U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

FLOTILLA 091-30-04 - DULUTH, MN

**Flotilla Meeting Minutes**

**October 18, 2021 at 1900 hours**

**MASKS/FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED**

**Members in attendance:**  E. Hill, E. Bradley, S. Daniel, A. Basil, C. Podtburg, D. Hollingsworth, S. Farrell.

\*Not enough members to have a quorum – so no voting can take place this evening. Please consider attending meetings, as Flotilla business cannot move forward if we do not have enough of our active members present for voting.

1. Call to Order at 1900 by FC Eloyes Hill
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Corrections or changes to the agenda - none
4. Introduction of new members and guests - none
5. Motion to Approve the meeting minutes of 20SEP2021 Meeting by S. Daniel/Basil.
6. Old Business:
   1. Membership dues and disenrollments– Ken Timm has been sent disenrollment papers. Christopher Ahrens has committed to send a check but it has not been received. All other members have paid.
   2. FSO-MA – still needed.
   3. Treats – Thank you, Steve Daniel!
7. New Business:
   1. Core training – 1 course may be done this evening. Our “active” members will soon be current
   2. Division Meeting – Steve D. gave a recap of the COMO’s visit to the area recently, which included a visit to MSU, the ATON building at Station Duluth, a tour of Station Duluth by Chief Piazzi, a boat tour of the Duluth/Superior Harbor, and some fellowship at Steve Daniel’s house. The Division meeting went well, despite some issues with the combination of the in-person and virtual meeting styles. 10 people attended in person, 6 attended virtually. If you did not receive the minutes from the Division meeting, please let E. Hill or S. Daniel know so they can be forwarded to you. The Division elected to change from 2 signatures to 1 on checks for ease of doing business. Next Division meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 7 pm CST.
   3. Dave Anderson received the James Munger Award from the Division. Since Dave is not present tonight, we will do local recognition at a future meeting.
   4. November election – send letter of intent to run for FC and VFC to Steve D. and Austin Basil. Elections will be held at the November meeting.
   5. Gales of November will be virtual, so we will not participate.
   6. Christmas City of the North – Who wants to participate? November 19, 2021. Please email Dave Anderson if you are interested in participating.
   7. Boat Show 2022 - Dave Anderson was going to look into this and give a report, but is not in attendance tonight. The dates are February 17-20, 2022 (34 total hours!) We are considering asking other flotillas if they would join us in participating, splitting the cost/hours to staff the table.
   8. Tall Ships August 2022 – Steve D. reports that Tall Ships will happen, but not a lot of information out yet.
   9. Signatures on checks – Division elected to change from 2 signatures to 1. Should our flotilla do the same? (would need 3 people to check statements) Since there are not enough people in attendance at the meeting, we cannot vote on this. Putting off discussion until next month.
   10. Treats – who will bring for the November meeting? Thank you, Cheryl!
8. FSO Staff & PPE reports
   1. Division Commander N. Henderson: not in attendance, no report
   2. PA (Dave): not in attendance, no report
   3. IS (Barry): submit your hours! It is the only way leadership knows what we are doing!
   4. PV (Austin): no report
   5. MA (position open): No report. Anyone interested in filling this position?
   6. DV (Elaine): no report
   7. OP (Steve D.): Steve’s boat is getting new fuel lines. Eloyes’ boat is out of the water for the season. Cheryl has asked for a waiver of experience/equivalent qualifications for AUX PAD, and the request is being reviewed.
   8. R&SS-PPE (Steve D.): Gear was inspected before tonight’s meeting began. Missing 1 PLB, and Barry’s equipment needs to be inspected next time he is in town.
   9. PE (Steve F/Eloyes): no report
   10. VE (Steve F): one additional exam has been done!
   11. CS (Eloyes): lacking pictures in compliance with mask/distancing.
   12. NS (Eloyes): visited the NS station with COMO
   13. MT (Eloyes): Training class will happen after tonight’s meeting, and soon all “active” members will be current. Everyone should go through the BQII course, but it is not required.
   14. CM (Jim): not in attendance, nothing new.
   15. HR (Paul): not in attendance, but trying to connect with two interested people, but schedules are conflicting.
   16. Aux Air (Marcus): no report.
   17. FN (Cheryl): Balance on 1 SEP 2021 was $1,665.65. Deposited dues from 10 members plus the Irving Community Grant for a total deposit amount of $960. No expenses, leaving a balance on 30 SEP 2021 of $2,625.65. Christopher Ahrens’ check has not arrived yet but Cheryl has been in touch with him.
   18. SR (Cheryl): no report
   19. AUC (Steve): Active duty may pull out of Grand Marais, but was checking to see if there were boat crew qualified Auxiliarists there. It was reported we have no crew/facilities there.
9. Adjourn meeting at 2000 by S. Daniel/S. Farrell.
10. FELLOWSHIP!