



# FLOTILLA 092-06-04 MEETING MINUTES 10 AUGUST 2022



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## CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

**DATE of meeting:** 10 August 2022, 19:30 EASTERN TIME

**LOCATION of meeting:** On Line

Actual Start Time: 19:36hrs

Pledge led By: Jack Benton

Invocation By: Al Rosich

MEMBERS Attending: 17

GUESTS Attending: Rose Melko, retired member

MEETING ATTENDEES: Russ Cromwell, Bill Ferry, Al Rosich, Michele Rosich, Dave McCollum, Greg Little, Jack Benton, Kevin Settle, Jeff Rutter, George Harizal, Bob Koenig, Chris Kuebler, Tom Raszka, Chris Raszka, Tom Cole, Bruce Kole, Peter Baillie  
Retired member: Rose Melko

## SECRETARY REPORT:

Kevin Settle FSO-SR

- Minutes sent out 7/23/22.
- Corrections: Tom Cole - CS Report should have read- "June Minutes uploaded to the website".
- Motion to accept modified minutes: Tom Cole  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Ferry  
Vote: passed

## FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report - Peter Baillie FSO-FN

- No change in July from the previous month
- Reminder, **Dues moved up to September 1** by National/District.
- Dues are still at \$47.
- Two members have already paid their dues.
- Dues Breakdown of how your dues are divided  
\$ 24 National

*FYI: The 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 should be voted on.*



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\$ 7 District  
\$ 7 Division  
\$ 9 Flotilla

- An email will be sent out by the FC as a reminder to every one of the early dues this year.  
(Update: Email was sent by FC to all active members on 8/11/2022)
- Motion to accept the Financial Report: Al Rosich  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Cole  
VOTE: Passed

## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:**

- In Person and Online flotilla meeting on July 13th. We had 13 members and 1 retired member in attendance.
- Reminder to members that dues will be due by end of October (Dues moved up to September for District/National).
- Safety at Sea Day canceled because of required attendee response from Sea Scouts. The Auxiliary was ready.
- Information Booth at Spitzer Riverside Marina 10Jul2022 (Approximately 550 attended the dock party) Chris Kuebler and Russ Cromwell participated for the Information Booth.
- Flotilla members Bill Ferry, Greg Little, and Chris Kuebler participated in Tall Ships Festival from the Lorain Flotilla.
- Lorain Flotilla participated in VSC day at Maple Groove. We had 4 VE's (Greg Little, Jack Benton, Chris Kuebler & Russ Cromwell) and 3 members assisting (Tom Raszka, Chris Raszka & Peter Baillie).
- Robert Koenig and Russ Cromwell had a Lorain Station clean-up day. It was to be a day to restock our PV pamphlets but we found out there were VIPs coming the next day to Station Lorain. Bob and Russ ended up cleaning up/straightening up the Aux Office, Information booth room, Garage by our Facility, the battery block house and Dave's shed. We removed all expired flairs from the battery block house and Dave's shed and placed them in the container designed for flammables by the river on CG property.
- Still having issues with getting AUXOP Certification for Kevin Settle. A request to be AUXOP was sent at the beginning of this year.
- Still having issues getting ID Badge for Bruce Kole. It has been months. I was asked to resubmit the information again and I did. It has been several weeks no ID Badge yet.
- Flotilla's survey's from earlier this year are on track again. Had to manually build 86 bar graphs to show questions with the bar graph. In process of putting



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everything together in PowerPoint now. If we do another survey we will modify the questions/answers to allow the automatic software to do a better job.

- I wish to thank George Harizal and his family for the donation of time creating our letters/words and the donation of the materials required to create the letters/words for our Auxiliary PE trailer. Your family's efforts are greatly appreciated by our flotilla, AND all this was done in time for Don Schoonover to put the words on in time for the Memorial Day Parade! Please tell your daughter and wife that they deserve a big Thank You!

## **REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - DAVE MCCOLLUM:**

- No Report

## **VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - BILL FERRY:**

- No Report.

## **STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**FSO-AS**      Bill Ferry      (Aux Scout)      [clevelandbill@mac.com](mailto:clevelandbill@mac.com)

- Safety at Sea canceled for low registration. A decision needs to be made soon on whether to attempt again in 2023.

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

- No Report.

**FSO-CS**      Tom Cole      (Communication Services)      [tomcole430@gmail.com](mailto:tomcole430@gmail.com)

- Uploaded July Flotilla minutes to the website.

**FSO-DV**      Dave McCollum      (Diversity)      [daveaux0604@gmail.com](mailto:daveaux0604@gmail.com)

- No Report.

**FSO-HR**      Dave McCollum      (Human Resources)      [daveaux0604@gmail.com](mailto:daveaux0604@gmail.com)

- No Report.



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**FSO-IS** Michele Rosich (Information Services) [merosich@windstream.net](mailto:merosich@windstream.net)

- Reminder for members who had worked with the AUX SeaScout planning. Please email me the hours you had put in for the program. I will enter them into AUXDATA II. I have received the member names from Virginia Suda.
- Members also send me your 7029 forms to be entered into AUXDATA II.

