



# FLOTILLA 092-06-04 MEETING AGENDA 8 JUNE 2022



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**CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:**

**DATE of meeting:** 8 JUN 2022, 1930 EASTERN TIME

**LOCATION of meeting:** Virtual Only

Actual Start Time: 7:34 PM (1934)

Pledge led By: Tom Cole

Invocation By: Al Rosich

MEMBERS Attending: 14

GUESTS Attending: 0

MEETING ATTENDEES: Peter Bailly, Bruce Kole, Dave McCollum, Jack Benton, Russ Cromwell, Bill Ferry, Tom Raszka, Christine Raszka, Michele Rosich, Al Rosich, Gary Krause, Tom Cole, Greg Little, Jeff Rutter, and Rose Melko (RET member)

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

(Report by phone to FC)

- Minutes were e-mailed to the flotilla on 5/26/2022
- Snail mail minutes were accidentally not sent for the last meeting. The last meeting minutes will be sent with the minutes for this meeting.

NOTE: Did not vote on last meeting minutes because not everyone had a chance to read them yet.

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

Finance Report - Peter Baillie FSO-FN

- Same balances as the previous month
- No Income and No Expenses
- Reminder that dues will be due one month earlier (September) this year by request of National auxiliary and District auxiliary.

Motion to Accept by: Bill Ferry

Motion Seconded by: Michele Rosich

Vote: Unanimous to accept the report as stated at the meeting.

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.



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## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:**

- Thank you for attending our meeting tonight. Last week when I checked Covid status it was high for Lorain County. In my attempt to keep people safe and not have to wear a mask at the station I thought it would be best to just meet online tonight.
- Kevin Settle (FSO-SR) said he would probably not be able to make the meeting tonight. His aunt passed away and he will be at the airport or on a plane to join his family. Please help Bill Ferry and me to make sure we take notes so Kevin can still do the minutes for this meeting.
- We had some group activities for May that our flotilla participated in. I have been unintentionally stealing the "thunder" from the staff officers by mentioning events in the flotilla commander report. In the future, I will try to not duplicate information in the Flotilla Commander Report with the reports from Flotilla Staff Officers. Please listen to the staff reports to see what our flotilla did.
- Message from AUXA. Office Depot changed its name to ODP Business Solutions. The Office Depot card is being discontinued. To continue to receive your AUXA discount with ODP Solutions, you must register through the new website.

Go to this website to sign up for the new/replacement discount card  
[officediscounts.org/cgauxa](http://officediscounts.org/cgauxa)

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

- Thanks to everyone that participated in the Cuyahoga Parade. We had hoped to get more participation from the other flotillas, but we were unsuccessful in doing so. The Parade was a success but was a long way to get there.
- Division 6 and Division 7 may be combined into one Division. Each Division has issues with a few flotillas not being active. I will pass information to our division and flotilla members as it becomes available.

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

1) Another round of Bravo Zulus to everybody who contributed to the work on the boat, whether by raising or spending money, performing labor, or making its use possible by participating.



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2) Bravo Zulu to Don Schoonover, Unofficial Incident Commander of the accident on Route 8 on Memorial Day, and to the Auxiliarists who stopped to help the victims, clear the scene of debris, manage traffic, and overall keep the peace.

3) Station Visits: I showed up at the station wearing a Hawaiian shirt and sandals. That was the day the Coast Guard decided to be at the Station launching their boat. I looked like an idiot. If you're coming to the Station, don't look like I did that day. Try to look like a member of the Coast Guard or at least a member who is off-duty. They tend to wear less stupid clothes than me. (more discussion in new business)

*FC comment: Bill is being a little hard on himself, he had no clue the Coast Guard would be there that day. However, Bill does bring up some good points to think about.*

## **STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

- This month's report is the same as the last two:
- Save the Date for Safety at Sea 2022: Saturday, 23 Jul 2022.
- Safety at Sea is all hands on deck. If you can help, we need you.
- AUXSCOUT is different from Safety at Sea. More long-term. More of a commitment – but probably more reward. If you're interested in Scouting – please let me know.

End of Report.

- *FC asked if Sea Scouts will wear some type of group identification this year. When we did the Safety At Sea last time the Scouts changed groups and skipped some events.*

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

- No Report.

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

- Uploaded April and May Flotilla Meeting Minutes to the flotilla website.

End of Report

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

- Looks like our flotilla may not be able to meet the requirements for last year's diversity awards.



