U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

FLOTILLA 091-30-04 - DULUTH, MN

**Flotilla Meeting Minutes**

**June 21, 2021 at 1900 hours**

Members in attendance: E. Hill, E. Bradley, D. Anderson, L. Bentfield, S. Ferrell, W. Hougas, D. Hollingsworth, P. Riedel, D. Smith – 085-33-03, A. Basil, C. Podtburg.

1. Call to Order at 1904 by FC Eloyes Hill

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Corrections or changes to the agenda

4. Introduction of new members and guests – Master Chief Zahn and Dan Smith

5. Motion to Approve the meeting minutes of 17May2021 GoToMeeting by Hougas/Bradley

6. Old Business:

a. 4th of July Parade in Superior: Dave reports the paperwork has been submitted, but we still haven’t heard what day of the weekend it will be held. Looking for volunteers… contact Dave! Active duty is thin right now, but may have more people by the parade time.

b. Stencil project: Paul reports Steve and Austin have been working on stencils. Rice’s Point was re-done, and new ones went down at 5 or 6 locations. Pictures on the website!

c. Celebration for Doc: August 28 – no details yet, but it will be held at his home. Will not be an Auxiliary event, so no need for uniforms.

7. New Business:

a. Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity in 2020: Elaine (NACO=National Commodore) . Some of the stipulations for the award were changed, and we have received this award again! We believe this is four years in a row… really proud of our group and the things everyone has been participating in, because it shows!

b. New Covid-19 guidelines:

i. All D9 guidance for reconstitution has been rescinded

ii. Now fall back on national documents regarding our activities

iii. District Commodores will make Assignments to Duty so any activity not approved by local OIAs (like OPS) are to be sent to the Commodore for approval – waiver. (e.g. one-time waiver to have meetings at the station; 4th of July Parade)

iv. All members must complete a 7101, send to Mr. Ralph Kugel, Assist. Director D9. v. All members must follow guidelines of their locale – e.g. marina requires masks

c. Lake Superior Day is Sunday July 18. 11 am – 3 pm at Barker’s Island. No charge for a table there. Volunteers? Talk to Eloyes.

d. Award for Mr. Garvey from 085-11-08 in the cities sometimes in the next couple of weeks. He has earned his master boat handlers pin. Master Chief Zahn reports that he has been working on this for years, and recently earned this PQS.

e. Change of Watch on Alder July 3 at 10 am. More information may come soon.

f. MC Zahn introduced himself and expressed appreciation for all the hoop jumping and paperwork that helps get everything done. Coast Guard Day is August 4 – something will be planned, but details will be coming. The Alder will go the Baltimore the week after the COW for overhaul, about 6 months later the Duluth Station will get a different cutter – the SPAR. (The Alder will go to San Francisco after the overhaul. The rotation is to help prolong the life of the cutter fleet with differences between salt/fresh water, ice/no ice, etc.) Park & Rec/DFD will do water safety event at the DECC soon – again, details coming. Grand Marais station will be shut down next year. Any inquiries should be forwarded to the Active Duty Station. Auxiliarists are always welcome to come to the station, even if it’s just for lunch.

8. FSO Staff & PPE reports

a. **Division Commander N. Henderson**: no report

b. **PA (Dave Anderson):** Memorial Day parade went well. Looking for volunteers for the 4th of July in Superior – see details under old business. National Safe Boating Week television story aired on Fox as well as Dave’s station. A fair amount of newspaper coverage occurred this year as well.

c. **IS (Barry):** still okay to send 7029/7030 to Barry, but you can enter your own in Aux Data II. Barry has step-by-step instructions.

d. **PV (Austin):** the PVs will be gathering supplies from the closet after

e. **MA (Lynn):** some materials have not been received yet, so Lynn and Eloyes are looking into it.

f. **OP (Steve D.):** no report

g. **R&SS-PPE (Steve D.):** Noel Larson, who moved to Maine but is still in our flotilla, is teaching a Boating Skills and Seamanship course to people from the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research and Reserve. E. Hill bought the recent edition of the book and sent it to her, we had 3 older versions which were given to people taking the class. Book cost of $27.22.

h. **PE (Steve F/Eloyes):** not done any public classes in a while, so if you know anyone who wants one, let Steve know.

i. **VE (Steve F):** Steve did 15 vessel exams at a few different marinas. About 37 have been done in all so far.

j. **CS (Eloyes):** one new picture on the website, waiting for more from LOTW.

k. **NS (Eloyes):** Steve, Elaine, Jim, and Eloyes checked the PATONs in the harbor, and almost all of them had some discrepancies reported.

l. **MT (Eloyes):** Steve, Barry and Cheryl got 3 year check ride, as did Tom from Bayfield.

m. **CM (Jim):** no report

n. **HR (Noel):** no report

o. **FN (Cheryl):** Balance on 1 May 2021 = $1,242.87. No income, no expenses. (meaning no bank fees!) Balance on 31 May 2021 is $1,242.87.

p. **SR (Cheryl):** no report

q. **DV (Elaine):** report.

9. Adjourn meeting at 2002 by Dale/Steve

10. FELLOWSHIP! Thank you to Austin for treats this evening! Dale and Lynn will bring treats next month.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Podtburg, FSO-SR/FN 22 JUN 2021