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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

DATE of meeting: 12 Jan 2022
LOCATION of meeting: Virtual Only
Meeting Start TIME: 1930 Eastern
Pledge led By: DCR Dave McCollum
Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total MEMBERS Attending: 16
FC, Russ Cromwell, VFC-Bill Ferry, Greg Little, Dave McCollum, Peter Baillie, Bob Koenig, Jack Benton, Al Rosich, Michele Rosich, Rose Melko, Tom Cole, Bruce Kole, Jeff Rutter, Michael Bores, Kevin Settle

Total GUESTS Attending: 0

SECRETARY REPORT:

Kevin Settle FSO-SR

No minutes for the December Meeting due to Christmas Party

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report Peter Baillie FSO-FN

Nov Start \$3942.90
Expenditures - \$1292 All Dues
Income - \$238
End Balance - \$2888.90

End of Year 2021
Start Balance - \$3615.12
Receipts - \$1641
Donations - \$159
Meeting & Education \$534
Total Cash receipts – \$2334
Total Cash receipts and items \$5949.12

- Disbursements -
- Dues \$1292
 - Education - \$23.96
 - Conf & Meetings - \$736.22
 - Material & Equip - \$1218.97 (Mostly trailer)
 - Building Maintenance \$140.54



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- Office Supplies \$33.69

Total Disbursements \$3445.38
Ending 2021 Balance \$2503.74

Motion to accept finance Report: Bill Ferry
2nd: Al Rosich
Vote: Passed

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- Thank you for attending our first meeting for 2022. Because of issues with Covid for many people, I think it would be wise to have our January and February meeting online. Hopefully in March we can really start to dig in and get back to a normal auxiliary year, only time will tell.
- For the well wishes I have received for a speedy recovery after my Reverse Shoulder Surgery, THANK YOU. I had plans to make my recovery time useful, but I am having issues getting my attention focused and my right hand back under control.

This experience has been very frustrating to me, and I think that I have a much greater appreciation, and better understanding, for those that have reconstructive surgery or a disability.

To me, I am way behind where I thought I would be at this point in my recovery, but the Doctor and Physical Therapist said that I am on target and not to expect much more, over doing it could actually set things back and cause more issues.

So, the bottom line is, my so-called productive recovery time is sitting in my chair and napping.

- Our Flotilla Christmas party on December 8, 2021 was successful and turned out to be more important than we knew it would be.
- Serena Dawkins called me and told me that Donald Dawkins passed away December 10, 2021. This was a surprise because Don and Serena attended our Christmas party and Don seemed healthy and energetic. When I looked over to the table where Don was sitting, he was seldom there, he was making the rounds and talking to everyone. I am glad that I was able to talk to Don at the Christmas Party.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM at The First Congregational United Church of Christ, 5 E. Main Street, Berlin Heights, OH 44814.

- Ed Gordan passed away on December 30, 2021. I printed out four pictures of Ed in Auxiliary functions and Deb sent a card from the flotilla with the pictures to Ed's address for the family. (Ed had a private family service)



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- Staff officers that attended our division meeting were sworn in for their staff office. If you are a staff officer and have not been sworn in for 2022, we will do this later in this meeting.
- There is now a new staff officer position for the CG Auxiliary. The Flotilla Office is FSO-AS. This is the Aux Scout office and Bill Ferry has taken the task on to be the FSO-AS officer AND will also be SO-AS officer for Division. I have no doubt that Bill is the RIGHT guy for the job. Chances are he would have done the work anyway even without the title of FSO-AS. The Aux Scout program is one of his passions and I am looking forward to how things will evolve this year.

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - DAVE MCCOLLUM:

- First Division Meeting 1/5/22
- I asked all Flotilla Commander to submit a "Dream Sheet" for what they would like to accomplish in 2022.
- **All Division 06 Members need to submit at least 1hr on a 7029 each month. Everyone can submit at least 1hr for reading the minutes or answering emails... something. We need to show the CG we are active.**
- We have a new DIRAUX for 2022 and there may be some changes.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - BILL FERRY:

My personal shortcomings:

Staying on top of Member Training. I need help - I suspect others do, too. Russ put together a bunch of classes over the last month or so – but they were poorly attended. Jeff Rutter is the new Member Training Officer, we're going to figure out where we are, where we need to be, and how to get there.

Participation and Keeping Up the Energy: This organization has TONS of things to do – from cooking at Station Cleveland Harbor to Boat Crew to Dockside Advising and even some super specialties working with the USCG. What is it that YOU like to do, or that YOU'D like to learn – let's figure that out, together, and then get you there. If you're having fun, you'll participate more – you'll put more into it, and get more out of it.

AuxData II training. I am still trying to learn. You are, too. Instead of getting frustrated and throwing up the hands – let's figure out a way to get everybody up to speed on this.

Uniforms: I have a lot of trouble with the finer details of proper uniform wear. And you do, too. We have some people in our Flotilla who are very good at Uniform wear, and who make the Auxiliary Proud, and who we should ask when we're stumped. Uniforms serve a purpose – usually "psychological", and that has an effect on others, AND ON US.



