



FLOTILLA 092-06-04 MEETING MINUTES November 9, 2022



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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

DATE of meeting: 9 November 2022

LOCATION of meeting: Both In-Person and Virtual

Actual Start Time: 1935

Pledge led by: Jack Benton

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Attending: 19 Members

In-Person 11 Attending (10 Members and 1 Guest)
Bill Ferry, Jeff Rutter, Jack Benton, Bruce Kole, Chris Kuebler, Jolyn Jones, Russ Cromwell. Gary Krause, George Harizal, Marie Shimandle (and guest Scott Shimandle Marie's son),

On-Line 08 Attending (7 Active and 1 Retired Member)
Don Schoonover, Michele Rosich, Al Rosich, Judy Stobinski, Peter Baillie, Dave McCollum, Tom Cole, Rose Melko (RET)

SECRETARY REPORT:

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

- Minutes for the October meeting turned over to FC 10-15-2022
- Minutes were emailed to members on 10-17-2022

Motion to Accept by: Peter Baillie

Second Motion by: Jack Benton

Vote: Unanimous to accept minutes



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FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report - Peter Baillie FSO-FN

- Expense this month \$1,254.00 (dues)
- Income 241.00 (dues)
- Dues payments to Division/District and National were sent.
- We had 3 members listed as non-paid and letters of dis-enrollment were sent to them by Dave McCollum.

Motion to Accept by: Bill Ferry

Second Motion by: Chris Kuebler

Vote: Unanimous to accept the report as given.

Vote is optional for standard report:

Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition, page 459) states that the Chair may ask for a Treasurer's Report, which may be as simple as balance on hand. This report requires no action from the assembly. As Chair you may simply thank the Treasurer and state that the report will be filed. The Treasurer or Chair may ask if anyone has questions.

Actions & Budgets shall be voted on.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- Thanks for attending the meeting tonight, will try to keep the time reasonable
- I don't know whether we mentioned some transfers into our flotilla or not. Just in case you didn't know, we have 3 members transferring into our 06-04 flotilla.

Needless to say, I am excited that each of these auxiliary members has decided to pick our flotilla to transfer to. Each of these members is experienced, has held elected and appointed staff jobs, and has certifications to help the flotilla support the CG and Boating Public.

Please join me in welcoming the following members to our Lorain flotilla.

Chuck Heath (from 092-06-02)

Judy Stobinski (from 092-06-02)

Adam Stobinski (from 092-06-02)

- We have added (again) to our available uniform parts collection to share with our flotilla members. Chuck and Jill Heath helped by adding more uniform parts and pieces to our collection.

Jeff Rutter and Russ Cromwell came to the Lorain station during the week and took inventory and added the items to our availability list. I also sorted out the ribbons and ribbon racks to make things easier to find.



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See the Uniforms parts, ribbons, and other items that were donated to share in our office flotilla office. The Uniform parts list can also be found on our web page in the member's section.

- Had a phone call from Marge Bratton at the end of last month, unfortunately, I wasn't home. But Marge did leave a message that she is doing OK and she appreciates the flotilla minutes keeping her up on what is going on with the flotilla. It was nice to hear from Marge.

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - DAVE MCCOLLUM:

- December 3, 2022, Change of Watch (referred to as "COW) has been canceled. Dave will be having surgery on November 17, and it is unsure whether he will be recovered enough to be able to attend his own Change of Watch. Reluctantly Dave canceled this year's COW.

To make up for the cancellation of the Division/Flotilla COW, Dave said he will look into having a Dress Up event for members and guests in the spring of next year (2023).

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - BILL FERRY:

- No Report to be made.

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

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| FSO-AS | Bill Ferry | (Aux Scout) | clevelandbill@mac.com |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resignation from District |
| FSO-CM | Peter Baillie | (Communications Officer) | anguskbailie@yahoo.com |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity |
| FSO-CS | Tom Cole | Communication Services) | tomcole430@gmail.com |
| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Uploaded October Flotilla Meeting Minutes to the flotilla website.2. Updates to Flotilla Calendar. |
| FSO-DV | Dave McCollum | (Diversity) | daveaux0604@gmail.com |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing "old-old" forms to verify we are filing on all objectives for the diversity award requirements. |



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- FSO-HR Dave McCollum (Human Resources) daveaux0604@gmail.com
- Received 7035 (Transfer Request Form) for 4 members; received 2 for reinstatement.
- Will reach out to several prospects who were waiting in the wings through Covid – and who will be glad to hear we're moving along again.
- FSO-IS Michele Rosich (Information Services) merosich@windstream.net
- Reminder for members to email their hours so that they can be entered into AUXDATA II.
 - Please avoid the BIG CRUNCH at the end of the year.
- FSO-MA Robert Koenig (Materials) capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com
- No Report. (Will be working the night shift for the winter. If needed he can still be reached by his email)
- FSO-MS Jeff Burdick (Marine Safety) flyrod11ft@gmail.com
- No Report.
- FSO-MT Jeff Rutter (Member Training) rutterj@gmail.com
- No activity to report.
- FSO-NS Thomas D Raszka (Navigation Systems) flybuoy2@yahoo.com
- No Report.
- FSO-OP Jack Benton (Operations) trilogy1850@gmail.com
- We have completed our 2nd month of Station Lorain Security Missions and have no facility activity for October. We are secure until spring and have compiled our boat worklist for the off-season.
- FSO-PA Greg Little (Public Affairs) glittle48@gmail.com
- No Report.
- FSO-PB Russ Cromwell (Publications) auxruss@twc.com
- No actions were taken for the flotilla newsletter.



