Minutes of the September 10, 2019, Flotilla Meeting –

Many members attended dinner provided by ASTC mess at 18:00

Meeting called to order by FC Jim Frick at 19:01.

Minutes of the July 9 Flotilla Meeting approved by voice vote.

FN – Dick Lavanture - $5487.66 balance. 28 of 40 members have paid their dues so far. $1680 received.

AV – Dave Montgomery – Twenty missions flown for ASTC last month; eight missions flown by our Flotilla.

 Observer qualifications have been completed by Wayne Phillips (an 8000 hour pilot in easier to fly airplanes like the 737) and Jim Sorbie. Lynn Ross has completed her Air Crew qualification.

Tom Walker – Flotilla calendar has been updated and almost daily updates to the Flotilla Facebook page are being made.

Tom and Christy Meyer, Aux members in Florida, were introduced.

MT – Kathy Fix – Mike English is now a Coxswain. Mike Harbin is now a Qualified Examiner. We need more members to qualify as Crew. New Crew training will start in March.

OPS – Mike Harbin – Modelled shorts and short sleeve shirt, the new hot weather uniform.

 Our Flotilla covered every event that the Coast Guard requested assistance this summer. That included the Venetian Festival, Boyne Thunder, Cherry Festival & Airshow, national sailboat races on West Bay, the Ironman and others.

Mike Harbin and Dave Montgomery attended four days of SAR training at ASTC.

Linda Kolhagen – Auxiliary was present at Elk Rapids Harbor Days, Boats on the Boardwalk and Friday Night Live.

PV – Mike English – There are three Program Visitors active in our Flotilla. Added up to over 60 visits this year.

VE – Dan Kolhagen – Thursday we will be at Paddle Antrim in Ellsworth.

MS – Jim Frick – Checked the ATONs in Suttons Bay, Omena and Northport with Dick Lavanture. ATONs at Beaver Island checked by Mike Harbin.

FC – Jim Frick - Dues deadline is October 1. Must start disenrolling those who haven’t paid at that time.

 The next Flotilla meeting, October 1, will be a trip to the Gaylord NOAA weather station. Fifteen members have signed up. Twenty is the maximum; contact Jim Frick to sign up. Tour starts at 6pm; balloon launch at 7pm. The weather station tour will replace the Flotilla’s regular October meeting. Kathy Fix will chair a committee to distribute five free weather radios.

Discussion of our meeting time ensued. If dinner at ASTC at 6pm continues for future meetings, it was decided by voice vote to start the Flotilla meetings at 6:30 in the future instead of 7pm.

Norm Schmansky (sp?), a former member of our Flotilla, recently died. By voice vote it was decided to contribute $100 to have his name inscribed on the Coast Guard Auxiliary Wall in Grand Haven and $50 for a plaque for his family.

Mike Harbin advised that searching “CG How to” on YouTube produces hundreds of vidoes about everything you might need to do in the Auxiliary.

Meeting adjourned 20:05.

Meeting broke into Surface and Air groups to discuss matters of interest.

 Respectfully Submitted, Tom Power