**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**

**03 AUG 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hrs., by FC/HR: McNamara. The pledge was given; attendance was taken; guests (Gi Gosschalk, Aaron Meil, Vickie Maung, Tin Maung, Fila Rendon, RADM James Rendon (Ret.) and Kristen Shapovalov) were introduced and welcomed.

BQ = 13

AX = 2

AP = 0

IQ = 0

Pending = 0

Guest(s) = 8

Total = 23

Any classes/training taught – None

Any classes/training to be taught – AuxSEA, 07-08 SEP 2019, 0800 – 1700 hours, at BSTW

**Old Business**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by FSO-CM: Puharic, seconded by FSO-PA/PB: Poppen. The March and June minutes were approved as written, unanimously by the members.

SepTRAIN will be held in Pensacola, Florida, 20 – 22 SEP 2019. The schedule of meetings, seminars and events, access the information via the following website: [www.d8cr.org](http://www.d8cr.org)

**Reports**

CM: Puharic - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W, with spouse; trained at USCG Station Port O’Connor for watchstander; made arrangements for station mascot “Sandy” to have surgery (Station personnel & I will cover costs); completed Watchstander training - all PQS paperwork signed; passed USCG oral board for AOR; stood watch with station personnel & participated in a 5 hour SAR case for an abandoned vessel

CS: Shapovalov - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W, with wife & sons; traveled to Sector Corpus Christi to accompany CG Port State Control Team, to inspect an oil tanker; continue to work on PQS for Auxiliary Assistant Post State Control Examiner; added “convenience” fee/s to the Flotilla Dues & merchandise in PayPal, and Unit Pride items to the flotilla website for ordering; attended ICS 300 training at EOC, in Bexar County 21-23 AUG

DV: Moore - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; wrote and submitted two articles for the flotilla newsletter (Diversity & UGRA Clean-up Event); participated in Diversity Town Hall Meeting, 19 AUG

FN: Gawron Rosario - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; Checking account balance=$2,300.01; received dues from seven members; Savings account balance=$1,000.93; no interest was earned, which is counterproductive for the flotilla

HR: McNamara – New application for membership=1-Bobby Gosschalk, packet submitted & ID# was assigned; member Gosschalk achieved BQ status in less than 2 months; 4 have initiated (Horton, Maung, Meil-attended at least 1 meeting & Dibrell), but have not completed packets; transfer of member from Massachusetts has been completed; applicant inquiry forwarded from SO-HR, George Simpson of resident from San Antonio; Inquiries from SO-HR: Juan Garcia, Christian Dibrell, Patti Tanksley, initiated but packets not completed: Aaron Meil, Tim Horton, Tin Maung; completed transfer: Viesturs “VS” Ansbergs; current flotilla status=28 (AUXDirectory 28 AUG 2019), no net change; BQ=24, AX=3, IQ=0, AP=1; status change from BQ to AX=2 for McNamara; Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; attended Aux-12 (PA) school at NACON, Orlando, FL; completed all pre, in-class & post assignments; 32 of 37 PQSs were signed off; remaining 5 to be completed by the end of SEP 2019; ICS-449 needs to be completed, but unable to attend in SEP 2019, in Houston due to my grandson’s impending birth; updated Google Photos account & Flotilla Website; wrote 2 articles for flotilla newsletter (NACON 2019 & USCG Birthday Celebration and Blue Skies newsletter).

IM: Ortiz Diaz – No report received

IS: Gawron Rosario - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; continue to log hours for members as they submit them; send reminders to members; will schedule review & mentoring on completion of 7029 forms

IPFC/LP: Dittman – No report received

MA: Mendez Rodriquez – Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; delivered a box of materials & booklets; read emails from USCGAux & leaders

MS: Shapovalov - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W with my wife & sons; traveled to Sector Corpus Christi to accompany CG Port State Control Team, to inspect an oil tanker; continue to work on PQS for Auxiliary Assistant Post State Control Examiner; added “convenience” fee/s to the Flotilla Dues & merchandise in Pay Pal, and Unit Pride items to the flotilla website for ordering; attended ICS 300 training at EOC, in Bexar County 21-23 AUG

MT: Lathrop - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; continue to work with member Robert Lathrop on Aux OP course study; thanks to members who have completed the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Course; a reminder needs to be sent to members monthly, so that Flotilla 7-4 will be prepared when the charter process with Sea Scouts Ship 74 is completed; compiling a list of members who need to renew their CORE training and/or Introduction to Risk Management; all members should notify me when they have completed training so that information can be added to the records

