

# FLOTILLA 06-04 MINUTES FOR FEB 11, 2015 MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jack Benton @ 1934

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dennis Heider

**INVOCATION:** Al Rosich

## ATTENDANCE :

**Members:** 17; **Guests:** 2 (one of guests is a potential member) *Total 19 in attendance.*

Calls from members that could not make meeting Bob Koenig (on call for work), Marie Shimandle (weather), Don Dawkins (weather) saying they would not attend.

## DIVISION MEETING REPORT: Jack Benton FSO-FC

No information because Division meeting postponed from Feb. 4 until Feb. 18 (Commander and Vice Commander out of town)

## SECRETARY'S REPORT: FSO-SR Linda Seabold

Linda Seabold was absent for Jan 2015 meeting. -- Jack Benton and Russ Cromwell did minutes.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Rose Melko found error in minutes from Jan 2015 meeting minutes -- date for division meeting reported incorrectly. January was stated and it should have been February.

Motion to accept amended minutes: Dennis Heider

Second: Al Rosich

Passed (unanimous)

## FINANCE REPORT:

**Marie Shimandle FSO-FN absent.**

Report on balance read by FSO-FC Benton (via M. Shimandle).

Motion to accept: Bob Hemminger

Second: Ed Gordon

Passed (unanimous)

## FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Jack Benton FSO-FC

- Diversity staff requested that each flotilla to get a diversity officer. Info sheets outlining responsibilities of the position provided for members to look over.
- AuxInfo update: AuxInfo and AuxData remain fully available and operational and expected to remain so for at least next 6-12 months. After that, it is unsure.
- Message from National Commodore vote on dues increase: National dues raising \$12 a year (would make Flotilla dues \$47). New dues go into effect for 2016 season.

Comments from members on \$12 National dues Increase:

Russ Cromwell - "No consideration of the impact on flotilla members", "What steps were taken to reduce expenses to avoid the increase?", "Would expect a \$5 or \$6 increase. \$12 is too much of an increase", "Seems like taxation without representation."

Tom Raszka - Asked, "Did District have any input on the amount of dues increase?", "\$12 seems kind of steep."

- CHDIRAUX Chief Director final action on National Board recommendations at Ntrain 2015:
  - National dues increase of \$12 voted on and passed

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- Voted on, passed Aux manual Chapter 10 amendment regarding boat shoes:
  - For operations only,
  - Can be worn to and from patrol
  - Can NOT wear for meetings.
  - Can wear for VEs.
  - Boat shoes must be dark blue or dark brown.
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance drive: Email asking members for donations was sent out and members should have received by now.

(Russ Cromwell mentioned that someone in the flotilla has received funding and that the Flotilla Normally sends a \$50 donation from Flotilla 6-4 (see item in new business))
- Reviewed: USCGAux Executive Summary of National GMDSS Implementation Task Force: EPERBS, Rescue 21, Handheld VHF Radios
- Reviewed: AuxLams "A" offering at Spring D-Training
- Deck Plate Leadership Series Part 1 of 6 from ADM Papp: Explanation of series. Will do at next meeting

### **STAFF OFFICER REPORTS: Called on by Russ Cromwell, FSO-VFC:**

#### **FSO-CM - Communications - Peter Baillie:**

- Absent. Report read by Al Rosich. 60 hours of watch standing for January. (Benton 20, Melko 25, Baillie 15).

#### **FSO-CM - Communication (or Computer) services - Bob Hemminger:**

- Added reminder page list to Flotilla website for those assigned to bring meeting refreshments.
- Uploaded latest minutes (accessible with member login only).
- Anyone with suggestions or information for the website should contact Bob.

#### **FSO-HR - Human Resources - Russell Cromwell:**

- Did a lot of work on a potential new member CD to make joining the auxiliary easier. CD has links to the internet and also has files on the disk to work stand alone. CD also has some items that will help members after they join. CD has menu system to make finding files easier.
- Getting questions from new members on why they are still in AP status. According to national/district HR, waiting time for paper work to be completed will be about a year now. The reason is they do not have the personal to do the background checks. Members can still train but cannot get qualified for what they trained for. In other words, they can train to be a VE but cannot turn in any paperwork to be qualified as a VE until they are no longer AP status.
- We have 2 potential new members, Michelle and Lynn. (paper work not turned in, last names with-held). Michelle started to join Marble Head because she was told there was not a Lorain Flotilla. Lynn is at our meeting tonight.
- Will be meeting with Michelle and Lynn on 2/15/15 at Station Lorain for the New Member Interview. (Flotilla members are invited to attend).