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

- Put in an order for Russ Cromwell and for myself at the ANSC for decals, stickers, and pamphlets, much of it for Visitations.

**FSO-MS** Jeff Burdick (Marine Safety) [flyrod11ft@gmail.com](mailto:flyrod11ft@gmail.com)

- No Report

**FSO-MT** Jeff Rutter (Member Training) [rutterj@gmail.com](mailto:rutterj@gmail.com)

- Flotilla 06-04 Boat crew training was held Saturday, July 30. There were 8 participants. If you are interested in Boat Crew and didn't attend, please let Jack Benton know ASAP.
- Jim Bonica also has Auxiliary Patrol Dates available for August Aboard Facility 28674 Phoenix V - Departing From Newport Marina / Shoreby Club Bratenahl, Ohio

Sunday, August 14 Morning 0800 - 1300  
Wednesday, August 17 Evening 1730 - 2100  
Saturday, August 20 Morning 0800 - 1300  
Wednesday, August 24 Evening 1730 - 2100  
Sunday, August 28 Morning 0800 - 1300  
Wednesday, August 31 Evening 1730 - 2100

Email Jim ([jamesbonica@me.com](mailto:jamesbonica@me.com)) with any concerns, questions or if you'd like to sign up for a patrol.

- 2022 D-Train will be held in Dunkirk, NY on September 16-18, 2022 Register early if you're interested. Please let me know if you didn't get the informational email and I will forward it to you.

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

- Five Aids to check by the end of this week at Beaver Creek. Can do all from land.



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**FSO-OP** Jack Benton (Operations) [trilogy1850@gmail.com](mailto:trilogy1850@gmail.com)

- 1. Flotilla 06-04 had only 1 Facility Mission; The Lorain Port Authority Fireworks Safety Zone on 04JUL22. Since then, Family obligations and some health problems delayed getting orders for the rest of the month.
- 2. Some work on the boat was done and we discovered we had a bad alternator on the engine. A replacement was ordered and should be received this week.
- 3. Flotilla Crew Training was conducted on Saturday 30JUL22. 7 crew members and trainees attended from 0900-1400 with a pizza lunch supplied by the Division.
- 4. An AUG survey for crew availability will be sent out by Bill Ferry with a calendar that members can enter their availability for missions including the Air Show Sept 3-5.

**FSO-PA** Greg Little (Public Affairs) [glittle48@gmail.com](mailto:glittle48@gmail.com)

- No Report

**FSO-PB** Russ Cromwell (Publications) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)

- No Report

**FSO-PE** Bill Ferry (Public Education) [clevelandbill@mac.com](mailto:clevelandbill@mac.com)

- Bill Ferry took the IT-2020 Instructor Training Course, which was a four, 10-hour course put together by the Training Directorate. In the class students learned about how to be an Instructor – including how to make lesson plans, how to present, and how to evaluate. The students also were required to make a twenty-minute slideshow presentation on any topic (mine was entitled “Your New PLB”) and be critically evaluated by the instructors. A remaining checkoff for successful completion is to present a one to two-hour presentation to be signed off by the student’s Flotilla Commander.

**FSO-PV** Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)

- No PVs entered in Auxdata II for July. (Note: Bob Koenig reports he performed 6 RBS Visitations and will turn them over to Michele soon to enter in Auxdata II.

**FSO-VE** Greg Little (Vessel Examination) [glittle48@gmail.com](mailto:glittle48@gmail.com)

Year to date our Flotilla has done 59 VE.



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**SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AUXPAD**

- No Report.

**ELECTION “COMMITTEE” OF ONE - Al Rosich**

- Please have your letters of intent into Al Rosich at least 2 weeks prior to the elections.
- Bill Ferry will be running for Flotilla Commander.
- Candidates for Vice flotilla Commander is needed. Please talk to FC or VFC to let them know if you are interested.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bruce Kole is having issues getting his ID issued. FC has communicated with District HR to see what is going on. District HR said many hot items in process, and he had no idea what the status of the ID is. But he would look into it (again).
- Kevin Settle is having issues getting his AUXOP status recognition. FC talked to District HR to get an update. The reply was don't know what is taking so long. District HR did talk to those that give the clearance to update status in Auxdata II but nothing was processed through yet. There appears to be an issue in the finance software for payments and reimbursements, Auxdata II admins are working on this issue as a top priority because employees and members are not getting their money.
- Both issues are being monitored by Russ FC and Michele FSO-IS. Dave our Division Commander is gathering information and will communicate with the Commodore to get assistance in resolving overdue issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- August 27<sup>th</sup> flotilla picnic at Maple Grove. A detailed email will be sent out by the FC. (Update: Email was sent by FC to all active and retired members on 8/11/2022)
- \$200 will be provided by the Flotilla for Hamburgers & Hotdogs.  
Motion by Dave McCollum  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Baillie  
Vote – Passed





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- Everyone should bring a covered dish. Bring your own drinks if you want more than soft drinks.

