of New Members

FSO-VE: Beeson, FSO-MA: Maung and FSO-NS: Ansberg received certificates and ribbons for AUXCOM Ken Bain received a certificate of membership and was sworn in by the FC Shapovalov.

The following hand-outs were distributed to those present: Auxiliary Directory, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 8 CR Silver Oar Program - 2019, Flotilla Duty Orders for 2020 [Needed date amendment], Annual Member Summary & Status Report, Flotilla 7-4 2019 Recorded Hours.

USCG Auxiliary Division 7, D8CR – Meeting will be held 17-19 JAN 2020 in Corpus Christi. Boat Crew Training will be offered (Navigation class & and dockside PQS signoffs). TCT is required annually for all FSOs. Send RSVPs to Jeff Hughes for the Division Meeting. Meeting Registration form, Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate, Map, Auxiliary – Record of Unit Meeting, and Flotilla 7-4 Staff Officer Monthly Report Form were also distributed.

More state qualified instructors are needed for the San Antonio Boat Show in March. Consider taking the course to become an instructor.

Flotilla members were encouraged to attend Sea Scout meetings on Thursday, when possible, in Cibolo. Some of the history of the Sea Scouts was discussed. There is also a Sea Scout Troop in Boerne and Canyon Lake. All three may participate in the Boat Show next year, 2021.

All members were encouraged to take the Boy Scouts, Youth Protection Training. The course is on-line at www.my.scouting.com. The certificate is good for two years.

The next Division 7 meeting will be 17-19 April 2020 at Sector HQ, Corpus Christi.

There will be a District Meeting 19th – 22nd March, in Houston, TX at South Shore Resort & Spa.

The San Antonio Boat Show will be held 27-29 MAR 2020, at the Freeman Coliseum. Most classes will be taught on Saturday and Sunday. The uniform of the day (UOD) will be Trops.

SEPTRAIN will be held 10-13 OCT 2020, in New Orleans, LA.

There will be a uniform inspection at the February Flotilla 7-4 meeting. All Flotilla 7-4 members (men and women) should wear a V-neck undershirt under the shirt/blouse. There was a review of the belt buckles and directions of the belt when wearing male & female belts. All members were encouraged to review proper wearing of the USCGAux uniforms.

Information about C-Schools was shared with the members. The classes are usually held during the week. The AUXLAM course is one weeklong. Part A or B can be taken in any sequence (A or B first). One must complete form 7058. Courses can also be taken on two weekends. Send your requests to the FC for sign-off. All were encouraged to apply for all C-Schools of interest, as soon as possible.

A physical inventory will be conducted following the meeting today.

FSO-FN/IS: Gawron Rosario reported that the Flotilla is losing money monthly at the current bank. She made a motion to change to a different bank where there is no minimum balance. The motion was seconded by member Shabaaz. The members agreed to change the bank. FSO-FN/IS: Gawron Rosario will complete the necessary paperwork (form 7025) to close the current account and open a new account with Wells Fargo Bank.

FSOs were encouraged to submit a budget at the next meeting.

A committee was formed to conduct a financial audit following the Flotilla meeting (Aux. Ansbergs, Puharic & Moore). The results of the Financial Audit will be reported at the next meeting.

There was discussion about food/snacks, coffee and water for the meetings. For the past two years W. Moore, A. Shabaaz & J. McNamara provided food for meetings. B. Rosario and D. Gawron-Rosario paid for coffee for the group during 2019. It was suggested that members donate food and/or snacks when they can. All members can get free coffee, at BST-W, on the 1st floor and bring it to the meeting on the lower level.

Comments/Q & A

None

Next Meeting

The next Flotilla 7-4 meeting will be held at BST-W, Saturday, 08 FEB 2020, at 1000 hrs. ALL Members who have ANY issued equipment MUST bring it to the Feb meeting. You must be present with the equipment in order to sign required USCG Auxiliary Forms.

There will be 2 meetings during the month of March and NO flotilla meeting during April due to the religious holidays.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Bobby Gosschaulk and seconded by FSO-CM: Puharic. The meeting adjourned at 1203 hours.

A. Shabaaz/James McNamara
Shabaaz for FSO-HR/SR: McNamara