**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**

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**Minutes**

**02 NOV 2019**

**Call to Order/Pledge/Attendance/Guests**

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, by FC/HR: McNamara. The pledge was given; attendance was taken; a guest, Ken Bain, was introduced and welcomed.

BQ = 9

AX = 3

AP = 1

IQ = 0

Pending = 1

Guest(s) = 1

Total = 15

Any classes/training taught – None

Any classes/training to be taught – AuxCOM – 16 &17 NOV 2019, Core Courses - 17 NOV 2019

**Old Business**

A motion was made to accept the September 2019 minutes by FSO-DV: Moore and seconded by FSO-PA/PB: Poppen, the members voted to accept the minutes. A motion was made to accept the October 2019 minutes by FSO-FN/IS: Gawron Rosario and seconded by

FSO-MA: Mendez Rodriguez; the members voted to accept the October 2019 minutes.

There were no additions to the FSO reports. FSO reports should be emailed to the FSO-SR by the end of business, the second day of the following month.

**Reports**

**CM:** Puharic – Stood watch at Port O’Connor; recruited 1-person last month who joined Flotilla 7-4; taught AuxCOM course (6 participants) - FC gave review & prepared study guide.

**CS:** Shapovalov – Attended 7-4 meeting; elected FC for 2020. Visited 2x USCG Recruiting station in San Antonio. Participated in Bradley MS career fair representing team Coast Guard.

**DV:** Moore – Attended 7-4 meeting; attended Veteran’s Day Ceremony at BST; participated in Diversity Town Hall meeting.

**FN:** Gawron Rosario – Attended 7-4 meeting; Nov. balance of checking acct=$3,432.88; Nov. balance of saving acct=$1,001.33; see emailed attachment for File with payments & outstanding tally. e-mailed members about outstanding dues.

**HR:** McNamara – Attended 7-4 meeting; Academy Admissions Recruiting – attended webinar conducted by USCGA for all State Coordinators; sat oral boards for PA 3 on 14 NOV & passed; awaiting National to assign qualification; registered to take new versions of ICS-300/400 in 2020 in preparation for G-449 (Train the Trainer Course); will be out of the AOR 22 DEC 2019 – 09 JAN 2020; 1 new application for membership submitted & completed, Ken Bain; ICS 100/200 & boating safety; Tin Maung completed ALL required training & his status changed to BQ; Aaron Meil & Ken Bain have both completed their CORE training; Aaron leaves for USMC Reserve training in JAN 2020; Pending Memberships-new inquiries from SO-HR: Tony Johnson; initiated but not completed packets: Tim Horton; Current Flotilla Status=31 (AUXDirectory 26 NOV 2019); we started with 29 but had 2 transfers out/1 transfer in; 31 is our goal for Silver Oar requirement; BQ=22, AX=6, IQ=-0, AP=3; 3 members’ dues are outstanding.

**IM:** Ortiz Diaz – Attended 7-4 meeting. ICS 300 & 400 (resident courses) have changed. ICS449 (Instructor’s course) prerequisite requires the newer versions of course.

**IS:** Gawron Rosario – Attended Flotilla 7-4 meeting; continue to enter hours as submitted or run reports requested; reminders sent periodically to all members to submit hours

**IPFC/LP:** Dittman – No report received

**MA:** Mendez Rodriquez – Attended 7-4 meeting; no report received.

**MS:** Shapovalov – Attended 7-4 meeting; elected as FC for 2020. Visited 2x USCG Recruiting station in San Antonio. Completed Cyber Security Awareness training (required anyone using gov computers).

**MT:** Lathrop – Attended 7-4 meeting. 10 members have completed YPT (Sea Scouts) to date. 4 members completed AuxOP training and have earned the badge/device. 6 members completed AuxCOM training and 4 members completed AuxPAT training successfully.

**NS:** Ansbergs – Attended 7-4 meeting; no report received.

**OP:** Manganiello – Attended 7-4 meeting; no report received.

**PA:** Poppen – Attended 7-4 meeting; took AuxCOM training & AuxPAT training & tests; elected as VFC for 2020. Signing of Sea Scout Charter took place on 1 Nov. 2019 at BSTW. FC McNamara was present. Daniel Oakes and Mary Oakes, adult leaders with the scouts were present.

**PB:** Poppen – Attended 7-4 meeting. Consulted with FC; gathered articles & photos for newsletter; conducted Boat Safety to NPS; remind members to attach the 5 Ws with photos.

**PE:** Lathrop – Attended 7-4 meeting. Plans for Boat Show classes are in the works. Hoping to teach the Boating Safety class at Boat Show. Sea Scouts are tentative for teaching a Knot tying class.