**NOTE: After the end of these August flotilla meeting minutes, we have inserted the Picnic information email that was sent out. Please see the bottom of these meeting minutes for the information for our 8/27/2022 picnic! Hope to see you there! PLEASE RSVP!**

## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

### **FC: Russ Cromwell**

- Thanks for attending tonight's meeting.
- If you are interested in the results for all of our division flotilla results (division report), please stay online after the meeting to have a preview.

### **DIVISION COMMANDER: Dave McCollum**

- The reason I was a little bit late for the meeting is I replaced some of my home networking. When I started my computer to join, I forgot that I had to set it up for the new network too and that took a little while.
- I appreciate the members attending this meeting and looking forward to the picnic.

### **SENIOR MEMBER: George Harizal**

- Surprised I am the most senior member at the flotilla meeting.
- Having some health issues right now and heading towards surgery. Missing some music engagements because of my health, but I am glad that I could attend the meeting tonight.
- I appreciate the thanks to my family for working on the letters/words for the PE Trailer. My daughter did most of the work and I will be sure to tell her that her work was appreciated!

Adjourn:

Motion- Peter Baillie,

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

Vote Passed

End of meeting 21:08Hrs

Submitted by Kevin Settle FSO-SR 8/14/22



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**For those of you that may not have read the picnic email sent on 8/11/2022, we have added it here so you can see it now.**  
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We discussed details last flotilla meeting for our coming Picnic/Rendezvous on August 27th. Here is the information.

- o Picnic/Rendezvous  
Location: Maple Grove Marina (1120 Vermilion Road, Vermilion, Ohio 440890)  
Date: 8/27/2022  
Time: starting 1200 to 1600  
Web Link: ( <https://www.maplegroovemarina.com/directions.html> )
- o Food choice of meeting attendees, Hot Dogs, and Hamburgers. (NOTE: If you are on a special diet or prefer something other than the chosen meats, you are welcome to bring your own.)
- o Soft drinks 2-liter bottles to be furnished by Bill Ferry (NOTE: Members CAN bring their own preferred drinks or alcoholic drinks if they wish (bring a few to share too if you wish.)
- o Deb (FC wife) has, table covering, plastic wear, paper plates, napkins & drink cups. (NOTE: Members can bring their own silverware, cups and plates if they prefer)
- o Members are requested to look for lawn-type games to play and let FC know what you would like to bring. (NOTE: Corn Hole and TailGate Golf (also known to some as Hillbilly Golf Game) are planned so far. Welcome to bring what you would like to play or even another Corn Hole Game to have a few games going at the same time)
- o Members are requested to bring a dish to share. Let FC/VFC know what you will be bringing to share. (NOTE: list on the web will be updated as people inform us what they would like to bring to share. If your are not sure what you will bring right now just put in your RSVP to be decided later. As you see on the web what they are going to bring, you might get an idea of what is needed to add. Your dish can be, appetizers, salads, extra meats of some type, deserts, just about anything.)
- o Flotilla home page member section will have picnic updates listed as we find out the information. (Who is coming, guests, shared dish, etc...)
- o Member Dave McCollum made a motion for \$200 to be available for meats for the picnic. Motion Seconded from Peter Baillie and motion approved by all members attending the meeting.
- o Lorain Flotilla members, potential members, and Division members that we have worked with during this year will be invited to attend the picnic.
- o Master Chef Peter Baillie will prepare the hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill.
- o Charcoal will be supplied by Tom and Chris Raszka (will also make Sloppy Joe's)
- o Coast Guard will be invited to attend but is likely to do so since the Lorain Station does not have enough resources available to the station to attend our picnic.





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*If I missed something, please let me know - Russ*

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**Now that you have the details (above) for our picnic planning, if you plan to attend, please RSVP.**

*This year there is 2 ways of doing an RSVP.*

1) Use this survey program at <https://forms.gle/uZKoEqWQPw5qTZrF9> Remember to push submit survey button on bottom of page. You will get a copy of your selections to your email shortly after submitting the survey. NOTE If things change you will be able to RE-EDIT your selections on the web. Just Keep your forms link address above to use again. It will recognize your email and allow you to modify your information! Any issues contact Russ Cromwell.

2) Email me Russ Cromwell [<auxruss@twc.com>](mailto:auxruss@twc.com) and CC Bill Ferry [<clevelandbill@mac.com>](mailto:clevelandbill@mac.com) and Tom Cole [<tomcole430@gmail.com>](mailto:tomcole430@gmail.com). Tom will keep our information updated in the member's section of our flotilla web page.

Items to RSVP if done by Email:

1. Are you coming?
2. Number of guests you will bring.
3. Names (you and your guests)
4. How many hot dogs do you think your party will require
5. How many hamburgers do you think your party will require
6. What Dish do you plan to bring to share with others
7. Anything that you need to add, suggest, or say can be added to the email RSVP too.

*These are the same questions on the survey in choice #1*

**END OF THE EMAIL SENT OUT ON THE PICNIC ON 8/27/2022 AT MAPLE GROVE!**

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