

Minutes of the May 5, 2015, Flotilla Meeting—

Meeting called to order by FC Randy Lawton.

Guests included Douglas Colwell, National Auxiliary staff for recruiting and a past Division Commander, and Gary Rutherford who is transferring here from the 8th District in Cincinnati.

Minutes of the April 7 meeting were amended to reflect that George Cummings, Flotilla Treasurer, was present at the meeting and presented the monthly finance report. As amended, the minutes were approved by voice vote.

FC – George Cummings presented the finance report which was accepted by voice vote. April 30 balance - \$5060.27.

Chen Walker was sworn in as a new member by VFC Randy McClure and FC Randy Lawton.

A 750 hour award (x10) was presented to Kathy Fix. 750 hour award (x4) to Tom Power. And Jeff Kyff received a five year service award.

Our flotilla received a flotilla growth award (third place).

Dave Montgomery received third place for ice reconnaissance and Lynn Ross second place for air ops.

Leo Fix has been appointed ADSO Operations for District 9 Central.

Randy McClure, Randy Lawton and Dianne Walker received annual awards.

Randy Richardson and Joe Cruzen are now official vessel examiners.

Jim Johnson has been named Auxiliary Division 26 Man of the Year.

Old Business – Lt. Vlasak of ASTC discussed with the flotilla possible renovation of the morale boat at the Air Station. Randy McClure and Joe Cruzen saw the boat which has not apparently been in the water since 2008. The status of the engine is unknown, but at least wiring and radios would have to be redone. There seemed little interest in taking on this renovation project. No vote was taken.

The \$100 contribution to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance was discussed. A motion to amend to give the \$100 to the ASTC Spouses Club instead, for use to assist local personnel in need, was passed by voice vote.

Jim Johnson – AV – The District Aviation Board Annual Meeting was held in Traverse City in April. The Flotilla flew nine missions in April.

There is a June 3 SAR exercise at ASTC to be flown over Grand Traverse Bay.

Mike Harbin – CS – Our Flotilla now has a Facebook page. Mike is developing a Vessel Examiner page for our web site.

Kathy Fix – MT – New members must complete the eight mandatory classes within one year of becoming a member. Existing members have until Dec. 31, 2016. Do not do the exams on Google Chrome. Use Mozilla or Firefox.

There will be no District Boat Schools this year. Kathy Fix will provide coxswain and crew training May 26 – 29.

Mark Smathers – NS – New ATON standards are being introduced. There are 49 federal ATONS and 47 private ATONS.

Leo Fix – OPS – Distributed a list of for flotillas across District 26. Joe Cruzen's facility will be available to assist with the June 3 aviation SARex. Mark Smather's boat is expected to be certified as a facility by then also.

Dianne Walker – PE – We have 30 students in six classes. 5/12 marine knots has 5 students; instructors needed. 5/26 and 30 Boating Safety has 20 students. 6/9 will be a paddle sport class with teachers from the local Paddle Club. 6/20 will be a one day Boating Safety at DeWitt Marine.

Randy Lawton passed on to the Manistee Flotilla the request from the DNR to participate in the 6/20 event in Cadillac. Our flotilla has too many other commitments that day.

Larry Kidd – VE – The Flotilla now has four Vessel Examiners. Discussion ensued concerning the difficulty in getting vessel exam stickers.

Mike Harbin reported surface ops PPE have now all been checked.

Kathy Fix -There is a May 16 open house at the St. Ignace Boat Station.

Personal Locator Beacons will be issued to coxswains and crew in order of number of hour in missions on the water.

Lynn Ross – ASTC will do a SAR demonstration at the Petoskey Stone Festival May 23 and needs a safety boat. Leo Fix will contact and possibly refer that matter to the Charlevoix Flotilla.

Kathy Fix conducted a one hour TCT class before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by FC Randy Lawton at 20:59.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Power

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
 Flotilla 26-10
 Financial Statement Ending – 30 - April, 2015
 For April, 2015

| <u>FUND ACCOUNTS⇒</u> | <u>AUX 26-10</u> | <u>SOCIAL</u> | <u>BIEDERMAN</u> (Special use) | <u>PPG/USCGG</u> (Special use) | <u>PROGRAM</u> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Beginning Balance 01- April, 2015 | \$2,663.09 | \$307.45 | \$0 | \$1,516.03 | \$722.45 |
| <i>Beginning Total</i> | <i>\$5,209.02</i> | | | | |
| <u>Deposits</u> for the Month | | | | | |
| ABS income plus 2 New members | \$73.34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$60.00 |
| NAV class income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$130.00 |
| <u>Expense</u> for the Month (checks written) | | | | | |
| Dianne Walker - Equip/supplies for classes | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$84.76 | \$327.33 |
| Ending Balance 31 – March, 2015 | \$2,736.43 | \$307.45 | \$0 | \$1,431.27 | \$585.12 |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL IN CHECKING ALL FUNDS as of 30 – April, 2015</u> | \$5,060.27 | | | | |