



FLOTILLA 092-06-04 MEETING MINUTES 12 October 2022



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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

DATE of meeting: 12 Oct 2022, 1930 EASTERN TIME
LOCATION of meeting: Both In-Person and Virtual
START TIME: 19:45 (Internet issues to Station Lorain delayed start)
PLEDGE led by: Jolyn Jones
INVOCATION By: Al Rosich
Members Attending: 20

Active Members: Russ Cromwell, Peter Baillie, Tom Raszka, Gary Krause, Jolyn Jones, Dave McCollum, Jeff Rutter, Michele Rosich, Al Rosich, Bruce Kole, Kevin Settle, Ron Williams, Tom Cole, Greg Little, Bob Koenig, Jack Benton, Don Schoonover, Bob Koenig, Chuck Heath
Retired Members: Rose Melko

SECRETARY REPORT:

- None Given at the meeting due to technical difficulties.
- Would have reported:
 - Did not have an electronic meeting recording for verifying meeting notes for the September flotilla meeting. FC was having email issues and I didn't get the email with the electronic recording link to the correct email address book.
 - September meeting minutes sent out on 9/25/2022.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

- Report Given – But not heard by web attendees due to technical difficulties early in the flotilla meeting
- Reported Items.
 - Flotilla expenses \$23.96
 - Flotilla income \$250 (from dues payments)
 - Balance in bank given at meetings, please attend the meeting to hear them. (You may contact me FSO-FN (or FC the VFC) if you didn't hear the reported bank balance.)
 - Dues collections are going well, down to 6 non-pays at this time
 - **Dues for flotilla are due by September 24th** so I can process the dues to Division, District, and National Auxiliaries on time.



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- Thanks for attending the meeting tonight, will try to keep the time reasonable
- Vice Bill Ferry is on vacation and couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Let's all hope he enjoys the vacation and the time off, he deserves it.
- Thanks to flotilla staff officers for trying to follow the SUBJECT line format for reports. It helps to find the reports much faster.
- Jolyn Jones had an opportunity to give a little speech on the Auxiliary and Oliva Hooker. Oliva was a member of the Coast Guard Women's reserve SPARS program during WWII.
- Treats tonight are provided by Jack Benton! Thanks, Jack!

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - DAVE MCCOLLUM:

- We will be having a Change of Watch ceremony. Dec 3, at Wagner's Country Inn. Limited to 50 people. More information will be coming soon.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - BILL FERRY:

- No Report – On Vacation

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

FSO-AS Bill Ferry (Aux Scout) clevelandbill@mac.com

- No Report

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

- No Report.

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

- Uploaded September Flotilla Meeting Minutes to flotilla website.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report



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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.
- Remember the Coast Guard looks at the hours that the auxiliary put in.

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

- Placed an order with ANSC for boating education pamphlets for Russ Cromwell and myself. Ordered some coloring books and boating pamphlets for our station stock. Russ has received both orders already.

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

- No Report

FSO-MT Jeff Rutter (Member Training) rutterj@gmail.com

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- 03SEP22 - Flotilla 092-06-04 Facility AUX 64 participated at Cleveland's Air Show as a Safety Zone member.
- 09SEP22 - our Flotilla resumed its Security Checks at Station Lorain upon Cleveland Harbor's recall of its boat crew and the 29-footer until next Memorial Day.
- 10SEP22 - Flotilla 06-04 had one last mission for the month doing QE Check Rides for Division 6 & 7 on.
- Oct. missions will depend upon CG funding and the weather.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report or activity



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

- No Report

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

- 10 PVs to report for our Lorain Flotilla for September
(6 PV's were done by Bob Koenig and 4 PV's were completed by Greg Little)

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

- Year totals.
 - VSC Exams Given 135
 - VSC Exams Passed 100
 - First Time Exams 61
 - High Focus Exams 94

SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (preferred) or Bill Ferry

- No Report

ELECTIONS:

Election Committee Chair - Alan Rosich.

- Division elections were held at the October Division Meeting.
Our elected **Division Commander for 2023 is Dave McCollum**. Congratulations Dave and THANK YOU!

Unfortunately no one stepped forward for Vice Division Commander. Our division was given till the end of December to come up with a Vice Commander. If no one steps up, our division will be placed on probation for the 2023 year for not having a VDCR.

- Flotilla elections will be held at the November meeting.

AWARDS

Awards given by Division Commander received at D-Train 2022.

- Outstanding Unite Award for everyone serving from 8/25/2017 through 11/20/20.
Ribbons and certificates will be given to all eligible by Division Commander.
- 6-4 Jeff Rutter - received BQ Certification
- 6-4 Peter Baillie – 10 Year Bronze Star



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- 6-4 Bruce Kohl – 10 Year Bronze Star
- 6-4 Chris Kuebler – 10 Year Bronze Star
- 6-4 Bob Koenig – 15 Year Bronze Star
- 6-4 Greg Little – 2,250 Hours Bronze Star
- 6-4 Russ Cromwell - 7,500 Hours Bronze Hourglass
- 6-4 Jack Benton - 15,000 Hours Gold Hourglass