NS: VS Ansbergs has agreed to take on the position and is currently studying the Aides to Navigation Manual. Awaiting assignment in AuxDATA/Directory

OP: Manganiello – Attended 7-4 meeting. No report received

PA: Poppen - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; attended PA C-School training, AUX 12 from 29 JUL to 03 AUG; consulted with FC, completed news release, prep for 07 SEP presentation; prep for AuxSEA; gathered articles & photos for newsletter; one potential recruit for AUX; instructions given for submitting articles & photos for newsletter & website

PB: Poppen - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; attended PA C-School training, AUX 12 from 29 JUL to 03 AUG; consulted with FC, completed news release, prep for 07 SEP presentation; prep for AuxSEA; gathered articles & photos for newsletter; one potential recruit for AUX; instructions given for submitting articles & photos for newsletter & website

PE: Lathrop - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W

PV: Rosario - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; flotilla has made min. quota for PV for Silver Oar this year.

SR: Shabaaz - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; cleaned CG storage area & organized supplies; participated in Diversity Town Hall Meeting, 19 AUG; minutes and reports completed; collected photos for CGAux photo album; took photos at flotilla meeting & picnic; emailed & texted photos to FC, FSO-PB & members from meeting (awards & recognition); continue to take courses to reactivate APRN-Family Practice license

VE: Rosario - Attended 7-4 meeting & USCG 229th anniversary picnic at BST-W; VE-Ramp Day is scheduled at Canyon Lake, 14 SEP, details forthcoming; continue VEs & PVs in the Kerrville area this month; all PVs & VEs will be reported to the FC for the EOM Report

**New Business**

**New member Robert Gosschalk was sworn in. Welcome and congratulations!**

***Awards & Recognition***

***Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award*** for exemplary service and aide during Hurricane Harvey **Alex Shapovalov Robert Dittman\* Jeanne McNamara Roberto Ortiz-Diaz\* Robert Puharic**

***Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award*** for service in excess of **30 PUBLIC EDUCATION** hours during the year **2018**. **Alex Shapovalov**

***Five Year Membership Service Award*** for 5 years of dedicated service as a member of the USCG Auxiliary. **Roberto Ortiz-Diaz\* Edwin Torres\* Ken Wethington\***

***Ten Year Membership Service Award*** for 10 years of dedicated service as a member of the USCG Auxiliary. **Darlene Beeson\***

***Twenty Year Membership Service Award*** for 20 years of dedicated service as a member of the USCG Auxiliary. **Robert Puharic**

***Sustained Service* (750 hrs completed): Jeanne McNamara - 8th  Russell Poppen - 1st Robert Puharic—1st Alex Shapovalov - 2nd**

***New Qualifications:*** ***AuxOP:* McNamara [Operational Specialty Courses: *AuxCOM*, *AuxPAT, AuxSEA, AuxWEA] AuxWEA:*** **Ansbergs, Lathrop-K, Poppen, Shapovalov *Instructors:* Moore, Shabaaz *Marine Dealer Program Visitor:* McNamara, Shapovalov** ***Public Affairs-3:* Shapovalov *Telecommunications Operator:* Beeson\*, Dittman\*, McNamara, Mendez-Rodriguez, Moore, Ortiz-Diaz\*, Poppen, Shabaaz *Vessel Examiner:* Beeson\*, Ortiz-Diaz\***

 \*Denotes member was not present for the presentation.

**FSO-OP: Manganiello was recognized for participating in Warrior Weekend. Thanks for a job well done!**

Birthday – Happy birthday VS! Enjoy!

Unit shirts are available for order, for approximately $18.00 each.

Video Clip from the U.S. Coast Guard on SAR incident, MA – Nov. 2018. Co-pilot was LT Kate Dacimo, USCG and USCGA ’12 who received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for her assistance in the mission.

BST-W featured an article in the monthly newsletter about the U.S. Coast Guard and the 229th anniversary!

**There will be a celebration of the 229th anniversary of the U.S.C.G. at 1130 hours, following the Flotilla 7-4 meeting, at the BSTW gazebo. Enjoy fishing, games, and swimming (indoor pool).**

**Comments/Q & A**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next Flotilla 7-4 meeting will be held at BST-W, Saturday, 07 SEP 2019, from 1100 - 1230 hours.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by FSO-PE/MT: Lathrop and seconded by FSO-FN/IS: Gawron Rosario. The meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours.

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FSO-SR: Shabaaz