**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

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

**Flotilla Meeting Notes - 18JAN2021 1900 hours**

**GoToMeeting**

Members in attendance: B. Andres, B. Schutt, N. Andres, E. Hill, N. Larson, S. Daniel, P. Riedel, E. Bradley, J. Johnson, K.Timm, S. Ferrell, W. Hougas, L. Bentfield, C. Podtburg, Dan Smith, VFC 085-33-03, BM2 Matelski

1. Call to Order at 1902 by FC Barry Andres

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change of Watch: Prologue and Pledge for new FC and VFC, FSOs, new members

a. Video clip of the virtual meeting to swear in FC Hill and VFC Bradley

b. Swear in of FSO positions by BM2 Matelski

c. Swear in new members by BM2 Matelski

4. Corrections or changes to the agenda - none

5. Introduction of new members and guests

6. Motion to Approve the meeting minutes of 16NOV2020 GoToMeeting by Bradley/Daniel

7. Old Business:

a. AUXDATA II update – schedule training as wanted with Barry or others. Make sure you contact Barry before you enter a 7029, as there were changes!

b. COVID-19 update – virtual meetings continue

8. New Business:

a. FSOs - All positions filled EXCEPT FSO-MT; also need mentors

b. FSO-SR, FN – Cheryl Podtburg

c. FSO-OP – Steve Daniel

d. AUC STA DUL – Steve Daniel

e. From the Station - December had a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, so minimal staff. Working on getting several pieces of equipment (PLBs especially) for the Auxiliary.

f. Division 30 new officers:

i. Division Commander – Nat Henderson from 05

ii. Vice Division Commander – Steve Daniel

g. District 9 Central Update, new officers

i. District Commodore – Cathie Slabaugh from 16-13 (Toledo, Ohio)

ii. Vice District Commodore – Patti Mitrowski from 20-09 (N. of Detroit, MI)

iii. District Captain North – Raymone Kral from 30-07

iv. District ADSO-CM – Jim Johnson

v. District ADSO-IS – Barry Andres

vi. National Staff Branch Chief - Marketing Support (BC-AKS) - Dave Anderson

9. Staff reports

a. IS - new instructions re: the 7029, so before you submit any hours, please contact Barry. AUX DATA II is still experiencing issues, but working through them. If you are taking a course with a test, it should automatically upload and you shouldn’t have to submit that time. Contact Barry with issues or concerns. Barry has instructions available.

b. OP - nothing new

c. R&SS-PPE - Sullivan will have possession of the gear inventory, S. Daniel will help us get access to items we need. Steve is also working on getting some additional/replacement equipment fom the station, including the PLBs that needed battery replacements. Active duty has a contract with a specific contract for PLB acquisition.

d. HR - 3 new members today

e. FN - $2,491.95. Still need to pay out the dues, thus the large balance. Audit of 2020 is complete.

f. CM - busy right now with radio coms. Have a contact in Bayfield who is a pilot instructor, so if anyone is

interested, please let Jim know. Radio on Sunday night from 8-830 to listen in!

g. VE - none

h. PE - nothing going on

i. DV - Happy MLK day! It is a day of action and service, which is exactly why we are here!

j. CS - some new pictures on the website of the new Division FC and VFC

k. NS - nothing new

l. MT - this position is still open, as Eloyes would appreciate the help. Crew will remain qualified through the end

of 2021, but the core courses are still expected to be maintained. There is an online boat crew in port course

coming soon if you are interested to get started on some of the boat crew quals. Another online course called

New Member Boot Camp - opens at the end of January.

10. Upcoming events

a. Possible Lake Assault online boating safety class, but haven’t heard anything from them in a while!

b. Training as requested/needed by members, just let Eloyes know!

c. Extend time for social after flotilla meetings until 9pm

11. Being a USCG Auxiliarist:

a. We heard from several members about why they joined the Auxiliary, and why they think our flotilla exists.

b. At February meeting: Tell us what you want to do in the AUX. Satisfied? Want something new? Need help

signing up for member training

12. Adjourned 2041 by S. Daniel/L. Bentfield

Social Hour continues until 2100

Submitted