



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2021



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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:

DATE of meeting: October 13, 2021
LOCATION of meeting: In Station and On-Line
Meeting Start TIME: 19:30hrs
 Pledge led By: Jeff Burdick VFC
 Invocation By: Al Rosich

20 Members and 1 Guest attended 13OCT21 meeting.

MEMBERS - Attending at Station Lorain: 13 Members
 Gary Krause, Jolyn Jones, Jeff Burdick, Chris Kuebler, Marie Shimandle, Bruce Kole,
 William Ferry, Russ Cromwell, Greg Little, Jack Benton, George Harizal, Jeff Rutter, Don
 Schoonover

MEMBERS - Attending On-Line: 9 Members
 Kevin Settle, Tom Raszka, Chris Raszka, Tom Cole, Michele Rosich, Peter Baillie, Rose
 Melko, Bob Koenig, Al Rosich

GUESTS - Attending: 1 Guest
 Scott Shimandle

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes to the last meeting Report Kevin Settle FSO-SR

- The minutes were emailed to the FC/VFC on 9/12/21.
- Copies of the minutes were mailed by USPS to 5 members without email on 9/16.

Motion to accept the minutes: Marie Shimandle
 2nd: William Ferry
 Vote: Passed

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report Peter Baillie FSO-FN
 25 members have paid their dues. If you have not paid, please do so by Oct 31.



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- SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT 9/30/21

AUG	-	End Balance	\$3,786.27
SEP	-	Expenses	\$ 0.00
SEP	-	Month Income	\$ 494.00
SEP	-	EOM Balance	\$4,280.27
- Donation Report

SEP	-	\$24 for month	\$ 499.00 total
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(Note Part of EOM Balance of above Finance Report)

Motion to accept finance Report: Jack Benton
2nd: George Harizal
Vote: Passed

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- Thanks to the Flotilla for getting your dues in to Peter.
- Appreciate the attendance in person and online (History in the making. First time we are having a Lorain Flotilla Meeting in person and On-Line simultaneously. This is a good test how well we can do both tonight!)
- Elections for Flotilla will be November!!!! Appreciate the offers for VFC sent to Al Rosich! Anyone interested in FC? Russ will have to get a waiver from Division to serve another year as FC if no one steps forward to be FC. (Russ said he would prefer a person that previously had an elected office to step forward to be FC. It would be unfair to a member with no previous experience to take on the job of FC with no prior experience.)

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - GREG LITTLE:

- Elected Dave McCollum, Division Commander for 2022 (Flotilla 06-04)
- Elected Mike Patena, Vice Division Commander for 2022 (Flotilla 06-02)
- Dues need to be paid by end of Oct 2021.
- Oct minutes of the Division Meeting were sent to all members with an email in Aux Directory. If you did not get them, contact Greg Little. We can mail (snail mail) them if necessary. If you did not get them by email, it might be that your information is not current in Aux Directory. Members are encouraged to check their information as it appears in Aux Directory and correct anything that is not current.
- Thanks to everyone in the Division for your service during the last year. Division 06 contributed over 9000 hours over the last two years. The Commandant's Award was given to Division Commanders at the District meeting for their leadership.



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VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- I did not put my name in for FC at this time. I got a promotion at work and will not have the time. I will stay active in the Flotilla but not as an Elected Officer.

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

- There is no report for September 2021

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

- There is no report for September 2021

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

- No report submitted

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

- No report submitted.

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

- Just a reminder that some members need to renew their CORE courses as it is 5 years, or they will be in REYR's
- Remember to keep sending in your hours.

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

- Ordered some materials for Russ Cromwell

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

- No report for September MS

FSO-MT OPEN (Member Training) (Talk to FC or VFC if interested)

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

- No report submitted



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

- Our Facility is official as of 09SEP21. Our Callsign is AUX 222009, but sorry to report that we were unable to get orders for this season due to the CG's upgrading their financial system. Some of our regular crew were able to get some hours on other area boats during the Air Show before the shutdown. (Continued)
- We plan to get an early start for our underway training in the spring, say mid April or when the water temp reaches 60 degrees. Our plan is to revisit the shoreside training and get the sign offs completed as some of the trainees didn't get all the online sessions offered by 9 Central.

I'm hoping someone will step up as our member training officer to give us some assistance. You don't have to teach but help organize the training for the Flotilla.

- On another note, the Flotilla has restarted our Station Lorain Security checks on 10SEP21. We have 4, three person teams that rotate through the month. If interested, contact Russ or me.

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

- No activity

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

- 4 PV's reported by Greg at end of September. PV's Reported in October report to District PV.
- A total of 25 PV's done by flotilla so far this year
- Trying to find out status of Kevin Settle being certified for doing PV's. Not getting any replies from District PV officer as to status of Kevin or acknowledgement of any of the PV reports sent to him from Division or from flotillas.

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

- We had a OBEC class at French Creek on Sept 25th.
- 5 students attended, 2 were from Michigan and saw the class on social media.

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

- Greg attended the Marblehead Lighthouse Festival on Oct 9, and assisted the Marblehead Flotilla with the function for 3 hrs. He did get to see the new airboat. *No pics due to the new directive of no pics or video without showing everyone masked and 6 foot social distance.*



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

- Once all of the reports are in we will have 30-35 vessel inspections for the year.

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NEXT REPORT FOR NEW MISSION FOR PADDLE CRAFT. (NOT A STAFF REPORT)
Updates by Bill Ferry

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AUXPAD Oct 17, online AUXPAD training for D Train. Bill and Jeff will probably have to go to Rochester for the training they need.

