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**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**FLOTILLA 091-30-04, DULUTH, MN**

Flotilla Meeting, 17 February 2020, USCG Station Duluth

Members in attendance: FC Andres, N. Andres, D. Anderson, E. Bradley, L. Bentfield, S. Ferrell, A. Basil, P. Riedel, D. Hooey, E. Hill, J. Johnson, D. Hollingsworth, M. Zukowski, N. Larson, C. Podtburg. Also in attendance: BM1 Westfall, B. Schutt.

Meeting called to order at 1900 FC Andres

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. January minutes were accepted by Anderson/Hill.
3. Old business
   1. Change of Watch. FSOs not at January meeting were sworn in.
   2. Douglas County Fish & Game League March 27-29, 2020 at Wessman Arena in Superior, WI. E. Hill will organize staffing.
4. New business
   1. Jim and Steve will attend the 20 Feb Power Squadron meeting; Noel and Jim will attend the meeting on 5 Mar.
   2. D-Train will be shorter than in years past, due to cut in funding from the Coast Guard. D-Train is scheduled for 26-29 Mar in Novi, MI.
   3. River Quest will be May 11-14.
   4. April 18-19 is the Division Meeting.
   5. AUCs for our area: Barry for the Alder, Elain for Station Duluth, Raymone for MSU. AUCs are to act as a liason for the Auxiliary.
5. Intelligence update:
   1. Local: No updates.
   2. Division/District: Division Meeting is April 18-19. Plan to have Diversity Training by Raymone, and information about paddlecraft safety. May 15 is wear your lifejacket to work day! Take pictures and send them to the Auxiliary. Hot topics from the Admiral - Human trafficking (if you see something, say something), and Mental Health (no deaths by suicide and no sexual assaults in 2020 goals). IS907 is the Active Shooter Class, and a good training. National is looking for FAA licensed drone operators.
6. Staff reports:
   1. PA - Next up is the Douglas County Fish & Game League, followed by River Quest. Sign up for shifts!
   2. FN - Still need to payout 2019 dues, ended the month with $2,402.27.
   3. DV - Working on collecting information to apply for the Diversity Award again.
   4. IS - turn in your paperwork! 7029 in particular.
   5. MT - Austin has 2 more core courses. Noel is working on becoming an instructor.
   6. OP - Workshop in April/May
   7. CS - website is up to date.
   8. MA - Boating guides should be (hopefully) at the station soon, some other materials coming.
   9. HR - Thank you for coming! More people here today than other meetings. Noel introduced a guest, Bill, who is an RN at Essentia. He was drawn to the Aux because of his work with Hennepin County Rescue.
   10. CM - Wed/Sun nights on the Ham, but need HF Radio to better broadcast. Also looking for more “civilian” operators. If anyone wants help learning or becoming more comfortable with radio protocol, just ask!
   11. Other - Riedel is facilitating the boat ramp stencil project!
   12. All others - no report
7. 2020 Surface Operations Workshop is required for all boat crew coxswains, boat crew members, PWC operators, paddle craft operators, and associated trainees by June 30, 2020.
8. Stay after the meeting to hear BM1 Westfall speak about ANT.
9. Motion to adjourn 2010 by Hollingsworth/N. Andres

Submitted 12 March 2020, C. Podtburg, SR