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- FSO-PE Bill Ferry (Public Education) clevelandbill@mac.com
 • No Report.
- FSO-PV Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) auxruss@twc.com
 • No flotilla PV's reported for the month of October 2022.
- FSO-VE Greg Little (Vessel Examination) glittle48@gmail.com
 • No Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEXT REPORT FOR NEW MISSION FOR PADDLE CRAFT. (UNOFFICIAL REPORT)

AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (Bill Ferry)

- No Report.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS: Election Committee Chair - Alan Rosich.

- Election procedure observed by Jack Benton past Division Commander (and former Master Chief in USCG)
- For the Office of Lorain Flotilla Commander
Letter of intent to run for FC was submitted by Bill Ferry
Bill Ferry meets all requirements to be elected as Flotilla Commander

Vote Taken - Elected Unanimously

Records will state that Bill Ferry has been elected as the 2023 Flotilla Commander for Lorain Flotilla 092-06-04

- For the Office of Lorain Vice Flotilla Commander
Letter of intent to run for VFC was submitted by Jeff Rutter
Jeff Rutter meets all requirements to be elected as Vice Flotilla Commander

Vote Taken – Elected Unanimously

Records will state that Jeff Rutter has been elected as the 2023 Vice Flotilla Commander for Lorain Flotilla 092-06-04

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 ELECTED OFFICERS!**
BILL FERRY as our elected Lorain Flotilla Commander
JEFF RUTTER as our elected Lorain Vice Flotilla Commander



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AWARD & CERTIFICATES:

- Jack Benton received his 30 Years of Service Award.
- Chris Kubler received his 10 Years of Service Award (found after Video meeting closed and was presented during flotilla fellowship after-meeting treats)
- Members at the meeting that have not received the CG DHS Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon received one.

CG DHS Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon



In January 2021, the Coast Guard received the Department of Homeland Security's Outstanding Unit Award (OUA) for outstanding Service during multiple hurricanes, the national response at the Southwest Border, and the COVID 19 global pandemic for the period of Aug. 25, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2020. The citation also praised the exceptional resilience of the Coast Guard during the fiscal year 2019 35-day partial government lapse in appropriation and the courage, resourcefulness, and professionalism of our people.

Award is given to All Coast Guard active duty, reserve, Auxiliary, and civilian personnel who were affiliated with the service at any time during the award period and served honorably.

- Members that have received their CG DHS Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon so far are:

Jack Benton, Bill Ferry, Charles Heath, Jolyn Jones, Robert Koenig, Bruce Kole, Dave McCollum, Allen Rosich, Michelle Rosich, Jeff Rutter, Don Schoonover, Ronny Williams, Chris Kuebler, Gary Krause, George Harizal and Marie Shimandle. More members will get their ribbons soon!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Division COW (Change of Watch) cancelled. Too soon after Dave's McCollum's surgery for him to participate in something in his honor.
- Winterfest Parade Lorain Saturday November 26th
 - The parade gathers at 4:00 PM on Broadway near the 9th. We meet at Station at 3:00 PM to organize and hook up trailers.
 - Anyone in the parade must wear a uniform. Any uniform.



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- If you want to ride in the boat, please get a Float Coat (warm!) from our storage.
- In-truck seating is limited to 3 guests in Bill's truck, and 3 guests in Don's truck. Everybody else is in the boat. Which is fun, but possibly cold. The incoming Flotilla Commander says, "there is no such thing as bad weather; only bad clothing".
- Up to \$50 has been authorized for candy to throw. Rutter and Ferry to buy \$25 each.
- NEED RSVP IF you plan to be in the parade, Contact Russ Cromwell FC if you wish to participate.
- Amherst Parade. December 2nd 6 PM - We will **NOT** be doing this parade. Looks as if this is a parade for local Amherst Businesses.
- Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange
 - Location – Station Lorain
 - Date - December 10
 - Time – Fellowship starts at 4:00 PM dinner start estimated at 4:15 PM.
 - Food Choices are supplied by Fligners: Roast Beef, Boneless Breaded Pork Chop, and Chicken Cordon Bleu (per emailed votes from Members to Russ). Sides will be Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Red Skin Potatoes. Veggies will be Green Beans Almandine and Candied Carrots. There will also be Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter, included in the package.

Soft drinks will be supplied in various kinds and quantities.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE STATION.

A Dessert Plan is being worked out.

YOU MAY BRING A DISH, DESSERT, ETC IF YOU'D LIKE. Contact Russ Cromwell FC if you are bringing a dish to share for the party.

