



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for April 2018

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APRIL 11, 2018: CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER: 19:30 Hours

17 members, one guest

Pledge: VC Dave McCollum

Invocation: Alan Rosich

Guests: Joe Bencik

SECRETARY REPORT: FSO-SR Linda Seabold

Motion to approve March minutes: VFC Tom Cole. Passed. Request from members to send draft of minutes via email.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: FSO-FN Peter Baillie (absent)

Balance reported by Cole.

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **Communications: Baillie** (absent): Report read by Cole. 40 hours of watch standing for March. Jack Benton 15, Rose Melko 25. 125 YTD
- **Communication Services: Cole:** Continued to familiarize himself with Flotilla web page. Added approved Feb. minutes. Will attend C-School in Costa Mesa, Calif.
- **Diversity: McCollum.** 12 members attended social function at Avon Brewing Company. Two hours of fellowship filling purpose of diversity.
 - Our outreach with Spirit of America will be on individual basis. Currently five members of our Flotilla will be participating as adult volunteers. Thanks to Jack Benton, Greg Little, Bill Ferry, Jeff Burdick and Ed Gordon for their interest and commitment.
 - Scout counseling project stalled with necessary paperwork and a "Youth Protection" requirement.
- **Human Resources: McCollum.** Newest prospect, Joe Bencik, signed papers and completed fingerprinting. We welcome this former Coastie.
 - Paperwork for Robert Pritchard delayed.
 - John Bacan's transfer to Florida flotilla completed thanks to followup by DSO-HR Judy Stobinski
 - Biographical files project soon to be launched. Members will be asked to list the expiration date of their ID card in order to set up file to support renewal in advance.
 - No follow-ups have been made with those that have expressed interest the Auxiliary but future contact is planned.
- **Information Services: FSO-IS Michele E. Rosich.** The DSO-IS entered the classes taken at D-Train but not the hours. He requested those who attended D-Train to use the 99D for their hours in Dunkirk.
 - A change in mandatory courses: The 810045 (Sexual Assault Prevention) has been closed and replaced by the 502379, Workforce Resilience, which is a combination of three courses.
 - Those who need to recertify Mandatory Training courses can do so in a class or by the Self-Attestation course
 - A reminder to turn in your hours to be entered in AUXDATA
- **Materials: FSO-MA Robert J Koenig.** Ordered needed materials for upcoming boating season. Called Columbus for state books but found they were not yet ready. Ordered auxiliary aviation training manual and paddle tip reflectors



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- **Marine Services:** Not assigned. Reported by FC McCollum who attended the Dockside Advising session at spring D-Train. Our Flotilla has been asked to participate in this advising, plus AuxPad (paddlecraft and boating safety). So we need an officer for this position – please consider volunteering. Staff support will be available. Contact Dave.
- **Member Training:** **Brook Fenner.** Six members of our Flotilla attended Spring D-Train in mid-March.
- **Operations:** **FSO-OP Jack Benton.** Working on setting up classroom crew training to start signoff for dockside subjects and a search for new facilities. Anyone wanting to crew or is interested in providing a facility for our flotilla, contact Jack.
- **Navigation Systems:** **FSO-NS Thomas Raszka** No report
- **Public Affairs:** **FSO-PA Greg Little** – Reported on upcoming April boating education class – 15 have signed up.
-- Reviewed power point presentation on reporting public affairs hours. Plans to show presentation to flotilla at future meeting
- **Public Education:** **FSO-PE Bill Ferry.** Tom Raszka reviewed plans for upcoming boater education class. Anyone wishing to become an instructor is welcome to participate. Flotilla will pay expenses to anyone interested in taking the state OBEC
-- VE blitzes will be held in June at local marinas.
-- Information on fire extinguisher recall at www.kidde.com.
-- Ferry was contacted by SeaTow saying they would be willing to offer Automatic Radio Check service on Lake Erie. No details yet. Updates to follow.
- **Marine Dealer:** **FSO-PV Russ Cromwell.** No report. Need to start soon.
- **Vessel Exams:** **Little.** – No exams for March 2018. Workshop will be held April 21 at Station Lorain. If interested there is a VE course on line. Flotilla has only five certified VEs.

NEW BUSINESS

Fish festival. Vote at last meeting not to do festival this year. Instead will do the Paddle and Pedal Fest at Lakeview Park on May 20. Tom R. noted that if we want to use Coastie at fest we will need to move soon to make arrangements. Dave will check with Metro Parks to see if site is conducive to using Coastie. Discussion on working at Lakeview festival.

-- Info provided on annual Coast Guard Auxiliary Cruise fundraiser to Bahamas. Aug. 16-20. Contact Jim Nickles (407) 390-9611 or email jimnickles2@gmail.com

AWARDS: Certificates presented to: Jack Benton – Commandant award for 201 hours of operation support and certificate for certified watch standing; Rose Melko – 232 hours of operational support; Peter Baillie – 185 hours of operational support

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of proper procedure for auxiliarists entering Station Lorain

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Bill Ferry; 2nd Ed Gordon. Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 20:55 Hrs.

Next meeting: May 9, Station Lorain

Minutes Respectively Reported by: Linda Seabold



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