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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

Date of meeting: August 11, 2021

Location of meeting: On-Line

Meeting Start time: 1938 Hours (7:38 PM)

Pledge led By: All Members (led by John Wayne)

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total Members Attending: 14

Bruce Kole, David McCollum, Jack Benton, Peter Baillie, Robert Koenig, Russ Cromwell, William Ferry, Rose Melko, Chris Kuebler, Greg Little, Kevin Settle Michele Rosich, Alan Rosich, Tom Raszka

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes to the last meeting Report Kevin Settle FSO-SR

- On July 17 the June minutes were emailed to all members.
- On July 17, 2021, 5 members were snail mailed the June minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes: Peter Baillie

2nd: William Ferry

Vote: All vote Aye, Passed

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report	Peter Baillie FSO-FN
JUNE - End Balance	\$3,615.12
JULY - Expense	\$ 61.89 (\$28.20 Meeting treats & \$33.69 Office Supplies)
JULY - Month Income	\$ 7.00
JULY - EOM Balance	\$3,560.23

Motion to accept finance Report: Michell Rosich

2nd: Bill Ferry

Vote: All vote Aye, Passed



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- It was great having our flotilla meeting at the Lorain Coast Guard Station Last Month. For those of you that could not attend (and did not read the last meeting minutes) here are a few highlights:
 - Kevin Settle and Don Schoonover did the pledge of CG auxiliary membership.
 - VERY short meeting.
 - We had a celebration treat of a hotdog, chips, and a bottle of water. Celebrating our return to the station for meetings and the pledge of two members during our return to the station.
 - Members that attended were invited to see
 - Visit the New Facility - AUX64
 - Look in Dave's Shed - our storage area for boating books, pamphlets and forms and crew member training books.
 - Look into the auxiliary Education Trailer. Look at our educational supplies.
 - See the Aux office (mostly used for storage at this time)
 - Take a look into the old ATON battery building. We were given permission to use this small building for auxiliary use.
- Thank you for replying to my quick survey on attending an in-person meeting at Station Lorain or having the meeting on-line. The additional comments were appreciated.
- Station Lorain Coast Guard Crew saves a man from a burning car in front of the station. (See the story at the link below.)
<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-lorain/coast-guard-crew-rescues-19-year-old-from-burning-vehicle>
- On 8/10/2021 3:55 PM, Jack Benton wrote:
Received a phone call from Virginia Suda about an hour ago, that Gene Little had passed away at the Cleveland Clinic yesterday. She said it was a heart attack. No further info at this time. If I hear anything else I will pass it, although further info should be coming from our Commodore.
- **L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link** 02 AUG 2021 NACON 2021 is Postponed due to the resurgence of Covid in the State of Florida.
- FM: CHDIRAUX 027/21
EXTENSION TO AUX-SOP-004(A) 04 Sep 20 ELECTION OF UNIT OFFICERS THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEANS



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- On 7/30/2021 11:23 AM, Jack Benton wrote:

I was at the station today and talked with BMC Caldwell. He advised that our close contact with the crew there and Cleveland requires using a mask.

So, until further notice, everyone visiting Station Lorain should carry a mask for use if we are close to duty crew members. This would include member meetings with possible near contact with the crew. Restrooms, offices, and outside within 6 ft. These are CG orders of the day. Nothing in writing at this point or anything from the Auxiliary but we must respect that.

Jack

- **Reminder*****

Flotilla Dues will be \$47 for membership for 2022. Dues are requested to be paid on October 1st or at the latest, by the of October.

Please make the check payable to:

CG AUX Flotilla 092-06-04

Send to:

Peter Baillie FSO-FN
PO Box 295
Vermillion, OH 44089-0295

NOTE: You may use the government envelopes and stamps supplied to us for CG Auxiliary use. Ask FSO-MA about the envelopes and stamps for CG Auxiliary use.

- Please verify the email address you send auxiliary email to me (Russ - FC) is auxruss@twc.com. This is the only mailbox I check often. If an email is sent to one of my other email accounts, it could take days or months before I see it. Send all of my auxiliary email to auxruss@twc.com!
- We need to help each other out when we see any uniform issues with another member. We need to get better at being in proper uniforms and helping new members get uniforms. Dave will include info in the New Member handbook. Greg will look for PowerPoints explaining the details of the uniform, to be put on the web "Members only" section. We are representing the USCG when we wear the uniform and need to look correct and squared away.



