U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

FLOTILLA 091-30-04 - DULUTH, MN

**March 15, 2021 - GoToMeeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: B. Andres, J. Johnson, E. Hill, S. Daniel, E. Bradley, N. Larson, D. Anderson, L. Bentfield, S. Ferrell, W. Hougas, C. Podtburg, N. Andres

1. Call to Order at 1902 by FC Eloyes Hill

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by B. Andres

3. Corrections or changes to the agenda - none

4. Introduction of new members and guests - none

5. Motion to Approve the meeting minutes of 15FEB2021 GoToMeeting by Andres/Daniel

6. (was missing on the agenda)

7. Old Business:

1. Signs for life jacket loaner station – Cheryl reports that because the lifejacket station will likely live outside the Park Point Beach House this coming season, new signs are needed. While waiting for quotes to come in, it’s looking like $250 would cover the costs of what is needed to update the signage. Cheryl is happy to put a new graphic together for the signs…. unless someone else has time to take that on!
2. Irving Community Grant – sent 2/8; no response, will check with them next month
3. Inactive members contacted

* 7/8 contacted (did Lynn contact Elizabeth Helgeson?  No, but she will.)
* 4/7 responded:
  + Scott B. is interested in pursuing the Auxiliary Chaplain Support program.
  + Ted Schneider is recovering from Covid; would like to be active at the  higher AUX levels; is completing core courses
  + no further word from Linda Dee in Denver - Eloyes will contact her again.
  + John Ceryes from Grand Marais asked about renewing core courses
  + core training instructions sent to those 4 members since all are in REYR

8. New Business:

1. Blood Borne Pathogen course for VE and PV (Steve F, Dave A, Austin B) & 7101. If you have questions about how to access this, please contact Eloyes.
2. Riverquest 2021 – May 13-16; will be virtual. Have contacted Raymone K. (MSU AUC) Waiting for information to come out re: if we can be involved.
3. WOW Aux website training – FC, VFC, IPFC, FSO-PA, PB, CS can now manage websites
4. Reminder to check the Sign-Up Genius on 9C website for upcoming virtual sessions
5. FSO Staff & PPE reports
   1. **Division Commander N. Henderson**: no report
   2. **PA (Dave Anderson):** preparing for the newspaper blitz. On standby to find out if the Memorial Day Parade will happen or not. There are some float plan tools available for use and for members to spread to the community. Information will be shared shortly!
   3. **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. And please follow the chain of leadership with questions…. as in please ask Barry, don’t call division.
   4. **PV (Austin):** no report
   5. **MA (Lynn):** Lynn and Eloyes will work together to do inventory and determine if other materials need to be ordered.
   6. **OP (Steve D.):** waiting for warmer weather for boat inspections! PLB replacements have been ordered by the station and will be registered by the station.
   7. **R&SS-PPE (Steve D.):** Session with BM2 Matelski for gear inspection on Thursday for gear inspection.
   8. **PE (Steve F):** no report
   9. **VE (Steve F):** no report
   10. **CS (Eloyes):** no report
   11. **NS (Eloyes):** no report
   12. **MT (Eloyes):** see above notes
   13. **CM (Jim):** no report; presentation later in the meeting
   14. **HR (Noel):** no report
   15. **FN (Cheryl):** End of February balance = $2,481.95. During the month of February, we were charged $5 for bank fees, but that charge will be refunded and reflected on the March statement. Check for dues was mailed Feb 18, but still has not been cashed. Cheryl will check with the Division to see how long we should wait before re-issuing the check. It will cost $35 to stop payment on the check that has been issued… If we do cancel the check, a new one would be issued and sent certified mail, which will cost more than a stamp.
   16. **SR (Cheryl):** no report
   17. **DV (Elaine):** making adjustments for the Diversity Award due to pandemic related restrictions, and looking at adding an award for Flotillas who are consistently getting this award.
6. Vessel Safety Checks overview - Jim. After much technical difficulty, Jim gave an overview of how easy it is to do VE! It would be great if we could get a couple more people involved to help because we have a lot of boats in our area. Jim says that usually, you can take the simple checklist, and boaters love to show off and talk about their boats. Steve Ferrell also went over some of the info covered in the latest meeting for VEs. National boating registration is up due to the pandemic! There will be a lot of new boaters out this summer...

9.  Adjourn Meeting at 2028 by Daniel/Larson

10. Social Hour