

Flotilla 091-26-02 MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2024

The Foundry, East Jordan – 1800 hours

Call to Order - FC

- Call to Order
 - Called to order at 1800 hours
- Invocation
- Introduction of Visitors
 - No Visitors
- Roll call of attendees
 - Greg Peabody, Glen Stolt, Lynda Stolt, Ralph Galbraith, Rich Borowicz, Tom Cook, Greg Weston, Marla Weston, Antanas Janavicius, Kateri Janavicius and associate member Chris Anderson
- Approval of agenda for meeting
 - Agenda was approved as presented

Flotilla Commander's Remarks and Comments

- Crossing of the Bar – Larry Leighton
- Member Scott Barrett
- Prayers for Jeff Anderson as he continues to battle health concerns

Approval of Minutes as published, Lynda Stolt FSO-SR [January 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

- Motion to approve minutes from January 15, 2024
 - Motion to approve – Rich Borowicz
 - 2nd – Antanas Janavicius

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Galbraith SO-FN [January 2024 Financials](#)

Staff Officer Reports- VFC

- **FSO-AS**Sea ScoutsLynda Stolt/Chris Anderson
 - Chris Anderson delivered an update on Sea Scouts
- **FSO-CA**CulinaryLynda Stolt
 - I'm excited about the direction of our Culinary Assistance Program. Our District has 30 CA1s yet our Division has only 4. Three Aux members have taken the CA1 class with Dick Lavanture and Jim Frick in TC but have not initiated further advancement and contact with me as SO-CA at this time.
 - I will lead a 4-hour class in TC on February 28, 2024. We have 4 attendees so far with the hope of a couple more. Leading this class will give me my Instructors Certification as well as my CA1 Instructor certification. This will allow us to offer CA1 classes up north where we've had difficulty getting CA1 instructors to travel to.
 - Glen and I have been active in the galleys at both St. Ignace and Charlevoix and Glen has assisted on the Biscayne Bay. It is at time hard work but more rewarding than you can imagine.

- **FSO-CM**CommunicationsRich Borowicz
 - Nothing to report
- **FSO-CS**WebsiteGreg Weston
 - Nothing to report
- **FSO-DV**DiversityKateri Janavicius

Prepare For Your Breakthrough

“Eliminating barriers is just good for the workforce. It makes it easier for everyone to serve honorably and support their families. We recruit an individual, we retain families.” ~ADM Linda Fagan

Admiral Fagan became the Coast Guard’s 27th commandant on June 1st , 2022, an achievement hard-earned for anyone. Joining the CG Academy only five years after the first group of women had been granted admission, she graduated in 1985. Her success is attributed not only to building upon the accomplishments of those who preceded her, but also to her personal determination to strive for excellence. She has proven to be unbeatable. In our nation today, most barriers are as thin as tissue paper, where desire acts as the iron, and opportunity as the magnet, separated only by this thin barrier. Changing attitudes and laws have fostered more opportunity for individuals who genuinely and sincerely aspire to succeed. The United States has led this effort, especially through the Americans with Disabilities Act. Eliminating barriers not only promotes fairness but also brings tangible benefits to individuals and organizations. Doing so sets a positive cycle in motion where a supportive environment leads to increased productivity, success, and satisfaction for everyone involved. The result? People want to stay and continue to contribute. Eliminating barriers has been a crucial approach that not only promotes fairness but also brings numerous tangible benefits to both individuals and organizations. It creates a positive cycle where a supportive environment leads to increased productivity, success, and satisfaction for everyone involved. The result? People want to stay and continue to contribute. We need to always be willing to help our shipmates prepare for success to give them reasons to stay. Part of this equation is preparing ourselves and each other through training. When people feel that their organization values and supports them, they are more likely to stay with their institution for the long term, in other words--retention. Makes sense: Diversity in a team, such as our Auxiliary, will result in a richer pool of ideas, talents, and skills, contributing to leading progress for ourselves and within our organization. People like success. Others notice that success, especially families. Families in turn, support us in carrying out our mission. All this is to prepare us for a chance at something worthwhile to be proud of. If we show each other that we genuinely care, encourage and celebrate excellence, then we are unbeatable.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)

- **FSO-HR**Human Relations.....Rich Borowicz
 - Nothing to report
- **FSO-IS**Information Services.....Antanas Janavicius
 - Nothing to report
- **FSO-MA**MaterialsMarla Weston
 - All inventory has been tallied and is up to date
- **FSO-MS**Marine Safety.....Eric Kessler
 - No report
- **FSO-MT**Member TrainingAntanas Janavicius