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REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - GREG LITTLE:

- NACON is cancelled as Russ already mentioned.
- XPO Caldwell advised to wear masks at the station or near active-duty CG.
- Extension for the elections is still in effect, no secret vote needed if the office is unopposed.
- We are looking at the activity of Flotilla's in the Division. Some of the flotilla's are still not active after the Covid shutdown. Action will need to be looked at for two flotilla's in the division. Flotilla 06-04 will not be affected.
- Auxiliarist Gene Little (no relation) has passed away. More info will be coming from the District. Gene did a lot of activities in the past with Flotilla 06-04. He will be missed.
- **(After the meeting a notice came in by email) D-Train in Sept is Canceled.** Online classes will be scheduled later.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

STAFF REPORTS

FSO-CM Peter Baillie (Communications Officer) anguskbaillie@yahoo.com

- There is no report for July 2021

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

1. Added fall D-Train attendance log on flotilla website.
2. Added meeting minutes from Feb, May, and Jul 2021 to flotilla website.

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

- The NACO Award submission was completed and sent on July 24, 2021. Response and confirmation that it was received from Allen Knish and Tracy Schultz.
- I am very thankful that we now have minutes to go off of for this report. It is very hard to do without the minutes.

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

- We have **seven (7) new member prospects**, three of which have completed the application and interviews are being arranged to secure signatures, dues, and supporting paperwork. New member folders will be delivered at the interview with study materials for the new member open book exam. Once all papers are received, the applications will be forwarded to Division SO-HR for processing.



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- Bravo Zulu to Jeff Burdick and Bob Koenig for providing two of the new member referrals.
- Calls and emails have been made or are in the process for the remaining four who have expressed interest in joining the Auxiliary.
- Point of interest: Flotilla 06-04 is now the third largest Flotilla in District 9ER which encompasses multiple states.

FSO-IS

Michele Rosich

(Information Services)

merosich@windstream.net

Members can no longer “Clone” Activity Logs in AUXDATA II where those Activity Logs use the following Mission Codes:

- 11 Program Visits
- 14A thru H Public Education
- 30, 31, and 32 Aids to Navigation
- 91A, B, and H Vessel Safety Checks
- 91C, D, and G Commercial Vessel Safety Checks

Cloning Activity Logs with the mission codes listed above was creating significant mission detail data errors.

Members will still be able to clone activity logs using all other Mission Codes including 99 A thru E, 10B and 10J. The mission details when using the 99 and 10 mission codes will be blank in the Clone and the member will be able to enter the correct values. All other Mission Codes do not have associated Mission Details.

Also, please remind members to make sure any cloned Activity Log has the correct OPCON assigned. The cloned Activity log will revert to the District default. For mission such as CG Operational Support missions, the member will need to re-select the appropriate CG Unit for the OPCON in the cloned Activity Log.

Finally, as a Good Practice, please do not “Clone” an activity log and then modify it to a Mission Code that requires a Member Qualification. This is a major source of errors, and activity logs that can’t be submitted which frustrates members and IS Officers.

FSO-MA

Robert Koenig

(Materials)

capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com

- No Report

FSO-MS

Jeff Burdick

(Marine Safety)

flyrod11ft@gmail.com

- No report

FSO-MT

OPEN

(Member Training)

[\(Talk to FC or VFC if interested\)](#)

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FSO-NS Thomas D Raszka (Navigation Systems) flybuoy2@yahoo.com
• I gave my report to Jack Benton who will incorporate it into his Aton report.

FSO-OP Jack Benton (Operations) trilogy1850@gmail.com
• Work continues AUX 64. Our first launch of 2021 went better than I expected. She ran, though not perfectly. We had some backfiring (Popping) which we are looking into.
• We may need new seals.
• We are trying to tabulate the hours we have worked on the facility.
• I sent out a copy of the SABOT Manual to all Boat crew members and trainees. Very informative reference material.
• Mid-August we are getting our PPEs inspected by Cleveland.

FSO-PB Russ Cromwell (Publications) auxruss@twc.com
• No activity.

FSO-PV Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) auxruss@twc.com
• 5 PVs reported by Bob Koenig
• 2 PVs reported by Russ Cromwell
• 2 PVs reported by Russ Cromwell with Kevin Settle. Paperwork will be processed for Kevin Settle to be a PV.

FSO-PE Bill Ferry (Public Education) clevelandbill@mac.com
• Nothing to report

FSO-PA Greg Little (Public Affairs) glittle48@gmail.com
• Took Pictures of the AUX64 test Launch. Tom Cole will put on the website for all members to see.
• USS Cod has been sandblasted & repainted, and Channel 3 is covering it well. May be back in Cleveland in the next few weeks.

