



# 06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for APRIL 2020

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## CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

**DATE of meeting:** April 8, 2020

**LOCATION of meeting:** On-Line

**Meeting Start:** 19:30 hours

**Pledge:** Rose Melko

**Invocation:** Dave McCollum

**Total attending meeting:** 22

## SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes to the last meeting Report

Correction to last month's minutes: There was no diversity report as stated

Minutes sent out 4/8/2020 around 4pm

Vote to accept the minutes:

Vote: Approved

## FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report Peter Baillie FSO-FN

**No activity with finances. Balance at \$3,154.19.**

Motion to accept financial report: Bill Ferry

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack Benton

Vote: Approved

## FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- No Flotilla meeting for March Coronavirus Disease CORVID-19
- Message sent out to all auxiliary members basically stating that all Face to Face in person activities are suspended until further notice.
- March D-Train cancelled; money paid for the dinners were refunded.
- Flotilla status report is now on the month cycle.
- Social distancing and safety precautions PLEASE

## STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

FSO-CM Peter Baillie (Communications Officer) [anguskbaillie@yahoo.com](mailto:anguskbaillie@yahoo.com)

No report



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**FSO-CS Tom Cole (Communication Services) tomcole430@gmail.com**

1. Added COVID-19 links to flotilla website
2. Made a few calendar updates

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**FSO-DV Dave McCollum (Diversity) daveaux0604@gmail.com**

1. The NACO 3 Star Award application has been started with a review of our Flotilla activities and achievements for the last year.
2. Enjoyed an excellent slide show presentation at the March 1 TCT event at Station Cleveland Harbor by Commodore Sopko. Would like to have this visual aid available for a Flotilla meeting presentation in the future.
3. Dates for the April Diversity "Town Hall Meetings" have been noted and expect to participate as time permits. Any member is welcome to join in on the discussion. Please call or email and I will provide the connection details.

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**FSO-HR Dave McCollum (Human Resources) daveaux0604@gmail.com**

1. Four new members received their membership numbers: Joe Golob, Randy Johr, Gary Krause, and Jeff Rutter. All new members have been instructed to go into the system and create passwords and then on to their mandatory and BQ training. In lieu of a Flotilla Training Officer, I will mentor them. As of today, Joe Golob has completed all his training and qualifications for BQ. Congratulations, Joe!
2. I am reviewing all past inquiries into the Auxiliary to see if there are any interests that might be resurrected.
3. Encourage all members to take the "Influenza" course online as a refresher.
4. During this self-quarantine, look into some additional Auxiliary training that might be helpful to our Flotilla.

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**FSO-IS Michele Rosich (Information Services) merosich@windstream.net**

1. After April 5th we will not be able to enter hours until the new system is up and running. Members should still keep track on paper of the hours they accumulate
2. Received a reminder from District for members to keep a copy of any courses they take.

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**FSO-MA Robert Koenig (Materials) capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com**

Ordered discharge stickers, VE stickers, coloring books so should have enough to keep up for a while. Won't be ordering any more unless they are needed. Call if anything needed.

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**FSO-MS      Jeff Burdick (Marine Safety)      flyrod11ft@gmail.com**

The only thing I want to mention because I find it (Marine Safety) something very worthy. We always talk about being stewards of the USCG Auxiliary in everything we do. I know we normally think of this as we are outperforming vessel safety checks, marine visits or dockside advising. Well I had a occurrence just the other night on social media. A gentleman in one of the groups I follow. I do not know or have ever met this fella. He had posted a short little video showing a nice fish he had caught. During this 30 second video I noticed his inflatable PFD indicator, which was visible, was showing red. I commented on the nice fish and also that his PFD was in need of service. He messaged me privately a short time after telling me that he had recently purchased the PFD and only had used it a few times. Upon further inspection he found there was no co2 cylinder installed or even sold with his vest. He assumed it was pre-installed. So being attentive to the background of that video I may have just helped someone stay afloat.

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**FSO-MT      Open (Member Training)**

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**FSO-NS      Thomas D. Raszka (Navigation Systems)      flybuoy2@yahoo.com**

No activity, no report

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**FSO-OP      Jack Benton (Operations) trilogy1850@gmail.com**

No great activity since the shutdown. but did pass Crew info to Gary Krause and Jeff Rutter. I've been informed by Dave McCollum FSO-HR, that Joe Golob has completed all his Mandatory training for BQ and is interested in the requirements to possibly offer his new boat for a facility. So, I will be sending more info to Joe about the requirements.

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**FSO-PB      Russ Cromwell (Publications)      auxruss@twc.com**

Busy with other things. Hopefully I can get back on track while we are in this Auxiliary hold for face to face contact.

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**FSO-PV      Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor)      auxruss@twc.com**

No PV's for flotilla

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**FSO-PE      Bill Ferry (Public Education)      clevelandbill@mac.com**

The April 18th OBEC class, sponsored by Pier 58 Marine, which our Flotilla supports, has been indefinitely cancelled. Notice will appear in newspaper that April OBEC class was postponed and will be reset at later date.