#### **FSO-IS - Information Services - Michele Rosich:**

- Asked members to turn in their hours every month or 2 months as to allow hours to be entered into Aux Data and show up in AUXINFO
- Trying to work on system for members to use in case AUXINFO is taken away.
- Passed around training management report.

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### **FSO-MA - Materials - Roger Knight:**

- Six boxes of materials sent to Russ Cromwell.
- Has stamps/envelopes available. (Russ suggested that new members get a few envelopes and stamps for just in case purposes)

### **FSO-OP - Operations - Jack Benton:**

- Contacted Division member training Officer Mike Packard regarding start of crew training in Cleveland with Division 7. Mike is waiting for Division OP officer Ken Sarnecki to return from vacation. Jack will pass on dates when he gets them. Those interested should contact Jack.
- Training will most likely will be at Station Cleveland -- 800-1600 on Saturdays.
- Want to get TCT workshops done in March.

### **FSO-MS- Open**

### **FSO-MT- Open**

### **FSO-Navigation Systems –Tom Raszka:**

No report

### **FSO- PA - Public Affairs - Linda Seabold:**

--- No report

### **FSO-PE – Open**

### **FSO-VE - Vessel Exams - Ron Behl (absent)**

--- No report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Sunshine Committee: Marge Bratton**

- Happy birthday to Feb. members. Congrats to those with anniversaries in Feb. (Cromwell 15 years, Dawkins 18, Hemminger 3, Koenig 8, Kuebler 3).
- Reminder to contact Marge if there is anyone who should receive sympathy or get well cards.
- Sent "Thinking of You" card to Judy Bell.

#### **Refreshment Committee:**

- All months full. Bob Hemminger took the last month available. Linda Seabold and Russ Cromwell standby on refreshments list

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussion on placard for "Dave's Shed"
  - Jack Benton designed a template for an example (great job Jack!)
  - Coast Guard MK3 Shepler talked to members about how he can make a wooden Placard for the flotilla.
  - Ed Gordon mentioned he might have some wood that would make a nice placard

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Coast Guard Liaison Officer BM3 Phillips and NK3 Shepler talked to members.
  - Phillips thanked members for being patient regarding vehicle inspections (Security level was increased for station and cars were checked before entering Coast Guard Property)
  - There will be elevated security level for fore-seeable future.
  - There was a citing situation at Grand Haven
  - NK3 Shepler talked to Flotilla about engraving sign for Dave's Shed.
  
- Al Rosich question what to do about Flotilla dues, finances low for flotilla and \$12 increase could affect flotilla.
- Discussion on of \$50 from Flotilla 6-4 for CG Mutual Assistance Fund.
  - Motion to approve donation of \$50: Al Rosich
  - Second: Ed Gordon
  - Pass (unanimous)
  - FSO-FN Marie Shimandle will be notified to send a check for \$50 from the Flotilla treasury to the Mutual Assistance Fund.
  - Al Rosich asked members to get hours in (reinforces Michele's FSO-IT request). He is a member of Awards committee and explained Flotilla had at least 2 people who deserved awards but they didn't get their hours in and he couldn't validate it with the Coast Guard. Hours must be turned in so members get the recognition they deserve.
- Tom Raszka proposed fellowship event -- fish fry at Slovak Club in Lorain on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. Russ Cromwell will send out invites and work with Bob Hemminger to get list together and Bob will update the name to those attending on Flotilla web page. This is a Fellowship event, NO uniforms and guests would be welcome to attend!
- Greg Little worked with USCG Division 7 at Boat Show booth at IX Center in January for 4 hours. Greg said that it was a good experience and they were busy whole time. He would consider doing it again.

## **GUEST COMMENTS**

Potential member Lynn enjoyed meeting and plans to be back. "The dog sealed the deal" For joining the Lorain Flotilla!

## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion submitted by: Chris Raszka

Seconded by: Dee Davis

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 20:42 hours.

Next Meeting: 11 March 2015 at Station Lorain

Respectfully submitted,  
FSO-SR Linda Seabold

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

*Linda Seabold and Russ Cromwell will be standby for refreshments. If you are not able to provide refreshments for your chosen month, notify Jack Benton as soon as you can. Jack will need to contact either Linda or Russ to step in. Please try to give at least a few days' notice.*

### **2015 Committee Members - It's NOT too late to JOIN a Committee!**

Committee	Committee Members
Awards	Need Sign Up
Information Booths	Need Sign Up
Rendezvous	Need Sign Up
VE Blitz	Need Sign Up
Steak Fry	Need Sign Up
Sunshine	Marge Bratton
Christmas Party	Need Sign Up
Grant writing	Need Sign Up
Elections	Need Sign Up
Change of Watch	Need Sign Up
Photos	Need Sign Up