AUXSCOUT No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- OBEC class on September 25th was a success. We had 5 students and all students passed the two required tests
- Paperwork sent into the State to process the plastic cards for the students stating they took and passed the Ohio boating course
- Thanks too:
 - Tom Raszka for working as an instructor with me for the boating class
 - Bill Ferry for advertising the class, bringing drinks, and coordinating the boating class
 - Dave McCullum for making arrangements with French Creek Nature Center for class location, bringing in breakfast and lunch for the class & instructors. Also appreciate his little talk about Joining Auxiliary.
 - Thanks to Jack Benton, Bruce Kole, Gary Krause for grading the tests and the overall support given to us.
 - French Creek for the use of their facility.
- Coast Guard fence is still on this year's list to do.
- Jeff Burdick said he would do the article for Brook Fenner's Lorain Magazine. Who else would like to write an article for her magazine?



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- As Jack mentioned Station Small Checks are now in process until the CG return.
- Education Trailer
 - Don Schoonover has taken the restoration of the trailer on as a personal project.
 - The trailer was at the meeting and online for viewing.
 - A detailed listing of where the money was spent has been submitted. Total was a little over what was pre-approved at \$750 and we need to resolve that tonight.

○ INVOICE

Submitted 10-27-2021 BY DON SCHOONOVER

Approved Reimbursement by USCG AUX \$750.00

Total amount of product purchased for re-do \$860.83

Overage yet to be approved by USCG AUX. \$110.83

Lowes Blue Paint and Sealer	15.70
Lowes Supplies	66.22
Lowes Roof coating and supplies	189.68
Harbor FRT Lights, Jack, Stands	130.93
Ebay Red Stripe	62.74
Ebay Blue Stripe	86.84
Best of Signs 36" decals X 4	108.72
Ebay LED Red/Amber WL	100
Amazon Decal Remover wheels	100
Total	860.83

- In future, Trailer will need tires (some dry rot), battery (for the flashing lights when on display) and some word verbiage on the side of the trailer. Need help from the members on what the verbiage should be. Please let Russ know if you have ideas.



Low light photo to show flashing lights on trailer that can be used to draw attention. Needs verbiage added & tires.

- Good thing we aren't paying for labor!!!!
- Floor discussion on overage and required extra work. After discussion the amount for the restoration was raised from the original \$750 to \$1250. This will be enough to include the remaining work on signage and new tires.



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After member floor discussion:

Motion Made by Greg Little -

"Motion to raise the amount from \$750.00 to \$1250 to finish the work on the trailer (tires, letters for words and any other miscellaneous work).

2nd - Al Rosich

All Vote Aye - passed

- NOTE: A little history, Retired member Jack Justice has the trailer in his name. When the trailer was purchased from a state grant, it had to go in someone's name, someone had to "own" it. Even though the trailer was in Jack's name it was purchased for educational purposes and was really the property of the Lorain Flotilla to use for education and information booths.

Russ has talked to Jack about the trailer being restored and asked him if he would sign the trailer over to the Auxiliary, another person active in the Auxiliary or to Black River Safe Boating Association (Non-Profit that owns flotilla facility, AUX64). Jack said he would look for the registration so we could do something.

We will get the trailer transferred to the Flotilla or BRSBA so Jack will not be responsible for the flotilla trailer, trailer insurance or plates in the coming years. *The flotilla owes Jack Justice a big thanks for his continued support even after his retirement years ago.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- CG offer for extra space for flotilla use. This is the old XO's office right next to our existing office. We can move everything from Dave's Shed indoors to eliminate the moisture getting to the materials. We would like to buy shelves for the new space. Jack Benton did some investigating and found them at BJ's for \$30.99 per shelf. We would like to buy 4 shelf sets from BJ's which has the best price.

Motion made to spend \$175 for the four shelves needed.

Motion made by Don Schoonover,

2nd by Bruce Kole (& Jeff Rutter - was a tie in raising their hands)

Vote passed

- Tables and Chairs?

FC started discussion on the need for Chairs and Tables for Meetings and Classes since what was left by the Coast Guard in the Lorain Station was little and all are not in good condition.

During the discussion of purchasing chairs Bob Koenig said that he had information on a bunch of chairs that were free because they were no longer needed and had to go.



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FC said he would "**table**" the discussion for chairs and tables and let Bob find out what is available for free.

Don Schoonover had some CG Auxiliary 6" stickers purchased for chairs already. (Thanks, Don, for thinking ahead!). FC said we need to mark these chairs so they will be less likely to disappear in the future as some other auxiliary items have.

- Dinner Out? Friday, October 22? Please send suggestions for restaurants to Russ. He will send out an email telling everyone when and where to meet for dinner.
- Jack Benton is now the Aux Liaison for Division 6 to Coast Guard Cleveland. Mike Packard has transferred to Division 7.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Division Commander
I appreciate Jeff's honesty in saying he cannot pursue FC for next year. It is better to be honest than take a job and not be able to perform.
- IPDCDR - Jack Benton
All I want to say is "We're Back"!
- FC Russ Cromwell
 - Thanks to the flotilla for making this a good year even with the restrictions we faced in doing things with Covid
 - So many people to thank for their extra hard work.
- Senior Member -Marie Shimandle – I would like a revised roster. (FC said he would take care of this for Marie from AuxInfo.
- Tom Raszka – The remodeled trailer would be a good home for Coastie in the future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: William Ferry
2nd: Don Schoonover
Vote: All Vote Aye - passed
Adjourn Meeting Time: 21:17 Hours

*Minutes Respectively Submitted by
Kevin Settle FSO-SR*