This FSO-PE suggests that we consider whether alternative means of boating education be promoted by the Auxiliary, even if it means going outside the Auxiliary to get it. The Boat US Foundation supports a free online-only Ohio Boaters Education Course, approved by Ohio Division of Parks and Watercraft. The course is also NASBLA approved and recognized by the USCG. Link to sign up is here: <https://www.boatus.org/ohio/> Tom will post link on website.



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With approval, we could blast this from every mountaintop we've got. Boating is a permitted activity under current stay-at-home rules; and having better educated, safer boaters on the water is always a good thing, regardless of how it happens. (This report was also sent to the Division SO-PE as a suggestion)

Vermilion Police Department has asked Flotilla to participate in Safety Town this summer if it is able to be held.

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**FSO-PA      Greg Little      (Public Affairs)      glittle48@gmail.com**

Several emails from District and National concerning COVID-19 were distributed to the flotilla membership.

No formal programs were presented.

I attended the Lorain Port Authority meeting on March 8th.

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**FSO-VE      Greg Little      (Vessel Examination)      glittle48@gmail.com**

**No VE's**

I am working on a teleconference for VE workshop.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

<p><b>Sunshine</b></p>	<p>Marge Bratton</p>	<p><i>Responsible to keep up with members missing meetings to make sure things are OK and send cards for health-related issues or events.</i></p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</b>  Michael Adam Bores  Alan M Rosich  Serena R Dawkins</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY AUX-ANNIVERSARY</b>  8 Years - Christopher Denis Kuebler  8 Years - Robert W Hemminger  8 Years - Michael Adam Bores  13 Years - Robert J Koenig  23 Years - Donald F Dawkins</p> <p><b>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</b>  George A Harizal  Margaret Rita Tournier  Jeffery Thomas Burdick  Marie R Shimandle  Jack E Benton</p> <p><b>MARCH AUX-ANNIVERSARY</b>  8 Years - Christopher Denis Kuebler  8 Years - Robert W Hemminger  8 Years - Michael Adam Bores  13 Years - Robert J Koenig</p>
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			<p>23 Years - Donald F Dawkins</p> <p><b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b>  Robert W Hemminger  Brooke Christine Fenner  Thomas John Cole</p> <p><b>APRIL AUX-ANNIVERSARY</b>  50 Years - Marie Shimandle  9 Years - Linda Sue Seabold</p>
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## OLD BUSINESS:

- T-shirts / Polo shirts update – comparing for best deal FC said be tabled until research completed.
- FC (Russ Cromwell) suggested that the flotilla purchase magnetic signs for VE's to use on cars at blitzes. Will check at store at D-Train to see if they are still available. D-Train cancelled so this item is tabled for now.
- FC asked members for what and where we can do for Fellow ship events. Need this for calendar planning. Have not received any thoughts or suggestions since our February meeting request.
- FC requested input on our location and months for our main fellowship events. Have not received any thoughts or suggestions since our February meeting request.
- Pass around Meeting Treat List so members can pick which dates they would like to bring treats. List was completed but now suspended due to restriction of no face to face meeting.
- Station. Training arranged by Mike Packard and will be on Saturday & Sunday (Feb 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>) gave hand out for what would be covered at this training class.
- Reminder that if you have not taken the Influenza quiz, you should do so.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- If you are in area, drive by USCG Station and look over property. Since station is closed, we are not allowed on premises so you will be doing this as strictly a citizen only. If you do make a drive by check, report to Russ or Jack by email and include status and time.
- Kathy McCollum is making protective face masks for various groups for use during coronavirus outbreak. Thank you Kathy! If you would like one, email Dave.
- Tom Cole will create an FYI section on Auxiliary website where we can include factual info which will help during coronavirus pandemic.
- With 22 members participating in online meeting, Greg Little suggested broadcasting future meetings from station.



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## CLOSING REMARKS:

### **District/Division Commander or Vice Commander**

As was requested by District and stressed by Auxiliary, for the near future, reach out to flotilla members, fellow auxiliaries and your families to see how they are doing and if they have any needs. Take care of yourself, your family and our mission.

**Division Commander- Greg Little.** At the D-Train which was cancelled, Marie Shimandle was going to be honored for her 50 years in the Auxiliary. She was going to be presented an award send from Washington D.C. It's a shame it did not happen but we will honor her in an event this summer or fall.

**IPDCDR - Jack Benton:** Be safe out there.

**FC Russ Cromwell -**

- Would appreciate email feedback on your thoughts for this video conference and if you had any problems getting in.
- Next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Unknown if it will be in person or on line at this time.

**IPFC Dave McCollum:** Anxious to get back to normal activities. Miss the fellowship.

### **Senior Active Member Attending**

- Remark: Tom Raszka: Keep up the good work and stay safe out there.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by:	<u>Member Name: Dave McCollum</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	<u>Member Name: Bill Ferry</u>
Vote:	Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 20:38 hours.

Minutes Respectively Reported by Linda Seabold