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STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

- Save the Date for Safety at Sea 2022: Saturday, 23 Jul 2022.

Safety at Sea, all hands-on deck. AUXSCOUT is more than one event. If you're interested in Scouting – this could be good for you. Please let me know.

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

- No Report.

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

- Made updates to Flotilla Website

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

- Changes to the NACO Award application.
- There is a Diversity meeting the week of Jan 17th.

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

- We have 7 people trying to get processed to join our Flotilla.
- 1 application is in process

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

- Reminder to members to send me their hours to be entered into AUXDATA II.
- **THERE ARE STILL some members who need to do their CORE Training now as their 5 years have ended.**

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

- Placed order with Auxiliary National Supply Center for orange decals for canoe, kayak, and rowboats at request of Russ.

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

- No Report.



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

- New FSO-MT on the job only a few days. Working on coming up to speed.
- Looking forward to connecting with FSO-IS Michele, to learn how to obtain reports of Flotilla member training.
- I advise that members who are in arrears on required training please contact me, copying FC Russ and VFC Bill. Let's get you up to standard.

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

- No Report

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

- Flotilla Operations include our continuing Coast Guard Support with our Station Lorain Security Checks. BZ to all 4 teams for their dedication and thoroughness.
- Winter work on our Facility needs to be scheduled and our new garage toolbox needs to be organized, our trailer lettering completed, and crew refreshers setup. I'm in an organizational funk right now and would welcome some assistance. Maybe an online Flotilla project meeting to list and assign tasks to our interested members.

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

- Pictures for the Lorain Winterfest were sent to District.

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

- No Report

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

- Planning three Boater Safety Courses for this Spring
- Deciding whether to go with USCG Course or stay with OBEC
- Need to get more Instructors qualified to teach, to help Russ and Tom (and Greg).
- Have been communicating with nearby Flotillas about coordinating schedules.

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

- No Report but I think we will have a good year for Visits.



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

- No VE decals yet. I will distribute when they are received.

NEXT REPORT FOR NEW MISSION FOR PADDLE CRAFT. (NOT A STAFF REPORT)

AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (preferred) or Bill Ferry

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ALL STAFF OFFICERS WERE SWORN IN BY DISTRICT COMMANDER DAVE MCCOLLUM.**
- FC would like to buy a refurbished new laptop for the Flotilla with Windows 11, Full Office package AND Boating Class software already installed.
Motion to buy for \$350 including shipping – Jack Benton
2nd Peter Baillie –
All vote Aye
Russ will order the laptop and have it shipped to his house. Laptop will be located at the Lorain Station. Laptop will be locked up in the station.
- Members paid for their own dinners at the Christmas Party. We were a few people short of the required minimum amount of 30 people. Request to the flotilla for an additional \$174 for the Christmas Party bill.

Motion made by Greg Little to take \$174 dollars out of our party fund to make up the required amount needed.

2nd Jack Benton

All vote aye



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- There is a new Covid form and it needs to be filled out and carried or left at the station when there is work or activities done there.
- Need Volunteers for Honor Guard for Don Dawkins memorial service. Contact Russ if able to help or if you plan to attend.
- Instead of buying standard cards a special Coast Guard Auxiliary, Note/Thank you cards will be ordered to be on hand when needed. The cost for the Flotilla. Is \$8.99 for 20 including envelopes. These cards will be purchased as an office expense from the FC allowed expense. (FC can spend up to \$50 on items without requesting permission by vote.)

GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION: **NEW SECTION TO DISCUSS AUXILIARY QUESTIONS**

- **Regarding the covid forms there was a reference to guests and employees. The question is, which are we? Are we employees or are we guests?**

We are employees of Dept of Homeland Security.

We have an employee id assigned to us in Auxdata-II

We are covered by Government insurance while doing an auxiliary function (correct procedure must be followed to be covered by the Government insurance)

ANSWER:

If we are doing authorized auxiliary business, we are employees.

If we are just visiting and not on auxiliary visits, we would be a guest

- The long awaited *New designed uniforms are being pushed back.*
NOTE: The auxiliary can wear your older uniforms until they are no longer serviceable. (Which means if they look good and are worn correctly by the auxiliarist, according to the regulations for that.)
- There are changes to the sign in for Aux Classroom. Effective Jan 16th. You may have an issue with the login until you follow the instructions for your login account.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum
This year we are looking at having a better working relationship with other Flotilla's and do more things together to help each other.
- IPDCDR – Greg Little
We should have training for proper uniforms.



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- FC Russ Cromwell
Thanks to everyone who attended.
- VFC Bill Ferry
Remember this should be fun even though it is a big responsibility.
- Senior Active Member Attending – Jack Benton

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: Bill Ferry
2nd: Jack Benton
Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 21:24Hrs.

Minutes Submitted by: Kevin Settle FSO-SR