



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES FOR Wednesday, April 8, 2015



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Call to Order by Flotilla Commander at 1945 Hours

Pledge: Bob Hemminger
Invocation: Al Rosich
Attendance: 12 Members and 1 Guest = 13 Total Attendance

Secretary Report:

Michelle Rosich added a correction to March Meeting Minutes. March Minutes stated that 7012 (VE Exam) form and 7038 (VE completed summary) forms should be sent to her for AuxData entry at end of season. **Correction: Forms need to be turned in right after vessel exams are completed. In addition form 7029 (reporting hours of service) should be turned in monthly.**

Motion to accept the amended minutes: Bob Hemminger 2nd Ed Gordon
Vote: Passed

Finance Officer Report:

FSO-FN Marie R. Shimandle absent – called in and said Finance Report same as last month – No vote

Flotilla Commander Report:

- Discussed field trial for new member BQ gram (still working on)
- Availability of BS and S on-line programs, e-books available to do boating safety courses.
- American Crew Assoc. app can be downloaded from American Canoe to cell phone ... contains tips and equipment info for kayaking or canoeing. VE can use as reference for paddlecraft exams and pass on information to paddlers on downloading and using app.
- 45 hours of watch standing at Station Lorain for March
- Put on First Deck Plate leadership presentation at end of last meeting
- Held prospective new member presentation (Russ and Jack). One person attended
- Station Lorain planning Open House on May 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Station requesting Auxiliary assistance as in past. Volunteers should be there at 9 a.m.
 - No cookout this year. Might send out for lunch.
 - Jack had informal meeting at station April 8 to make sure date available.
 - Participants to include:
 - Coastie,
 - Law enforcement agencies (ODNR and Lorain Police Marine unit)



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- Sea Cadets,
- possibly some reservists.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Another meeting to finalize Auxiliary participation upcoming.
- **Life jackets will be needed for public boat rides -- station has 10 CG type but need another 20 adults. If you have life jackets to loan, label them with your name and bring them. Children lifejackets should be coming from Spitzer Lakeside but you can bring a few of them if you have them available. Be sure to count and label all of your life jackets so you will get them back.**
- More info on CG Open House upcoming.

Division Meeting Report by Jack Benton FSO-FC:

- Will be electric voting in District and Division only (for conferences)
- Everbridge: Will be testing and using more. At 60% efficiency now. If you get email that says Everbridge, respond immediately.
- Members encouraged to take ICS 100 and 700 courses (links on 6-4 webpage) ASAP. Mandatory for all members to have completed by 12/2016.
- Fall D-train Sept. 25-27 in Dunkirk, N.Y. Plans are to have all FCs attend with reimbursement.
- VEs reminded to notify FC or VFC before doing vessel exam for insurance purposes. (DHS)
- Uniform changes: ODU -- May wear boat shoes for VEs and patrols, not to meetings. Wear uniforms correctly, do not mix and match. Remember to always look sharp.
- IS "C" school (AUX 10) will be available by local training from current IS qualified person (Michele Rosich in 6-4) for one year only.
- ATONS and PATONS. Check out when on patrols and pleasure trips and report discrepancies to your FSO-NS or SO-NS (Tom Raszka in 6-4).
- Flotilla should consider filing as "Not for Profit" organization. Saves sales tax and some liability protection. Jack Bention will do further research.
- DIRAUX CDR Podoll's goals for the year: 4,000 VEs, 1,500 PE graduates; 10,000 paddle craft decals distributed (orange 3x5 "if found call" for manually-powered craft ... still researching how to get them); all members to have finished mandatory courses by end of 2015.
- CDR Podell will retire on June 3, 2015. Will have new DIRAUX and new OTO coming in.
- Requested on how flotilla can get 75-year banner for Auxiliary flag.



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Flotilla VICE Commander Report:

- Great to see so many members in uniforms. We are not a boat club, we are the Auxiliary, tonight we look like the Auxiliary.
- Russ agreed with Jack that members need to step up to give Jack and Russ a break. Both assume multiple jobs in Flotilla and it is getting overwhelming. As Jack suggested we need past FCs to step up.
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Russ planned to hold class after meeting but decided against as it was two hours long. Looking into shorter required classes that can be held after meetings.
- Member John Bacan called and said he can't make meeting today, he broke his foot

Staff Officers Reports:

- FSO-CM Communications - Peter Baillie
Peter Baillie Absent. Report read by Al Rosich. 45 hours of watch standing for March
- FSO-CS Communication Services - Bob Hemminger
Changed contact form so that requests are sent to HR rather than CS officer.
- FSO-DV Diversity OPEN
- FSO-HR Human Resources - Russell Cromwell
Russ and Jack held new member meeting at Station on April 4. One person attended.
- FSO-IS Information Services - Michele E. Rosich
Asked members to turn in their form 99 hours every month or 2 months as to allow hours to be entered in-to Aux Data and show up in AUXINFO and Passed around training management report.
- FSO-MA Materials - Rodger P. Knight- Absent
Jack Benton said he is also authorized to order materials if needed.
- FSO-MS Marine Services OPEN
- FSO-MT Member Training OPEN
- FSO-NS Navigation System Thomas Raszka – No Report
- FSO-OP Operations Jack Benton
 1. Planned for April 25: Crew training refresher/class at Station Lorain. 900-1700 Division commander, member training officer and Jack Benton on board to present.
 2. Chief wants all Coxswain/Crew/Trainees to turn in PPE gear at end of season for safety inspection. Will be returned in spring.
 3. Station Lorain has new members anxious to train. Jack will get boat in as soon as water temp reaches 50 degrees and mustangs received.