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

- In process of getting in touch with potential new members. Since Covid restrictions are losing up I will try to get the potential members processed to be auxiliary members.
- *FC suggested having a meeting with the potential members at the Lorain Coast Guard Station while the Covid level is not high for Lorain County. A single meeting with everyone could save time for Dave.*

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

- Members need to continue to send me their hours to be entered into AUXDATA II.
- Also, a reminder to members that their Vessel Examiner Workshop and Instructor Workshops for this year, need to be done before June 30, 2022.
- Their Self Attestations forms needs to be sent to me to enter into AUXDATA II before June 30, 2022, or they will be in REYR's.
- If you have any questions, contact me.

End of Report.

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

- No Report.

*(FC says – Bob did process orders for PV supplies. FC received 5 boxes mid-month)*

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

- Not much going on but have sent out quite a few “if found” decals to paddle craft owners. These came about from a post I came across on social media where people have said they could not find them.

End of Report

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

- Once we start having in-person meetings again, I would like to have a 10–15-minute training session during some of the meetings. Possible subjects are: Wearing the Uniform Correctly, Filling out the 7029 forms, etc. I am open to suggestions.
- OBEC classes at French Creek Reservation for June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> were canceled.



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

- Light list that needs to be checked has been received.
- May need a facility ride to check out a few of the ATON's that must be checked by water (Most ATONS can be checked from land but a few are only accessible by water.)

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

- (Reminder from FC) Lorain Coast Guard Station has a Coast Guard crew working from Station Lorain again, so we will suspend our custodian checks. We did receive a nice email of appreciation for assisting the Coast guard in manning the station when it is in the Station Small mode
- *Email of appreciation*

*Aux Team,*

*Just wanted to extend my sincerest appreciation for your watch-standing at Station Lorain this winter. Your commitment to providing safety and security there during the off-season provides great peace of mind. Thank you.*

*Respectfully,  
BMCS Steven Ruh*

*Officer in Charge  
CG STA Cleveland Harbor  
1055 E 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Cleveland, OH 44114*

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

- Reporting about the Parade involvement by Members of our Flotilla. Discussion about photos from the scene of the accident and a write-up of what happened. Greg will review and revise, before we submit it elsewhere. Greg suggested a title for the article, "Semper Paratus on the Highway".

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

- Nothing to Report.

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



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- Need to get more Instructors qualified to teach, to help Russ and Tom (and Greg).
- OBEC classes for June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> were canceled by French Creek Nature Center due to unforeseen circumstances. The cancelation information was sent to us one week before the classes was scheduled to start.

*Note: Our flotilla was ready to go. We had the required supplies for students, class displays, and 3 instructors lined up to teach.*

- I will be teaching at Safety Town, next Wednesday. (June 15, 2022)

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

- Our Flotilla, 092-06-04, had 5 PV's for the month of May, 2022.
- All 5 PV's were turned in by Kevin Settle.

End of Report

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

- VSC day at Bay Boat Club was successful.
- VSC day at Beaver Park North was successful.
- VSC day coming up for Copper Kettle on 6/12/22. (Tentatively)
- (new info) Working on a date for the end of June for VSC day at Maple Grove Marina in Vermillion. Maple Grove Marina is checking their calendar for best date and let us know. (Update since the meeting. Maple Grove will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. Please let Greg Little FSO-VE know if you plan to do VE's or help on that day.)

## **SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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AUXPAD      Jeff Burdick (preferred) or Bill Ferry

- No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**





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- Reminder: Copper Kettle VSC day on 6/12/22, starting at 10 am
- Dues, cost, and date due
  - Reminder, Dues moved up to September by National/District.
  - Reviewed if Dues should be raised or should stay at \$47.
  - Dues Breakdown on how your dues are divided
    - \$ 24 National
    - \$ 7 District
    - \$ 7 Division
    - \$ 9 Flotilla
  - Group discussion concluded that our \$9 portion of the dues will remain the same for dues for 2023.
  - **IF** there is any increase for National, District or Division, that increase will need to be added to the \$47. Please note that **NO** Increase is expected or has been mentioned from National, District or Division for 2023.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bill Ferry: I am of the opinion that the Flotilla and/or Black River Safe Boating Association should let the Coast Guard Station crew know that we can help procure things that the government might not be supplying in the correct quantity, style, or timeliness.

We have placed soap, mechanic's soap, paper towels, antibacterial wipes, anti-bacterial hand gels, and urinal scent screens in the Station to mention a few items donated. We intend to change out a dim lightbulb in the lady's shower room on the main deck. But there may be other challenges Coast Guard Members face.

*A short discussion on Bill's proposal above. Summary: Can we assist the Coast Guard on small purchases if they have problems getting supplies via the normal supply channel.*

*Group Discussion Results: Most items that the Lorain Coast will need can be supplied by the Coast Guard. However, our flotilla will let it be known to the Lorain Coast Guard that if something is needed (not expensive) the Lorain Flotilla could be notified of the need. Our flotilla will vote on picking up the tab for the requested item(s), if any.*

- Proper dress at the Lorain Station (if not in uniform) - (Bill Ferry VFC talked about this in his Vice Commander report.)

