Minutes of the September 7, 2021, Flotilla Meeting –

Meeting Zoom called to order by FC Mike Harbin. Twenty participants.

Greg Bird, Grand Traverse County Emergency Services Coordinator, provided an overview of emergency management and the Auxiliary’s role assisting with an emergency event. Members shared with Mr. Bird the resources our flotilla can muster to help.

Minutes of the August 3, 2021, Flotilla Meeting were approved.

FN – Mike Harbin stated there were no changes from last month; no receipts and no disbursements. Finance Report was accepted.

We are moving ahead with members of our flotilla standing watch at Station Charlevoix.

PE – Dianne Walker – Our first class, the Boat America safety class, will occur September 23 & 25 at the General Aviation building on the north side of the airport as ASTC is not available due to the pandemic. Other classes to follow. Tom Walker advised a schedule of PE classes is now on Facebook.

The next Division meeting is October 2 at Station Ste. Ignace.

OPS – Mike Harbin – Our flotilla provided one boat to assist with the Mackinaw Bridge walk. CG Station Ste. Ignace was pleased with our participation.

PA – There is a No Power to Power paddle craft race Saturday morning, September 11, starting at the Discovery Pier. A boat from our flotilla will be present along with a visiting Aux boat.

Fifty percent of the flotilla has paid 2022 dues. Disenrollment for those who haven’t renewed by paying dues will start soon after October 1.

The Election Committee will be Mike English, Dianne Walker and Kathy Fix. It was announced that VFC Dave Montgomery will not be a candidate for Flotilla Commander for 2023. FC Mike Harbin and VFC Dave Montgomery are willing to continue for 2022.

The committee to select the Carl Luhrs award recipient is all past Flotilla Commanders and the last three Carl Luhrs award winners. Randy Lawton will contact them.

Randy Lawton indicated it would cost $411 to replace the plaque listing the past Carl Luhrs award recipients, which disappeared when the Training Room at ASTC was remodeled. After discussion, other places where the plaque may have been mislaid will be checked.

The Coast Guard Medal of Operational Merit has been presented to Jeff Kyff by the Coast Guard. This winter he and copilots he recruited delivered COVID vaccines and CG health technicians to ten isolated Coast Guard facilities around the Great Lakes providing timely vaccinations to 120 active duty personnel.

AV – Jim Sorbie – We are now authorized to take non-aviation Auxiliary personnel on area familiarization and certain other missions. Contact the pilot for the date on the schedule in which you are interested to arrange this.

There will be an aviation swim qual at TC Community Sailing at the north end of Boardman Lake (Hull Park). 4pm, Wednesday, September 8.

Meeting adjourned 20:44.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Power