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- FSO-PA Public Affairs Linda Seabold
 No report but will be contacting BM1 Eberl to assist in publicity for May 23 Open House at CG station.

- FSO-PB Publications OPEN
- FSO-PE Public Education OPEN
- FSO-PV (MD) Marine Dealer Ron Behl No Report
- FSO-VE Vessel Exams Ron Behl
 Report read by Russ Cromwell : There will be a VSE refresher seminar. Anyone interested should contact Russ.

Committee Report:

Sunshine Committee: Marge Bratton

Happy birthday to April members Bob Hemminger and Amy Roth.
Congratulations to Marie Shimandle. She is celebrating 45 years as an Auxiliarist in April. Happy anniversary Marie!!

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
<i>Information Booths</i>	When Needed	
<i>Aux Speaker</i>		
<i>Rendezvous</i>	Russ & Jack	Need volunteers, helpers
<i>VE Blitz</i>	Russ & Jack	Helpers to learn the ropes
<i>Steak Fry</i>	Marie	Need set up volunteers & cook's
<i>Sunshine - Report</i>	Marge Bratton	Everyone who hears or knows what happens. Rodger 23yrs, Dennis 15 yrs.
<i>Awards</i>	Al Rosich	Anyone can nominate anyone
<i>Holiday Party</i>	How about someone new	Plenty of old timers to help, just ask
<i>Grant Writing</i>		
<i>Elections</i>	Allen Rosich	Need some new blood for VFC next year and maybe another ex FC to give Russ and I a needed break
<i>Change of Watch</i>		
<i>New Member Mentor</i>	Russ & Jack	Need others to adopt a newer member, so volunteer



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<i>Photos</i>	Everyone	Send to Bob, with a description

Old Business

- Review on progress of Dave Curley's Plaque for Dave's Shed.

New Business:

- Russ Cromwell distributed new activity calendars for 2015. Jack Benton FC led discussion with Flotilla on upcoming events. Some more notable included:
 - Need committee members for steak fry (tentatively) June 10 and rendezvous August 15.
 - Safe Boating Week -- May 16
 - Ohio Boating Education Course tentatively set for May 30
 - Need volunteers to man table for Station Open House May 23. Uniforms: ODU and Trops
 - Division Meeting at Station Lorain on June 3
 - VE Blitzes tentatively set for June 6 (Beaver Park South), 13-14 (Beaver Park North and Copper Kettle) and 27 (Maple Grove).
 - Russ called for ideas for venues for information booths.
 - Tentatively scheduled VE workshop and TCT for May 9. VE set for 900 and TCT 1300. Both tentative times.
 - (Pending) Required members training courses proposed for July. Russ/Jack will research and more discussion at later time. List available on line of mandatory courses (10) which must be completed by 12/2016 (for existing members). Most courses are on line with links on Flotilla 6-4 web page.
- Bob Koenig says Flotilla can get tickets for Crushers game this season. He also brought USCG embellished drink cup to show as potential fundraiser for Flotilla. Jack Benton will check into funding procedure and Bob will check into cost of cups.

AWARDS: Presented or mentioned by Jack Benton (VFC Russ Cromwell assisted)
(Note: Some awards were printed on wrong paper & will be redistributed after reprinting on correct paper.)

- Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards for 2014:
- Michele Rosich -- 750 operational support hours
- Ron Behl -- 750 hours
- Rodger Knight -- 750 hours
- Jack Benton -- 750 operational support hours and 208 support hours
- Rose Melko -- 750 hours and 244 hours for watch standing
- Delores Davis -- 750 hours
- Dennis Heider -- 750 hours
- Russ Cromwell JR. --- 750 operational support hours



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Closing Remarks:

FC Jack Benton

- Marie could not make it tonight and it was her turn for treats. Marie called up and let me know she could not make it and I asked Russ who was standby for treats. Russ said he was one and he and Deb Cromwell provided tonight's treats of a Fruit dish, Vegetables dish with dip and drinks.
- Next Meeting: 13 May 2015 at Station Lorain (1930 Hours)

VFC Russ Cromwell

- A reminder that EVERY member must stop and check in at gate to gain entry to Station property – You need to request access to Coast Guard Station property. A member needs to be granted access EVEN IF GATE IS OPEN!
- Fish fry was great. Suggest forming social event committee.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to by to Adjourn by Bob Hemminger 2nd Ed Gordon

Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time 2105 Hours

Meeting Night Treat List:

Month	Name	Month	Name
JAN	Jack Benton	July	Marge Bratton
Feb	Greg Little	Aug	Rendezvous
Mar	Tom & Chris Raszka	Sept	Roger Knight
Apr	Russ & Deb Cromwell	Oct	Dee Davis
May	Ed Gordon	Nov	Bob Hemminger
Jun	Steak Fry	Dec	Christmas/ Hanukkah Party

**Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
FSO-SR Linda Seabold**