*Group Discussion Results: While at Station Lorain we must look like an auxiliary. This does not mean wearing a uniform every time you go there, but some type of clothing*



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*should be worn to identify you as being in the Auxiliary.*

*An auxiliary T-shirt, an auxiliary hat (must be an unofficial hat if not in uniform), homeland security or other types of auxiliary dress that displays auxiliary logos or auxiliary in words. Standard shoes will be worn, no sandals or clip-clops (thong shoes). If you have questions on dress contact Russ Cromwell FC, Bill Ferry VFC, or Jack Benton FSO-OPS*

- Lorain Station Gate (This is a reminder!)

*EVERY auxiliary member will be responsible to make sure the gate closes after going through the gate. If someone sneaks in while you are watching the gate close, DO NOT challenge them! Stay Safe! Call the Coast Guard or the Lorain Police to handle the possible intruder.*

- **Proper “form to carry” on actives and notification requirements.**  
**The form is ANSC-7101 (Rev 04-22). Auxiliary COVID-19 High Risk Assessment Form** and can be found at [http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/7101\\_Rev\\_6\\_protected.pdf](http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/7101_Rev_6_protected.pdf)

*As anybody knows that is in the CG Auxiliary, there are a lot of forms required and a lot of paperwork required. Most forms are special for different auxiliary jobs but there is one form that is required for any auxiliary member that goes on the CG base or is on an auxiliary mission, like VE’s or PV’s (as examples).*

*This form, (ANSC-7101 (Rev 04-22) is for your Covid vaccination status. This form is to be filled out by each of us and we are to have it available when we do something for the CG Auxiliary. (NOTE: Some auxiliary jobs like Boat Crew may need to turn the filled-out form to someone in the CG, but the rest of us just need to have it available when we go out to do CG auxiliary work.)*

*In other words, you fill out the form and you KEEP the form on you when doing an auxiliary job or go on the CG Base. Your information is private because you carry it and you do not need to give your filled-out form to anyone else.*

*Any questions or concerns contact Russ Cromwell FC or Bill Ferry VFC*

- Tall ships looking for volunteers. There will be a 10' x 10' Information Booth on land, need for help around the tall ships and there will be a need for boat crews.
  - If your Boat Crew, contact Jack Benton FSO-OPS for latest information
  - If you wish to work land-side contact Virginia Suda. [sudav@cox.net](mailto:sudav@cox.net)

NOTE: email was sent out with Virginia Suda’s contact information and hours that need to be covered for the Tall Ships. If you would like this email to resent to you, contact Russ Cromwell FC or Bill Ferry

- The U.S. Coast Guard has received a Request For Assistance (RFA) from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency. The request seeks personnel to perform





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logistical and administrative support services as part of CBP's operations along the U.S. Southwest Border (SWB). Coast Guard Auxiliarists are eligible and invited to help the Coast Guard fulfill this request. Deployment times no less than 7 days (prefer longer) June through September.

Need more info refer to: ALAUX 017/22 - Subj: SOLICITATION FOR AUXILIARY SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST BORDER OPERATIONS

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## **GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION:**

Why no perks? Answer Ethics

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## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum
- Division Vice Commander – Mike Patena
- IPDCDR – Greg Little
- Flotilla Commander - Russ Cromwell
  - Lorain Facility and PE trailer crews for Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Big thanks for the following members that made the Parade a success
    - Dave McCollum (Towed Aux64 Facility)
    - Jack Benton
    - Mark Galan (Carried Banner)
    - Ed Monaco
    - Alan Knish (also attended wreath presentation for auxiliary)
    - Bill Ferry (Carried Banner)
    - Jeff Rutter
    - Don Schoonover (Towed PE Trailer & gave a good flashing light show!)
    - Russ Cromwell
    - Each member received a Challenge Coin from the city and a Certificate of Appreciation from Alan Knish.
  - Appreciate the efforts of our “Incident Command Team”. Good job guys!
- Vice Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry



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- IPFC - Dave McCollum
- Guests
- Senior Active Member Attending (See List Below)

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion to Adjourn by: Greg Little  
Motion Seconded by: Tom Cole  
Vote: Unanimous to end meeting  
Actual Adjourn Time: \_\_\_\_21:16\_\_\_\_ Hrs.

Minutes Duly and Respectfully Reported by: Kevin Settle FSO-SR



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U.S. Department of Homeland Security