- Nothing to report
- **FSO-NS**NavigationHarold Severance
 - No report
- **FSO-OP**OperationsGlen Stolt
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- **FSO-PA**Public AffairsLynda Stolt
 - Our district grant that was offered last fall for the opportunity to purchase a 10x10 canopy tent was withdrawn. Long story short, Glen found a comparable tent offer at Costco for \$299.00 with customization. Division may still cover the \$200.00 that was approved with the grant offer.
 - Eric reserved the Library on March 28th for another PA event. The next one will be the Bay Harbor In-water Boat Show on Father’s Day weekend.
- **FSO-PB**PublicationsLynda Stolt
 - I have not done any publication work for the Flotilla specifically, except what is included in our Division newsletter. The next newsletter will be published the first part of March. We are getting more and more members willing to contribute articles and information which greatly contributes to the success of our In Vision 26.
- **FSO-PE**Public EducationEric Kessler
 - No report
- **FSO-PV**Program VisitsBob Leddy
 - Outreach has been active and Bob will to attending a harborage event
- **FSO-SR**SecretaryLynda Stolt
 - There are new requirements and expectations for Secretaries. We now have to submit our minutes on a form (form 7000) to be held by District for 10 years. It is a bit challenging with timing since each month we look back at financials and don’t approve the minutes until the following month. It is the approved minutes that are submitted. All three components (from three months) are submitted together (example: January’s minutes will be submitted in February after they are approved and attached with December’s financials which were previewed in January). There are now training videos to preview which are short, informative and so far, well done. This is why the new agenda layout and request for written reports that I can share on the form 7000 as needed. The form is abbreviated and doesn’t have the detail that our minutes have.
- **FSO-VE**Vessel ExaminationsGreg Weston
 - Received stickers. No exams this month. VEs have taken the refresher. Get updated poster from Lynda
- **Motion to approve staff reports.**
 - Motion to approve – Antanas Janavicius
 - 2nd – Tom Cook



OLD BUSINESS– FC

- Canopy grant with new options. (also see FSO-PA report)

NEW BUSINESS – FC

- Updated uniform policy has been issued. Uniform inspections will be required for all active members starting in 2024. Passing the inspection has become part of maintaining any qualification. Exception is provided for members who do not have any qualifications and are not active in missions.
 - Inspection may be conducted by an FC, VFC, IPFC, or other elected officer.
 - Uniforms shall be properly pressed, clean, fit, and maintained in good repair. The nature of Auxiliary uniform policies occasionally justifies the authorized wear of specific items until they are no longer in serviceable condition. For uniform items, no longer serviceable condition is defined as being in a condition that detracts from the purpose of projecting the Coast Guard's high standards of pride and professionalism. A uniform item shall be considered no longer serviceable when any aspect of it is irreparably damaged; creased or bunched in an inappropriate and irreversible fashion; torn; soiled; stained; frayed; worn; discolored; faded; inappropriately altered; repaired in a manner that results in an inappropriate or unprofessional appearance; or officially declared obsolete.
 - Inspections include presentation and review of an Auxiliarist's ID card. If the Auxiliarist's ID card is expired or the photo no longer resembles their appearance, it is the Auxiliarist's responsibility to obtain a new ID card as soon after inspection as possible. If the inspection is performed by photo(s) or virtually, the Auxiliarist may sanitize the ID card blocks for Date of Birth and Blood Type before mailing or displaying it.
 - Those authorized to perform uniform inspections may not specify the uniform to be worn. Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, Hot Weather Uniform (HWU) versions, the Auxiliary jump suit, flight suit, or any organizational clothing (defined as Coast Guard unit-owned clothing that is issued to individuals) are not authorized for the purpose of this annual inspection.
 - The AUXDATA II entry may be made by an elected or Information Services (IS) staff officer in the Auxiliarist's COLM at flotilla, division, or district level.
 - Auxiliarists, unless exempt, who do not undergo this uniform inspection requirement during the calendar year shall lose their currency and eligibility to be assigned to duty in all their competencies for the following calendar year.

Future Date - FC

- D-Train March 21-24 Port Huron
- Charlevoix Boat School June 7-9, 2024.
- LOTS of Patrol date to come.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn – Lynda Stolt

2nd – Greg Weston