



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of The US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 092-06-04 14 February 2019

Check -in and Social Time started at approximately 1900.

The Meeting came to order at 1930. Flotilla Commander Dave McCollum, presiding. Attendance taken by sign-in sheet, by Michele Rosich FSO-IS.

Pledge led by Ed Gordon. Invocation by AlRosich.

Dave welcomed Marge Bratton's son, Brian, to join the Flotilla, given that his attendance has been sterling over a great many meetings. He committed to give it some thought. (note, this paragraph is identical to the last time I took minutes!)

Dave discussed the Commander's Gathering at Avon Brewing, remarking that it was an opportunity for Members to learn about one another in ways not necessarily related to our work in the Flotilla.

(Adjustment to regular schedule): Dave took this moment to have Jack Benton (DCDR, FSO-OP) conduct the swearing-ins of FC/VFC and FSOs. Russ Cromwell joined the meeting late and was sworn in as FSO-PV and FSO-PB.

CORE OFFICER REPORTS

FSO-SR Secretary, Lynda Seabold: is still attending to matters at home which challenge her attendance. Dave got the Minutes out late to Members, with few having completely read them. Nonetheless, a motion to approve was made (Ed Gordon) and seconded (Al Rosich), and passed by unanimous voice vote.

FSO-FIN Finance, Peter Baillie: report sent in: Prior Ending balance was \$3,907.15. Expenses for the month were \$1,566.83 with \$500 being reimbursed for the sound system, and \$1,066.83 being reimbursed for the Christmas party. Current ending balance is \$2,340.32. Please note that receipts in the amount of \$720.00 for the Christmas party were deposited in December and was part of the prior ending balance.

FC Flotilla Commander, Dave McCollum: Dave discussed the following items:

1) The USCG in Cleveland has Marine Safety Certifications to fulfill. These are particular "jobs" assisting the USCG in its work. Some training is required. Some of the positions are on a somewhat "on-call basis". If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer and work side by side with the Coast Guard, this is one. They need our help. Dave has both the list of jobs and contact information.

2) Amendment to Standing Rule: the District Commodore has promulgated this change, which should be adopted at the District, Division, and Flotilla level throughout the District. A motion was made (Bill Ferry) to close discussion and move to a vote. A point of order interrupted, during which a motion was made (Greg Little) to table this item until it could be posted/distributed to the membership for full understanding. Ferry (gladly!) withdrew his motion and the item was tabled.

3) "Risk Management" is a new training requirement for New Members, and for all Members interested in Ops, etc. Dave McCollum took the class online, which he stated was enjoyable. Some discussion was had of offering a live class on this topic.

4) Signup for Snacks, signup sheet went around the room.

5) More Training: ICS 100/700 series training has been dropped as a requirement to become Basically Qualified. HOWEVER, it is required for Ops and other qualifications, so you may still need to take it ... and TCT training, too.

DCDR Division Commander, Jack Benton : Div Meeting last week. A meeting was cancelled during the Government Shutdown, leaving some funds in the budget to possibly support training, D-Train, PPE acquisition, etc. D-Train is coming up, and a few have already committed to attending. Additional training offered included AUXPAD and Sea Scouts. Crew Training resumed at Station Lorain, and will be concluding shortly. Flotilla 06-04 was able to help our area Division/Flotillas by staffing

the Cleveland Boat Show on Thursday night of the show. Dockside Advising is again coming to front of mind. Flotilla 06-07 is still in default, having only 7 members, talk about how to help them is ongoing. Question to Jack from Russ Cromwell: is the USCG not part of the military? A short discussion on its shift, post 9-11, to the Department of Homeland Security, possible objections to remaining military based on the Posse Comitatus rule, etc, and someone brought up the Border Wall.

VFC Vice Flotilla Commander, Brooke Fenner: No Report.

AWARDS/CERTIFICATES/PLEDGES

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FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

FSO-CM Communications, Peter Baillie. No Report.

FSO-CS Communications Services, Torn Cole. No Report.

FSO-DV Diversity, Dave McCollum. Our Christmas Party Dinner was a success! We had 36 in attendance for the catered dinner at the Spitzer Harborview Party Center. The food was delicious, the gift exchange was indescribable, and everyone left with a smile on their faces. Other than the hundreds of hours put in by our committee of: Kate Little, Deb Cromwell, Kathy Mccollum, and their respective husband's supportive efforts, with all the shopping and set-up, we offer a big THANK YOU!

A breakdown of the income and expenses for the party is as follows:

Income for the party was:

\$ 200.00 voted by the Flotilla for the party

\$ 50.00 Commander's authorization for spending

\$ 720.00 party receipts from the 36 attending

\$ 920.00 Total income

Expenses for the party:
\$ 865.50 Fligner's Catering
\$ 100.00 Room Rental
~~\$ 98.33~~ Dessert, snacks, decorations
\$1,063.83 Total Expenses

We ended up with a shortage of \$143.83. This shortage was as the result of our estimate for the cost of food to be \$725.00 at 35 attending. We had 36 in attendance. The Fligner bill included an additional \$140.00 for delivery and service that we didn't account for in our planning the price of the party. We did our best to make the party affordable for everyone at the \$20.00 per person value.

