U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

FLOTILLA 091-30-04 - DULUTH, MN

**Flotilla Meeting**

**August 16, 2021 at 1900 hours**

**MASKS/FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED**

Members in attendance: E. Hill, D. Anderson, E. Bradley, S. Daniel, W. Hougas, D. Hollingsworth, P. Riedel, D. Smith – 085-33-03, A. Basil, C. Podtburg. S. Farrell  Guest: Tori Williams

1. Call to order at 1904 by FC Hill
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Corrections or changes to the agenda - none
4. New members/guests: Tori Williams attended last month, and is in attendance again!
5. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 19JUL2021 by Anderson/Basil
6. Old Business:
   1. VEs - didn’t make any decision on how to do more.  We still have 20+ stickers… we should go to Spirit Lake Marina at least. VEs will talk after this meeting and decide what to do.
   2. Core training - did two courses before meeting.
   3. Celebration of Doc’s Life - Aug 28 at Doc’s house from 2 – 7 pm. Plan to be there about 2:30 – 3 pm to make a unified Auxiliary appearance.
   4. AUXLMS-A course - Elaine was going to attend but is no longer interested in attending if the training will be virtual.
   5. Water Expo was cancelled due to poor air quality from wildfire smoke

1. New Business:
   1. Dues: Please make your checks out to USCG Aux 30-04 in the amount of $45. Mail to: FSO-FN Cheryl Podtburg; 2995 Lady Nicole Lane; Duluth, MN 55803. Cheryl will also accept your dues payment in person at the Flotilla meeting. If your dues payment is not received by October 1, a disenrollment notice will be sent… and we don’t want to lose anyone!
   2. Boating Skills & Seamanship - Noel completed the class, all 3 participants passed
   3. Fundraising project ideas? Take this on again? New ideas? Paul Riedel reported that many other flotillas have a donate button on the Aux Association with a note to allocate it to a specific flotilla. He will look into it further.
   4. NACON postponed - was to be in Orlando, and D-Train is going to be primarily virtual. Sign up for classes, and a virtual option may come available. More information is needed.
   5. Orange “If Found” stickers - other ideas on how to promote/disseminate? Northland Paddler’s Alliance, Marine General, Mills Fleet Farm…
   6. Treats - who will bring for the September meeting? Thank you, Elaine!
2. FSO Staff & PPE reports
   1. Division Commander N. Henderson: by phone – thanks the members for everything we are doing. Once the okay was given to participate in activities, we really took ownership and are setting the example for the division! D-Train has officially had the in-person part cancelled, but virtual will continue. Schedules will be released soon.
   2. PA (Dave): Water Expo was cancelled due to poor air quality. Dave and company shot some video for national promotion that went well and was sent in to the national staff. Dave may also use the footage to create a local recruitment tool. September 19th – all services open house at Camp Ripley is currently on, but subject to pandemic cancelation. Uniform is trops. Contact Raymone Kral.
   3. IS (Barry): Send in your hours! If you can’t get them into the system yourself, email or call Barry and he is happy to help you.
   4. PV (Austin): new materials came in – help yourself!
   5. MA (Lynn): no report
   6. DV (Elaine): no report
   7. OP (Steve D.): Eloyes has been out several times this summer to get hours completed, and Steve is headed out this week to get most people finished up. Steve’s boat will be out of the water for the season after this week. We have also been helping the crew members at Bayfield get their hours in. AuxPad continues to be an interest… more info coming on that.
   8. R&SS-PPE (Steve D.): no report
   9. PE (Steve F/Eloyes): see above
   10. VE (Steve F.): Steve will head up to Silver Bay to see if there are more VEs to do.
   11. CS (Eloyes): check the links on the website!
   12. NS (Eloyes): Twin Ports Safe Harbor is listed incorrectly and was reported by an AUX member from the cities who was visiting, Eloyes sent out the paperwork to report it.
   13. MT (Eloyes): Elaine finished trainee as VE, and is now qualified! Several members completed 2 core courses tonight. Patrol hours are in. Eloyes will look to make sure check rides have been listed in the system.
   14. CM (Jim): has been doing a bunch of training to improve communications.
   15. HR (Noel/Paul): Noel finished the Seamanship course – meeting time alone was 39 hours, and she put in 58 hours of prep! Thanks, Noel! Noel thanks Paul for taking an interest in the HR position, and there are two potential members. Tori (in attendance), and another who is interested in AuxPad.
   16. FN (Cheryl): Balance on July 1 was $1,242.87. One check was written to Eloyes for the books she sent to Noel for the Seamanship class she taught in the amount of $27.22, leaving us with a balance on July 31 of $1,215.65. Also, dues! See information under “new business”
   17. SR (Cheryl): the life jacket loaner station has taken a significant decline in usage this season. I’m guessing only about 50-60 have been signed out so far. I’ll be covering some lifeguard shifts at the beach house this coming week, so will be doing a more official count. I’ll have a full update next month, after the season has ended.
   18. Aux Air (Marcus): no report
3. Member water/boating background - did you grow up near the water? Members shared their experiences and background.
4. Adjourn meeting at 2030 by S. Daniel/Hollingsworth

Fellowship

Respectfully submitted 17AUG2021 by Cheryl Podtburg, FSO-SR/FN