



# 06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for February 2018



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**CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER:** 19:30 Hours

17 members, 2 guests

**Pledge:** Ed Gordon

**Invocation:** Alan Rosich

**Guests:** Ken Distler, Rob Pritchard

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Linda Seabold

Minutes late, copies available; will be voted on at March meeting

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

Report submitted and read.

**FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:** Dave McCollum

- Importance of creating paper trail when “assigned to duty” (note: correction from being “under orders”). Use of 7029 form as record of activity (available on website) or at least email commander or VC when going out to assignment.
- Jeff Burdick new AuxPad coordinator
- Bob Hemminger’s resignation as communication services accepted. Tom Cole will take over that position. Thanks to Bob for five years of service in that capacity.
- Introduction of guests Ken Distler, Rob Pritchard and George Harizal (a senior member)
- Will be reordering sweatshirts and T-shirts ... reply to McCollum (will also be on web page)
- Will attend meeting with Lorain County Metro Parks regarding Spirit of America program on Feb. 22. Asked for auxiliary help

**DIVISION MEETING REPORT:** McCollum

**Meeting:** March. 7

Stressed using form 7029.

**STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Communications:** Peter Baillie (absent) – Watch standing for January 2018: Benton 15 hours, Melko 15, Baillie 15. Total 45 for January and for year 2018. (Melko will do reports in Baillie’s absence)

**Communication Services:** Bob Hemminger (absent) – Tom Cole will be taking over position

**Diversity:** Dave McCollum -- Presentation on diversity was made at Division meeting; Scout program and three-star awards in works; Commander’s gatherings (every second Tuesday of the month , 7p.m., at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road in Avon) fun and successful.

**Human Resources:** Dave McCollum – Congratulations to Brooke Fenner, Jeff Burdick and Ron William on getting their ID numbers; submitted transfer papers for John Bacan to Florida-based flotilla; current membership in our flotilla is 35.

**Information Services:** Michele E. Rosich – Annual letters came out in January. If you didn’t receive one, contact Michelle; training record passed out; reminder to turn in time for workshops, classes, fellowship or activities and form for expenses and mileage.

**Materials:** Robert J Koenig -- Ordered materials for upcoming activities.

**Member training (not assigned):** McCollum reported on new courses new members will need to take; D-Train funds discussion; Fenner will be taking over this position in near future.

**Navigation System:** Tom Raszka (absent) No report



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**Operations:** Jack Benton – Op training March 3-4 at USCG station in Cleveland.

**Public Affairs:** Greg Little -- Flotilla 06-04 participated in Cleveland boat show, however activities were curtailed for final two days due to government shutdown; boating class upcoming April 14 at Splash Zone in Oberlin; news releases will be sent out for upcoming blitzes

**Public Education:** Bill Ferry – Report on boat show activity; making contact with other PE and past PE officers; reaching out to PR and flotilla leadership to learn about goals for position; safe boating class and blitzes upcoming.

**Marine Dealer:** Russ Cromwell – No visits for January.

**Vessel Examinaton:** Greg Little — VE stickers have been received and are available for VEs. Contact Little if needed. VE blitzes tentatively planned for June 2, 9-10 and 23. Safe boating week is May 19.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

-- Discussed continued participation in Vermilion Fish Festival. By a vote taken by show of hands it was decided not to participate in Fish Fest this year and instead put effort into Pedals and Paddles Fest at Lakeview Beach on May 20.

-- Urgent! Need help for safe boating class on April 14. Contact Cromwell or McCollum if you are available to help.

-- Benton: District reports that reflective stickers for paddles will be available for order soon. Koenig will order when available.

-- AP status number and certificates presented to new members

-- Certificate of appreciation from District presented to Jack Benton for “superior performance of duty in support of surface operations in 2017.”

-- Cromwell (citing funds for classes) informally proposed acquiring low-head dam demo, an inexpensive portable sound system and upgraded display boards for boating class presentations. Also discussed grants for acquiring boating simulator. Russ also said he can make up business cards for flotilla if we need.

-- Funding (\$50) available from Division to attend D-Train. Ferry made motion to match Division funds for those attending. Benton seconded. Approved.

-- Any new members interested in crew training? Contact Benton.

--Reminder that members can take safe boating class at no charge

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

-- ID card pictures will be taken at March meeting for members needing to renew membership card. Wear tropical blue shirt for photo..

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Bill Ferry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Gordon. Passed

**Adjourn meeting time:** 21:02 Hrs.

**Next meeting:** April 11, Station Lorain.

**Minutes respectively submitted by:** Linda Seabold



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