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dinner at Joe's Deli & Restaurant in Rocky River on September 28 was great. We had 14 members and guests attending. If you ever ate at Joe's, you know how much good food you get for your money. It was great to have a good showing from our flotilla and guests to make the night great for fellowship.
- In case you are not aware, Kevin Settle finally received his AUXOP Certification.
 - FC wishes to thank Kevin Settle for taking the time to study and take the tests to be AUXOP. (*Kevin is the Only AUXOP in our flotilla at this time!*)
 - **Kevin and I (FC Russ Cromwell) wish to recognize some of those that helped get the certification though. So many involved, hope we are not missing anyone.**
 - Thanks to Michele Rosich, our IS officer, for getting the data in the system and getting the whole process started to have Kevin recognized as AUXOP.
 - Again, thanks to Michele for keeping an eye on the lack of progress of Kevin's AUXOP certification when she didn't see any progress being made, she notified her FC (Russ Cromwell) for assistance.
 - FC working with Michele started getting others in the chain of command aware of the issues and eventually getting things moving again.
 - Others that made this AUXOP certification happen (or were involved in the process),
 - Alan Knish (he had a member Larry Thomas, who also was waiting to be AUXOP, and he was pushing from his side to help both members get AUXOP)
 - Jack Benton for his advice on how to proceed when you have an issue like this and whom to go to in order to get things resolved.
 - George Tayler District HR attempting to help from his end (and verifying AuxData was updated once certification was done)
 - DCDR Dave McCollum and VFC Bill Ferry pushed this problem at the D-Train meetings till someone paid attention.



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- Finally, to Steven Botsford for getting things done AND notifying us that our two Division guys (Kevin Settle and Larry Thomas) were now AUXOP.

This was truly a group effort Kevin Settle, Larry Thomas and I (FC Russ Cromwell), wish to **THANK ALL** of those who assisted in getting the AUXOP certification completed.

- Bruce Kole has FINALLY received his ID badge. Thanks, Bruce, for letting us know you finally got it!
(Work is now in process to get your 10-year service certificate, hang in there)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lorain Lighting ceremony Parade.

Dave McCollum received a request for assistance in the Lorain November parade for the holiday lighting ceremony. Dave plans to tow our facility (boat) and Don Schoonover the PE trailer. **November 26, 2022.**

- Winterfest Parade in Lorain from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.
- www.lorainwinterfest.org
- Need members to participate in/for the parade.
- **December 3, 2022,** Division COW (Change Of Watch) will be at Wagner's Country Inn (more info coming)
- Also on **December 3, 2022,** Amherst Parade begins at 6:30 pm (this is maybe, the same day as Division Change of Watch. More info in the November flotilla meeting.)
- Christmas Party White Elephant Gift Exchange
 - Will be Saturday, **December 10, 2022**
 - Start time 4 PM
 - Food - We have a choice of Buffet style, or we can pick one of 3 main dinner choices from the current menu. What will be in the Buffet or which of the 3 main dishes to pick from is still to be determined.
 - More details to come. Final decisions will be made in the November Flotilla meeting.

GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION:

- Had a long talk with a long-time retired member. Apparently, he/she was not informed of what Retirement means to a retired member. I have great respect for those that have given years of service to help meet the missions of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Therefore, Retirement from my point of view (FC Russ Cromwell)
 - To retire you need to have 15 years of service or more.
 - You can still attend meetings and voice your opinion, but you will not be able to vote



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- You can still attend fellowship events, but you cannot participate in missions or events (like information booths, VE's, PVs, D-Train, etc.)
- You will need to turn in your ID Badge and will no longer be able to go into a PX as an Auxiliarist.
- They no longer make retirement ID Badges, but you should receive a certificate for years of service and a small retirement pin.
- Meeting minutes and social activities should be sent to retired members so they may attend.
- Special communications for Auxiliary procedures and missions will only be sent to active members because retired members are not able to participate in them.
- Retired members are able to have a casket honor guard (If there are members available to do it)
- Retired members no longer have to pay dues.
- At the end of meetings Retired members may give a closing comment when the question is asked, "Are there any closing comments from the members" (or something similar to that wording). In other words, when the members have a chance to speak a comment, Retired members can too.
- It is up to the FC and/or the VFC and/or FSO-HR to make sure the member retiring is aware of the limitations to retiring.
- It is up to the members to retire to make sure they know what they are going to be able to do. In other words, verifying what you have been told is indeed the whole story.
- Russ Cromwell, current FC, will be looking for a retirement-type paper that gives a complete listing of what to expect. *Any help to find information would be appreciated.*

The items I mentioned above are what I believe to be the current information, but this is my opinion. I will attempt to verify each statement made and will update members if I find out something added or if I was wrong on something above. *Again, Any help to find information would be appreciated!*

The bottom line it is up to each person that is going to retire to make sure they have the full picture of what to expect. This means extra research on the part of the possible retiree, but it's better than buying a "bridge" without first seeing it.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum
Upcoming Parades
- IPDCDR – Greg Little



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- Flotilla Commander - Russ Cromwell
 - I appreciate all of you that have joined our meeting tonight in-person and on-line!
 - Sorry about the Technical difficulties. We will look into what has happened and try to come up with alternative plans should we have these issues again.
 - Thanks, Jack Benton, for bringing the flotilla meeting treats tonight!
 - **November 9, 2022, Flotilla in-person and virtual meetings at 7:30 pm**
- Vice Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry
On Vaction
- IPFC - Dave McCollum – no comment
- Guests & Retiree's – no comments
- Senior Active Member Attending Jack Benton – no comment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: Peter Baillie

Motion Seconded by: Bruce Kole

Vote: Aye

Actual Adjourn Time: 20:50 Hrs. (Total Time of meeting:

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Kevin Settle FSO-SR