U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

FLOTILLA 091-30-04 - DULUTH, MN

**Flotilla Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2022 at 1900 hours**

**Meeting held via Microsoft Teams**

**Members in attendance:**  D. Anderson, E. Bradley, E. Hill, J. Johnson, P. Riedel, B. Andres, S. Ferrell, S. Daniel, B. Schutt, W. Hougas, N. Henderson, T. Schneider, C. Podtburg. **Guests in attendance:** Heinz. Ledowski, Dan Smith

1.       Call to Order at 1902 by FC Eloyes Hill

2.       Pledge of Allegiance

3.       Corrections or changes to the agenda – none

4.       Introduction of new members and guests. Dan Smith in attendance from Omaha. Heinz Ledowski used to be a member here, but is thinking about coming back.

5.       Motion to Approve the meeting minutes of 15NOV2021 Meeting by S.Daniel/Andres

6.       Old Business:

a.       FSO-MA: Barry has agreed to fill this position.

b.       Results of Letter & questionnaire to “inactive” members – some members who have been inactive have mentioned that they might consider attending meetings if they continue to be virtual. A couple of members have told us that they really only want to pay their dues.

c.        August 4-7 tabling opportunity in Grand Marais. Only $10 to apply for a table, and we need to apply. Barry made a motion to apply to have an Axillary table at the Fisherman’s Picnic. Elaine seconded the motion. Steve Daniel had a comment that we need to make sure nothing changes with COVID precautions.

d.       AUX Weather – Dave will have to postpone the scheduling of this until further notice due to family obligations.

e.       Duluth Boat Show – seems to be off the table because of the cost ($600 is the discounted price). Paul may have a lead on a secondary possibility

7.       New Business:

a.       Victoria (Tory) Williams application – has been submitted, so she should be approved soon! She was interested in AuxAir

b.   New Certificate of Vaccination attestation form – All Auxiliarists must be vaccinated to participate in in-person activities. You should carry evidence and fill out this form: [Certification of Vaccination (saferfederalworkforce.gov)](https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/downloads/CertificationVaccinationPRAv7.pdf) Additional COVID-related restrictions state that currently, Auxiliarists cannot attend any event with more 50 people in attendance. Keep watching your email for updates.

c.        AWU (Auxiliary Working Uniform) Basics – AWU will be the new accepted uniforms. ODUs will be authorized for 2 years, after that will be discontinued.

d.   Flotilla Financial Audit & Unit Inventory Record was completed 16JAN2022. Notes below in the FN Report.

e.       Winter-spring event

 i.      Boat Show Feb 17-20, 2022 – probably not attending. See 6.e. above.

   ii.      Superior “boat show.” April 1-3, 2022 at Wessman Arena. Paul is working on getting more

 information.

     iii.      Earth Day – at the Maritime Museum in April, but too soon to know if it will happen.

     iv.      Riverquest? May 16-19, 2022 – too early for us to know if we will be able to participate.

      v.      Winter brochures to program visitors – contact Eloyes to get them

f.         Treats for February meeting? – Let’s wait to see what is happening with in-person meeting approval

8.       FSO Staff & PPE reports

a.       Division Commander N. Henderson: no report

b.       PA (Dave): Nothing happening locally, but the national staff is working on a campaign for recruitment and to showcase all the different activities available within the auxiliary. Check out the USCG Aux YouTube channel to see what Dave has been working on. See notes above for the local events coming up

c.        IS (Barry): Keep putting your hours in! Get your 99 hours in monthly to make it easier. Barry is able to help walk people through how to enter things. Barry is also creating a report that shows who has what qualifications and what you need for each qual to help members see when things are due. A new authentication system for the learning center will be implemented on 19JAN and people will need to create a new log in for the new system. An email was sent 11JAN.

d.       PV (Austin): not in attendance, no report.

e.       MA (Barry): Barry has agreed to fill this position! Elaine and Austin and Eloyes will help with inventory at the station

f.         DV (Elaine): there is a town hall meeting at the same time as the flotilla meeting, so have been unable to attend. However, a new form will be available soon for the Diversity Award we usually apply for (and receive). Remember that today is MLK Day, and it is a national day of service. It is quite an interesting coincidence that our service organization meets on this day of service!

g.       OP (Steve D.): Steve needs to follow up as there is a new liaison at the station. Looking at putting schedules together for the next season. Tall Ships will be in Two Harbors this year in August. Reminder to check everything as boats come out of winter storage. Steve plans to inquire with the station for things that may be needed for the upcoming season.

h.       R&SS-PPE (Steve D.): All equipment has been put in AUXDATAII – and each month we will be required to record that we tested PLBs. More information coming.

i.         PE (Steve F/Eloyes): nothing new

j.         VE (Steve F): nothing new

k.        CS (Eloyes): links need to be checked on the website. Who was at the holiday party at Clyde that took a picture? Send it to Eloyes for the website!

l.         NS (Eloyes): BM1 at ANT Duluth came to the holiday party and will be retiring from the USCG this summer.

m.     MT (Eloyes): Bill will be getting a new qual that will include navigation in the ports, port security and special events. This is a new qual, so we are looking forward to learning more about this! S. Daniel needs to take nav rules test, Dave Anderson completed core courses, and the flotilla stats for 2020 state that 26 members were active. 10 were “archers” meaning they had at least 25 mission hours. Other scores were really high, so great job! In 2016 we had 37 members…. Currently, we have 24 (when Tory’s application is approved).

n.       CM (Jim): 2 people in Ashland working on quals – otherwise quiet.

o.       HR (Paul): Paul thanks Eloyes for the assistance in learning how to submit a new member application!

p.       Aux Air (Marcus): no report.

q.       FN (Cheryl): Balance on 1JAN2021 was $2,491.95. Deposits in 2021 totaled $1,550. Expenses in 2021 totaled $1,281.30, leaving a balance on 31DEC2021 of $2,760.65. No activity in the month of December. Dues still need to be paid to the division; waiting for the notice from for the amount our Flotilla will need to pay. Audit for 2021 was completed 1/16/2022. Thanks to Paul and Steve F. for your flexibility in scheduling, and to Elaine for helping get things rolling!

r.        SR (Cheryl): no report

s.        AUC (Steve): changes in personnel at the station coming, Steve is working out the details.

t.        Wayne reports the station is working on some patching of walls and painting. If anyone has time to spare, you might be useful.

9.       Awards – Coast Guard Sustained Service Award (cumulative hours) presented to Elaine, Steve D., Barry, Eloyes and Wayne.

10.    Other news…. The USS Minneapolis St. Paul will be commissioned in Duluth this May. You have to request tickets through the Navy League of MN website. (Navyleaguemn.org) If anyone finds out more details, send them to Eloyes so she can distribute. Should happen under the Blatnik Bridge near Altec.

11. Adjourn meeting at 2027 by S. Daniel/W. Hougas

12. FELLOWSHIP!