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### CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT: 19:30 Hours

17 members, two guests **Pledge**: Jack Benton **Invocation:** Alan Rosich

**Guests:** Bryan Bratton, Gloria Morales (in AP)

#### **SECRETARY REPORT: Linda Seabold**

No additions, corrections to January 2017 minutes.

Motion to accept minutes made by Jack Benton, seconded by Ed Gordon. Unanimous

vote for acceptance

### FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Peter Baillie (absent)

Report submitted: Balance read. No transactions for previous month Motion to accept mintues made by Bill Ferry, seconded by Marge Bratton. Unanimous vote for acceptance

### FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT FROM DIVISION: Greg Little

- Division meeting was at Station Lorain on Feb. 1.
- Judy Sobinski reported that 64% of mandatory training is done Division 6. Goal for year is 90% by September.
- Strong push on national level for paddle craft education and inspection. Have asked that
  every flotilla has a contact person for this. Reminder that there is a separate VE sheet
  for paddle craft.
- New website for members to keep track of their activities with flotilla: It is MYCGAUX and it is up and running, however it is still under construction.
- 728 members in our district, 126 in Division 6, 15 still in AP status. District lost 8% of its membership last year.

#### FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Greg Little

- Discussed Flotilla 6-4 having booth at Festival of Fish, June 16-18, in Vermilion. Greg contacted committee and they are willing to give us 10x10 booth for total cost of \$70. Greg proceeded with request, received contract and it is under review. <u>VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED</u>.
- Motion to approve money from Flotilla account for booth made by Tom Raszka, seconded by Al Rosich. Unanimous vote for acceptance.
- 2017 Flotilla calendar distributed

#### **VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Dave McCollum**

• 2017 Flotilla calendar distributed

#### **STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS**:





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- FSO-CM Communications: Peter Baillie (absent): Reported 55 hours of watch standing for January
- **FSO-CS Communication Services:** Bob Hemminger -- Updated website with refreshment manifest and added meeting minutes to "members only" page. Added photos to external photo site
- FSO-HR Human Resources: Dave McCollum Worked with Gloria Morales on membership. Talked to two more prospective members but not interviews yet.
- FSO-IS Information Services Michele E. Rosich Annual member letter sent out.. A reminder for VE's When you do a VE you need to send Michele a copy of the 7012 Vessel Safety Check form as well as the Paddle craft or any other vessel inspection form. Also send her the 7038 Recreational Vessel Examinations form. Michele also introduced a new sign-in sheet we will need to sign at every regular meeting. Be prepared to list your number, name, and how much prep and travel time you have for meeting. (It will not take the place of the meeting attendance sheet.) The purpose is to keep track of meeting hours. It will take place of the "meeting hours" on 7029 form.
- **FSO-MA** Materials Robert J Koenig .absent. Reported that he ordered and delivered crew materials, 50 ODNR maps, 50 paddle craft booklets, 100 coloring books and boating safety sponsor stickers for marine dealers.
- FSO-NS Navigation System Thomas Raszka -- No report
- **FSO-OP Operations** Jack Benton Conducting crew training in Marblehead until March 18. Upcoming 4-hour TCT.
- FSO-PA Public Affairs Linda Seabold No report
- FSO-PV (MD) Marine Dealer/Vessel Exams Ron Behl -- Absent. Reported no vessel exams for January.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	ACTIONS	REPORT NOTES
Awards & Elections	Al Rosich	Assist/Coordinate members in writing awards. Assist/Coordinate FC/VFC	
		Elections	
Fellow Ship Event Planner	Tom & Chris Raszka Dave McCollum Robert J. Koenig	Decide on Fellow Ship	
		events to present to Flo-	
		tilla for locations and	Discussion of Hawaiian theme for
		dates. Items like Din-	August Rendezvous.
		ners, Baseball, Corn Hole	Halloween party? Bring ideas for both
		Challenge	to future meetings.





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Fund Raising	Ed Gordon	Assist the flotilla in raising funds for treasury.	
Historian	Linda Seabold	Gather information to add to Flotilla History - Document current data to be added to Flotilla History	
New Member Mentor	Dave McCollum Jack Benton Ed Gordon	Assist new Members with their questions. Assigned to Member or Assigned to a Task like uniforms, forms, training etc.	
Organization & Restoration	Jack Benton Linda Seabold Ed Gordon	Assist in organization Auxiliary owned materials. Maintain trailer and sheds appearance.	
Party Coordinator		Assist in Planning Party's Rendezvous - Christmas Party - Steak Fry - COW	
Photos	Linda Seabold	Help document Flotilla activities and share with Historian	
Planned USCGAUX Event Coordinator	Jack Benton	Assist in Planning, Working and Research Opportunities for Events like Information Booths - Aux Speaker - VE Blitz	
Sunshine	Marge Bratton	Responsible to keep up with members missing meetings to make sure things are OK and send cards for health related issues or events.	Happy Birthday to Al Rosich. Happy Anniversary to Bob Koenig 10 years, Chris Kuebler 5 years, Don Dawkins 20 years, Russ Cromwell 15 years, Mike Boros 5 years, Bob Hemminger 5 years.

## OLD BUSINESS: NEW BUSINESS:

 Dave McCollum invited members to participate in North Olmsted Kiwanis Corn Hole Tournament, April 1, 6 p.m., St. Clarence Church Parish Hall, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted.. Proceeds benefit North Olmsted Kiwanis Scholarship. He needs two teams. Contact Dave if you want to participate. It's paid for and sounds like a fun night out.





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Might be good opportunity to see how a tournament like this is run for future consideration for flotilla

- Greg Little has VE decals. See him if you need some.
- From Tom Raszka: Flotilla will be holding OBEC Safe Boating Class. April 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Wellington Reservation Metro Parks, 535 Jones Road, south of Wellington in conjunction with Pier 58 Marine. Russ and Tom will teach class. If anyone is interested in getting feet wet in presenting, you are welcome to put on some kind of instructional presentation. Cost of \$30 per person includes all day instruction and lunch. Free to flotilla members. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED. Will need help from flotilla members to set up early coffee and help with lunch (hot dogs and chips). Don't have to stay all day, just even a few hours will help. This will raise money for the flotilla.
- Get Well card was passed around for Judy Bell who is recovering from surgery.
- Greg Little talked about SWOT analysis to think about for next meeting. MAKE FOUR BOXES and label: Strengths (internal; things that help us accomplish our goals, our mission); Weaknesses (internal: qualities that prevent us from accomplishing our goal); Opportunities (from outside: things that hinder us); Threats (from outside: things that inhibit us). Put three things in each box and bring with you to next meeting.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**:

Jack Benton: Have size 42 uniforms donated by the family of a member who passed away. Contact Jack if you are interested.

Jack also has paddle craft brochures and whistles for VE handouts. They are in Dave's Shed.

From Greg: "Thanks to Russ, Jack, Dave, Michelle and all for the work you are doing with the flotilla. I'm excited. Can't wait for spring to come and we can get out there and do some vessel exams."

Thanks to Jim Binegar for treats.

Next meeting March 8 at Station Lorain

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion to Adjourn by: Al Rosich

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Gordon

Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 21:07 Hrs.

Minutes Respectively Reported by: Linda Seabold