FSO-VE Greg Little (Vessel Examination) glittle48@gmail.com
• No Vessel Exams for July turned in to me.
• Any VE's who have not completed the Vessel exam workshop for 2021... They need to do so and send the Self-Attestation to Michele Rosich. You need to do this if you wish to continue to do exams.
• Jack Benton advised that all VE's need to keep in mind that they need 5 exams to stay current.

END OF FLOTILLA STAFF REPORTS



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AUXPAD Bill Ferry and Jeff Burdick
No Report

SO-AS Bill Ferry
Bill Ferry SO-AS 092-06-04 member

As you know, earlier this year we considered whether to proceed with a Safety at Sea 2021 event - but decided against, given the uncertainty about conditions and the late start date due to Covid. All involved are eager for a Safety at Sea 2022, tentative date (MARK YOUR CALENDARS) is Saturday 23 July 2022.

Our past AUXSCOUT activities, unofficially, were to work with the Bay Sea Scouts in their weekly on-water outings. This summer they are doing twice weekly outings from the Bay Boat Club. An “outing” consists of kayaking, paddleboarding, or sailing. Very few adults are involved, though enough for safety. The older kids often are teaching the younger kids how-to. Some of the Scouts (and the non-Scout participants (“pre-Scouts”)) have become quite good sailors, rowers, and boaters.

I have not participated this or last summer due to Covid restrictions. I have at least one Auxiliarist who is interested in working with Bay Sea Scouts - and he is a past Scouting leader, so he knows what he’s getting into. It is my hope we’ll get down to the Bay Boat Club this summer - at least to say hello and start building the relationship. I will communicate with Division Commander regarding permissions to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Finishing up on planning for Sunset Beach Fest Information Booth at Lakeview Park on August 14, 2021

TIME	TASK / MISSION	UNIFORM	NOTES
1500 to 1645 Hours 3 PM - 4:45 PM	Information Booth Setup	Casual Auxiliary (Tropical Blue or ODU)	We could start the setup later and still have plenty of time to finish.
1700 to 1830 Hours 5 PM - 6:30 PM	Information Booth	Tropical Blue (second choice ODU)	When volunteering for this time slot please let me know if you will be wearing The Tropical Blue or the ODU as your uniform as choice.
1830 to 2030 Hours 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Information Booth.	Tropical Blue (second choice ODU)	When volunteering for this time slot please let me know if you will be wearing



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			The Tropical Blue or the ODU as your uniform as choice.
2030 to 2130 Hours 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM (Approximate end time)	Information Booth Tear Down	Casual Auxiliary (Tropical Blue or ODU)	

- Setup Gary Krause and Russ Cromwell
- Booth workers volunteered so far. Russ Cromwell, Dave McCollum, Jack Benton & Jolyn Jones
- You may still volunteer for this Saturday event on August 14, 2021

- Auxiliary Project(s) status review
 - Facility Boat - status is in Staff report updates.
 - Trailer -
 - project will be higher priority after facility is able to be used
 - current member may have contact to get lower cost of new decals
 - should have fire extinguisher.
 - When we use more often portable backup camera could be used
 - CG Fence -
 - CG said they would try to assist if we can come up with a date in advance.
 - Matter of setting up a time and day to meet and work. Masks would be required if CG members do assist.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Ferry SO-AS (AuxScout) reported that Safety at Sea 2022, tentative date is, **Saturday, 23 July 2022**
[See Bill's full Division SO-AS report above. It can be found right after the flotilla staff reports.](#)

- Brook Fenner -
 - I am reaching out to see if there is any interest in including something surrounding boating safety in the next issue of the Lorain magazine.
 - We will have a table at Elyria State Safety Fair on September 25, and we would love to include the auxiliary somehow if possible. Anyone interested in taking part please let the FC know as soon as possible.



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CLOSING REMARKS:

- Division Commander - Greg Little
No comment

- Division Vice Commander – Dave McCollum
We need to look at having meeting somewhere else other than the station, at least until the station goes dark for winter after Labor Day. We need some place for education classes and meetings. Dave will check with the Metro Parks for a location.

- Senior Member Attending – Tom Raszka - Hang in there

- IPDCDR - Jack Benton
We will be setting up a schedule for station checks again like last year. Will start after Labor Day.

- FC Russ Cromwell
 - Thank each of you for attending the On-Line meeting.
 - George Harizal – Upcoming band concerts.
 - Sandusky Harbor Marina from 7-9 on Saturday, August 21st.
 - Lorain County Fair in Pavilion #2 in Wellington from 7-9 on Thursday evening, August 26th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: Jack Benton
2nd: Al Rosich
VOTE: All vote Aye, Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 2104 Hours (9:04 PM)

**Minutes Respectively Submitted by
Kevin Settle FSO-SR**