



**FLOTILLA 092-06-04**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2023**  
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**CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

MEETING FORMAT: In-Person and Virtual

ACTUAL START TIME: 19:40

Pledge led by: Jack Benton

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total Attending: 13 In-Person: 7 On-Line: 6 Retired Members: 1

**SECRETARY REPORT - Kevin Settle**

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

No additions or corrections

Motion to Accept by: Peter Baillie

Second Motion by: Michele Rosich

Vote: Aye

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT - Peter Baillie**

- No change in Finance
- Dues should be paid by end of August Still \$47ea  
Pay to USCGAUX 092-06-04  
Send to: Peter Baillie - 6272 Shadyside Vermilion OH 44089

**FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Bill Ferry**

- Please note that VFC Rutter and I are modifying our Flotilla Agenda/Flotilla Minutes to include photographs. This is an experiment - to see if we can prevent

duplication of effort in producing a “real” newsletter. Would like to hear your comments.

- The good weather half of the year is the time when we “do” stuff. We should, therefore, look to the reports from our “doing” Flotilla Staff Officers - AuxScout, MARSAF/Environmental Protection, Nav Systems, Operations, Public Affairs/Pubic Education, RBS Visitation, and Vessel Examination.
- At the same time, no matter how much work we do in any of these “doing” areas of the Auxiliary, if time is not submitted, it appears to the Coast Guard, and it appears to the Congress that funds the Coast Guard, as if we have done nothing. The protection and defense of the lives, liberties, and property of the American citizenry is the one, true, unfailing purpose of government. The Coast Guard Auxiliary fulfills that mission - and appreciation for and funding for that mission depends upon us educating those concerned about what we do, what we have done, and importantly, what we will do. So again, the FSO that needs the most love is FSO-IS, Michele Rosich.

## **REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - Dave McCollum**

## **VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Jeff Rutter**

- Auxiliarists Jeff Rutter and Bill Ferry talked about swim safety and PFD use before two sessions of pre-kindergarten children, approximately 35 to 40 total at Safety Town in Vermillion on June 14. This was our fourth year being asked back to do this. In addition to our talk, the kids were sent home with USCG and Aux coloring books and a pack of crayons.

- Russ Cromwell and Jeff Rutter attended the USCG open house at Cleveland Station on June 15. We had good weather and a good turnout. Members of the public learned about Coast Guard operations, safe boating tips, and saw static displays and demonstrations. Visitors were able to speak with Coast Guard members and community partners to learn about safe boating practices.

- We should start planning for our summer picnic. Do we want to go to the place we went last time? (See New Business, Below)

## **FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS**

### **FSO-AS Jeff Rutter (Aux Scout) [rutterj@gmail.com](mailto:rutterj@gmail.com)**

- Safety at Sea has been canceled. We were WOEFULLY short of the 30 or so Scouts we set as a minimum goal. This event, this date, the activities

and purposes, have been explained very well for over a year to everybody involved. But there seems to be very little interest.

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

- No Report.

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

- Added May Flotilla meeting minutes to our website.
- A few updates to the flotilla website and calendar.

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

- The Flotilla joined in with the Division and submitted a NACO Award application before the June 31st deadline.

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

- Don Schoonover had a promising prospect until he was informed that the individual did not have a computer or internet experience.
- Bill Ferry received a referral and responded accordingly.
- I am getting organized with past prospects in hopes we can have a push on membership in September.

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

- Have entered hours for members for VE classes on May17 and May 25.
- Entered hours for the Memorial Parade for our flotilla.
- Members need to send me their hours each month to be entered into AUXDATA II.

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

- Put in the following Materials Orders with ANSC:
- Jolyn for 40 stamps.
- Russ Cromwell for safety materials.
- Robert Koenig for safety materials.

### **FSO-MS Bruce Kole (Marine Safety) brukole@gmail.com**

- SEA PARTNERS PRESENTATION .and/or other Marine Safety programs.  
Contact: Ken Jacobs, Knthjacobs@aol.com, 860-805-7837.
- CFVE Safety Refresher Videos- Visit Prevention Website page for CFVE.
- \*OUTREACH/ RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES
- Black River Landing Concert Series: August 4 "Forever Seger", August 11 "Double Vision - Attribute to Foreigner", 421 Black River LN., Lorain.
- Cleveland Air Show, Sept 2-4, To volunteer Contact Wayne Whited DCDR 092-07: whitted16@att.net
- \*GOOD NEWS
- The Ohio Lake Erie Commission and The Ohio EPA are planning to recommend to the US EPA that the Black River "Beneficial Use Impairment" (BUI) regarding the health of fish in the waterway should be removed. The river has been one of 25 Areas Of Concern (AOC) in the Great Lakes since 1987.
- The fish tumors and lesions were a result and indicator of toxic chemicals in the water. There are still four of the original nine BUIs before the Black river can be delisted as an AOC.

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

- Jeff Burdick completed his Vessel Examiner Workshop.
- District 9ER Operational Training was held on June 13th and 20th , Rob Anderson presented a two part class on Navigation.
- Flotilla 6-4 Boat Crew Training general schedule will be (until further notice) as follows: Tuesday and/or Thursday from 1400-1800 hours. Saturday and/or Sunday from 0800-1200 hours. Start time is underway at the ramp across from the Coast Guard Station. Prep is 1/2 hour prior.
- Additional Boat Crew Training: Coxswain Jim Bonica has a beautiful facility docked in Bratenahl and he sets a heavy schedule of missions. If you are NOT already receiving emails from him, please contact him directly at [jamesbonica@me.com](mailto:jamesbonica@me.com) and ask to be put on the list.