**PV:** Rosario – Attended 7-4 meeting; 148 MDV have taken place to date. Started year with 5 members with MDV qualification. Now have 7.

**SR:** Shabaaz – Attended 7-4 meeting; participated in Veteran’s Day Ceremony at BST-W,

read 35 names of those veterans who died from Blue Skies during 2019, took photos for flotilla newsletter; minutes & reports; assisted member with getting Trop uniform; mentoring; organized some of the supplies in the CG storage area; participated in Diversity Town Hall Meeting.

**VE:** Rosario – Attended 7-4 meeting; 76 VEs were completed to date. Started year with 5 members with VE qualification. Now have 8.

**Division Meeting Review**

A review of the Division Meeting held at BST-W in October was given by FC/HR: McNamara. The election results were as follows: Geoff Souris was elected as the Division Commander and B.H. Galvan as the Vice Division Commander. Congratulations Geoff and B.H!

Flotilla 7-4 received its second NACO Diversity Award! Also, Flotilla 7-4 received a second award, “Most Improved Flotilla” for 2018. Great team work!!

There were more than 5,000 hours logged for our flotilla in 2018, documented on the 7029 forms! Go team, go!!

The last Silver Oar Award received by Flotilla 7-4 was in 2012. This year Flotilla 7-4 is Silver Oar qualified! Way to go!!

Some of the Sea Scouts attended the Division Meeting. Mary Oaks is the Adult Leader. The annual charter fee is $60. All members of Flotilla 7-4 are encouraged to take the “Youth Protection Training,” available on-line.

Division 7 made a $50 donation to BST-W for their “Employee Appreciation Fund!” Thank you!!!

**Flotilla 7-4 Elections**

Members present voted and elected Alex Shapovalov as the Flotilla Commander and Russell Poppen as the Vice Flotilla Commander! Congratulations Alex and Russell!!!!

AUXCOM has a new insignia. A communication course will be offered (writing radio messages, emergency calls, priority messages, etc.) 16 & 17 NOV 2019, at BST-W. We need more people in our flotilla to be qualified. Please sign up for the class.

**New Business**

The Change of Watch was explained. A social gathering will be held prior to the “Change of Watch,” at BST-W, 07 DEC 2019, at 1630 hours. The COW dinner will begin 1715 hours, in the Road Runner Room. Your family members and friends are welcome to attend. You can sign up, select your meal and pay on-line. Check the Flotilla 7-4 website. The “Village Voices” will sing and provide music. The Sea Scouts will serve as Honor Guards. There will also be door prizes given if your ticket number is chosen! Come enjoy an evening with us!

Core training will be offered on 17 NOV 2019, at 1400 hours, at BST- W. All members are encouraged to attend.

A motion was made to give a Flotilla Challenge Coin to special guests at the COW, by FC/HR: McNamara and seconded by FSO-CM: Puharic. The motion carried with a unanimous vote! The cost of the coins will be a gift from Flotilla 7-4.

The next Division Meeting will be in JAN 2020. Additional information TBA.

Jackson (service dog) has a birthday this month! Happy birthday Jackson!

**Awards & Recognition**

FSO-IM: Ortiz-Diaz received the Auxiliary Humanitarian Service ribbon for his participation in Hurricane Harvey. Also received his 5 – year ribbon & Vessel Examiner ribbon. BZ - Roberto!

FSO-MT/PE: K. Lathrop received the AuxOP qualification badge/device! Congratulations Karen!

All Flotilla 7- 4 members from 2017 – 2019 are authorized to wear the Unit Commendation Medal! Awesome teamwork!!

FC McNamara (representing the flotilla) was recognized at the Division 7 meeting in October as the Most Improved Flotilla in the Division in 2018.

**General Information – Training**

Leadership course – AUXLAMS, parts A & B; AUX – 17-Air Crew; C- Schools – 5 people attended; 60-90-day window to apply for class; be prepared to pay for travel & hotel – reimbursed for travel more than 50 miles (“Funded”)

**Comments/Q & A**

FSO-OP: Manganiello offered to teach a class in “Navigation Rules” and “Boat Crew” if someone helps. Members at the meeting who want to attend the classes are: Darlene, Felix, Tin, Russell, Alex and Richard.

FSO-PA/PB: Poppen emphasized that “Public Affairs” is everybody’s job.

**Next Meeting**

The next Flotilla 7-4 meeting will be held at BST-W, Saturday, 11 JAN 2020, at 1000 hours. Required Sea Scout training will follow.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by member Tin Maung and seconded by FSO-IM: Ortiz Dias. The meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours.

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FSO-SR: Shabaaz