FSO-HR Human Resources, Dave McCollum: Four persons are in the Membership pipeline, which will take us over 40 Members in the Flotilla.

FSO-IS Information Services, Michele Rosich: 1) look over the training log, being passed around the room; 2) get your TCT in for OPS; 3) get your Risk Management training in (required in several areas); 4) turn in those 7029s to Michelle; and 5) Boat Show volunteers ... your hours at the show are turned in by Virginia Sud a. Please log your own hours for Prep and Travel time for the Boat Show.

FSO-MA Materials, Bob Koenig: brought some supplies to the meeting, is leaving some in the new Flotilla Office at the Station. Russ Cromwell suggested that Bob see what might be ordered to "stock up" our Flotilla Office.

FSO-MS Marine Services, Jeff Burdick: Is working on the AUXPAD ram p-up with Ferry.

FSO-MT Member Training, Brooke Fenner: No Report.

FSO-NS Navigation Systems, Thomas Raszka: No Report.

FSO-OP Operations, Jack Benton: Division OPS TRAINING will take place March 2 and March 3 from 0900-1600 at Station Cleveland Harbor. Lunch will be served. There is an agenda out there (online?). One item is a probable one-hour TCT training.

FSO-PA Public Affairs, Greg Little: Greg noted an interview with local media of Station Lorain's own BMC Lee. He also noted our Flotilla's participation in the Boat Show.

Also, Greg cautioned that if anyone should produce "literature" for distribution, it should be run up The Chain for approval.

FSO-PB Publications, Russ Cromwell: Russ discussed the revival of the Newsletter of the Flotilla, which he will be Editing/Publishing. A call-out for articles, photos, and/or features was made. PLEASE support our Flotilla with your stories, histories, pictures, etc. Getthem to Russ!

FSO-PE Public Education, Bill Ferry: Bill Ferry discussed the following:

- 1) BV60+ Kayak Group, two events scheduled, one indoors, one at Backpackers Shop. More than 60 people have shown interest in these events. Some are new kayakers, some do not own kayaks. But the opportunity exists to do several/ many VEs and lots of "Dockside Advising" (despite the lack of docks!).
- 2) Sea Scouts and USCG Aux are working together. One project we'd like to undertake is "Safety at Sea". We'll need as many hands on deck as possible for this one day event, tentatively scheduled for July 20, 2019, and tentatively using the Station, the LSYC, the Riverside Park, and LoCo Yaks. This is a day where a whole lot of Sea Scouts will come to learn and to do, including some on-and in- water time.
- 3) "Kayak Jeff" Burdick and Bill Ferry are bringing to life our Flotilla's AUXPAD program. It is much more complex than imagined, but we' re getting up to speed on how to go about it. To become AUXPAD AFLOAT qualified, the participating Members must take classes from the American Canoe Association. Support for "tuition" may be requested, though travel and lodging are probably not going to be needed, as LoCo Yaks, near the Station, has Certified ACA Instructors on staff.

FSO-PV Program Visitor, Russ Cromwell: No Report.

FSO-VE Vessel Examination, Greg Little: Greg has received an allocation of 50 VE stickers, which allocation is based on our past performance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Committee, Marge Bratton: Marge noted the many February Auxiliary Anniversaries. Congratulations! Also, keep requests for get well, birthday, and sympathy cards coming to her so she can fulfill those duties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Raszka brought up the Station Checks, whereby Dave McCollum pointed out that their team had by coincidence been scheduled on many of the weekend days when the Station was open for business and Station Checks were done by those present. Tom asked how far into the Spring we'll still be conducting checks, Jack Benton indicated that it was not yet known and might not be known exactly when the Station would become staffed for the Boating Season, until it happens.

NEW BUSINESS:

A committee of the Boat Crew qualified personnel will be scheduled to make a plan and budget for the use and maintenance of the Auxiliary Facility. This plan and budget will be reported back to the Flotilla for discussion and if appropriate, approval.

Dave McCollum indicated that the finances of his household (and thus the Flotilla) have been improved as his wife, Kathy, had won the Publishers' Clearing House prize.

Moments later, Dave indicated that the prize was Ten Dollars.

Discussion of a FISH FRY was conducted. Agreed that Ed Gordon will talk to the Slovak Club about March 1st for our group, in the back room of the Slovak Club. Pencil this one in your calendars!

Motion to Adjourn (Ed Gordon), Seconded (Greg Little), and passed by resounding voice vote, the meeting adjourning at 2120 Hours.

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signed: William C. Ferry, substitute Secretary