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

- Members Benton and Kole assisted with ATON Verification in the last month.
- From Chief Blakeway at ANT Buffalo: “Everyone’s help with the Class One PATON list paid off. We were able to complete the list three days before the deadline!”

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

- Participated in the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade with our RBS (Recreational Boater Safety) Trailer and our Facility.
- Conducted our PPE (Personal Protective Gear) Bag semi-annual Inspection.
- I attended the Cleveland Harbor Change of Command ceremony on 16JUN23 as AUC (Auxiliary Unit Coordinator) for the Division and welcomed BMCS (Boatswain’s Mate Chief Petty Officer, Senior) David Cucovatz.
- Held a Coxswain-in-Training meeting on 20JUN23 with Bill, Dave, and Peter.
- Did a MOM (Maritime Observation Mission) Patrol on 22JUN23.

- Pictured (L-R): Coxswain Jack Benton, Bill Ferry (on the bow of the boat), and Dave McCollum at the helm.

**FSO-PA Kevin Settle (Public Affairs) [kevmac447@yahoo.com](mailto:kevmac447@yahoo.com)**

- Cleveland Air Show coming up Labor Day Weekend.
- Wayne Whited is in charge of the display booth. Boat Crew members will also be needed.
- Members Cromwell & Rutter worked at the Coast Guard Station Open House.

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

- Publications on hold for content and photos from Members. (Bill's note)
- No activity other than thinking of options

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

- No Report beyond that of VFC Rutter's report.

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

- PV Robert Koenig reports: And also did 2 visitation partners at Bay Village Police Dept. and Rocky River Police Dept.
- Auxdata reports 7 PV's done in June by our flotilla
- Total PV's this year is at 28
- Leader in PV's for this year is Kevin Settle at 15 PV's completed

**FSO-VE Russ Cromwell (Vessel Examination) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)**

- Auxdata reports 4 VSC's done for June by our flotilla
- Total VSC's this year is at 18
- Leader in VSC's
- Tom Cole at 11 VSC's
- Jack Benton at 7 VSC's



## **AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (or Bill Ferry)**

- Kayak Safety Presentation was actually from late May, but finally got pictures to present to the Flotilla. Pictured from L to R are: Bill Ferry, Stephanie Koscho, Robb Koscho, and Jeff Burdick.
- Bill and Jeff brought their kayaks, and all four speakers brought tons of gear for the audience to look at, touch, ask questions about.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Jolyn Jones**

June Anniversary :

Rickey Bulea June 6/4 2003

Keith Marsh 6/4/2012

Thomas and Christine Raszaka 6/11/1991

Gregory Little 6/27 2014

July: Anniversary :

Russell Cromwell Jr 7/1/2003

Kenneth Sarnecki 7/7/1997

Rose Melko 7/8/2003

Karen Kamm 7/27/1999

Marjorie Bratton 7/28/1975

Birthdays

Jolyn Jones 🎂 6/2/1966

- Let's have a bit of reverse sunshine for Jolyn. She just got over Covid, then lost a family member.
- Bill will be ordering Jolyn a rubber stamp for return addresses on Sunshine.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- REMINDER: Air Show is 02 Sep 2023 through 04 Sep 2023. Division 07, Commander Wayne Whited, needs volunteers for the Information Booth at the Show. This is separate from potential Boat Crew ops at the Show.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- FC Ferry would like to discuss whether we stop having regular business meetings during the summer months, when many of us are together for various purposes on VSCs, OPs, etc, and when we can replace the meetings with social functions like picnics?? Tabled for now.

- FC Ferry would like to discuss whether we need a Meeting Treat Volunteer List. If we keep a steady stock of “usual” supplies, coffee, pop, and maybe chips and packaged cookies, then for the few who need a snack, there will be one. When we packed the room, it made a little more sense, but we’re split between in-person and virtual these days, and will probably remain so.
- VFC Rutter, at the request of Sunshine Chair Jones, suggests an August picnic. FC Ferry loves the idea. Let’s discuss Time, Place, and Details!
- SR Kevin Settle brought up the new Flotilla Report that will be used starting with the Sept report. All reports will need to be to the point and “bullet points” of your activities. This report is mandated by the AUX and is able to be electronically filed and catalogued.
- The treat list will no longer be necessary. We have Soda and chips in the office. Unless you want to bring something to share.
- We will have a Picnic in August at the pavilion by the station.

## **AWARDS:**

## **TRAINING**

## **GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum
- IPDCDR - Open Position (it was Greg Little)
- Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry
- VFC - Jeff Rutter
- IPFC - Russ Cromwell
- Senior Active Member -
- Retired members -
- Guests/ Other members -

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Motion to Adjourn by: Bob Keonig
- Second Motion by: Russ Cromwell
- Vote: AYE
- Actual Adjourn Time: 20:42

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>		
04 Aug 2023	USCG Anniversary Celebration	Everywhere
02 - 04 Sep 2023	Cleveland Air Show	Cleveland
22 - 24 Sep 2023	Fall D-Train	Dunkirk, NY
09 Dec 2023	Flotilla Holiday Party	To Be Announced

<b>TEN MOST SENIOR MEMBERS</b>	
<b>ENROLLED</b>	<b>NAME</b>
06 Apr 1970	Marie R Shimandle
04 May 1978	George A Harizal
27 Jul 1979	Karen Kamm
11 Jun 1991	Christine A Raszka
11 Jun 1991	Thomas D Raszka
19 May 1992	Jack E Benton
31 May 1994	Alan M Rosich
07 Jul 1997	Kenneth C. Sarnecki
01 Jul 2003	Russell W Cromwell
12 Nov 2004	Michele E Rosich