\$20 per person is the cost, due at the door.

- ***This event also includes a White Elephant Gift Exchange – see Russ Cromwell's email of 11/13/2022 for details.***
- ***If you would like to attend the party and haven't said so yet, Contact Russ Cromwell FC that you intend to attend the party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.***



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NEW BUSINESS:

- Our finance officer has requested some replacement checks because his check supply is getting low. FC said he would bring the request to the flotilla's attention at our next meeting. The following was the presentation (Sales Pitch) from Russ FC for the request for checks.

The checking account the flotilla has is a business checking account and checks are not free, they must be purchased. Peter our FSO-FN requests a checkbook package designed for business, instead of the small type of checks he uses now.

The package includes:

Three-To-A-Page Value Pack

- 150 single or duplicate checks (should last us close to 8 to 10 years)
- Checks are larger and fit our envelopes better.
- Endorsement stamp
- Stub and bill keeper
- Register
- Standard logo
- Premier binder
- 200 book-bound deposit tickets
- Distinctive lettering
- Could get Auxiliary image in background of checks
- Much more professional looking than the household type check type.

Bill Ferry and Russ Cromwell priced some of the parts from Amazon and Walmart and the checkbook parts combined come close to the price 5/3 is requesting for the business check package. (Estimated cost of checks would be close to \$160 for everything in the checkbook package as listed above.)

The advantage of buying the package from the bank is all the information for the check account numbers and deposit slips is already known by the bank and there is less chance of error trying to piece parts of the checks and deposit slip pads together.

As mentioned before, our checking account is a business checking account (business-type checking is required by the auxiliary finance department). What is not known is Peter our finance officer found out we could get reimbursed for monthly charges since we were the CG Auxiliary and had access to the Auxiliary nonprofit number. Peter got the required documentation for approval from 5/3 bank to reimburse the monthly cost of the business checking service. The bank



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will charge \$11 and then put the \$11 back into our account. To put it another way, every year since Peter got the approval for the \$11 return to our checking, we saved \$132 per year! In effect, the savings he gave us have already paid for his business checkbook request.

After the sales pitch above by FC, Peter said that he found more blank checks than he thought he had available and could get by for a while longer. FC thought the flotilla should still consider getting the more professional check package that would make the FSO-FN a little easier.

FLOOR DISCUSSION – Some members wanted to continue to purchase the checkbook package, larger checks more professional looking. Some members wanted to postpone buying due to the number of checks that Peter had after he had found more checks. Seeing the discussion was almost split down the middle for attending members, FC suggested we table the discussion of buying the check package for a while longer and revisit when Peter FSO-FN really gets low on checks.

Motion to Table the discussion on purchasing Check Package
Made by Marie Shimandle

2nd to end the discussion
Al Rosich

Vote to table discussion
Passed

GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION:

Al Rosich questioned

Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition, page 459) states that the Chair may ask for a Treasurer's Report, which may be as simple as balance on hand.

Al said the flotilla should follow the rules of order but did not think the flotilla could follow this particular one unless it was cleared by the auxiliary. Al's point was valid and until better disclosure is made on how much the auxiliary follows Robert's Rules of Order, we would vote tonight on the finance report. Motions and votes were taken, and results were moved to the finance report area in this meeting minutes.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum (No Remarks)
- IPDCDR – Greg Little (Not Present)



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- Flotilla Commander - Russ Cromwell
 - I appreciate all of you that have joined our meeting tonight in-person and on-line!
 - Deb Cromwell (FC wife) sent in after meeting treats. Those members that joined us on-line are welcome to jump in front for their treats.
 - Kevin Settle is going in for back surgery on the 10th of November. Dave McCollum is going in for groin surgery on November 17th. Let's keep both in mind and our prayers.
 - I wish to thank our new FC, Bill Ferry, and our new VFC, Jeff Rutter, for stepping up and guiding our flotilla for 2023. I ask every member of our flotilla to please support them as you have done for me during the last 3 years.
 - Our December meeting will be skipped to enjoy the holidays, so the next business meeting will be on January 11, 2023.
 - See you next January at the flotilla. At the helm will be Bill Ferry as our new FC and Jeff Rutter as the VFC.
- VFC - Bill Ferry (No Remarks)
- IPFC - Dave McCollum (Still no Remarks)
- Senior Active Member – MARIE SHIMANDLE, who reports that it's great that we're all back together having meetings in person again and she was glad to be here – (and the Members feel the same toward Marie! Glad to have you here too!)
- Retired members – (No Remarks)
- Guests/ Other members

George Harizal (another senior member) Feeling Better and glad to be here after his surgery. (George said it was a "minimally invasive" surgery for his heart "aromatic valve"). (Heart surgery is very serious and we are glad you pulled through with flying colors George!)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Motion to Adjourn by: Jeff Rutter
- Motion Seconded by: Michele Rosich.
- Vote: Unanimous
- Actual Adjourn Time: 1945 (End of meeting)

Meeting Minutes Prepared by a joint effort of Bill Ferry (VFC) and Russ Cromwell (FC)