**CALL TO ORDER:** Russell Cromwell @ 1932

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Don Bell

**INVOCATION:** Alan Rosich

ATTENDANCE:

14 Members, 2 Guest. = 16 Attending

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Meeting December

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Marie Shimandle FSO-FN

- Discussions/Corrections: Marie could not make the meeting. There was a little confusion on the amount of expenses for last month and vote on accepting report was tabled until next meeting.
- FC has talked to Marie since January meeting and report that was being read by FC was an END OF YEAR report for 2012. This makes the amounts reported make perfect sense. We will review and vote on FN report next meeting. Good Job Marie, too bad the FC didn't see it was for the whole year. We will correct this oversight next meeting.

### **FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:**

Russ Cromwell FSO-FC

- FC took most of December off.
- New FSO-SR Mike Megery, Please make sure he also gets written reports to make his job easier.
- We had our Christmas Party at Beaver Creek Boat Club on December 1st, 2012.
  - Thanks to Marie Shimandle for making the arrangements for Beaver Creek Boat Club
  - Lynda Seabold and Deborah Cromwell for Party Planning and decorations.
  - Really appreciated the teamwork on SETUP and TEARDOWN for the Christmas Party. Just about EVERYBODY pitched in to help
  - o A big thanks to SANTA Tom Raszka!
  - Great Fellowship and food and LOTS of fun.
- Marie sent thank you letter to Beaver Creek Boat Club with \$50 check.
- 6-4 was the 1st Flotilla to totally pay dues for 2013. this payment record has been this way all 2012 year. Great job Marie!!!
- Thank You from Lane Delker to FC's and Flotilla's for supporting him during his term as DCDR.
- Auxiliary License Plate still in review (brought to our attention by Bob Koenig)..
   Bob Young will bring it up at Dunkirk meeting this week.

### **DIVISION INFORMATION:**

Russ Cromwell FSO-FC

- Not enough FC's for a Quorum, only 8 members attending, 2 FC's
- New Staff Office for Flotilla's and Division. FSO-DV (Diversity Officer)
- Not enough money was put aside for Division COW. Request \$50 from each Flotilla to cover overage. (see New Business for details)

 Discussion on how dues for Division, District & National was handled. Started off with 137 Members but down to 127 for "Non Payment" still up from last years end of year count of 125. Appears to be some unrest in the quick disenrollment's of members from nonpayment. (we lost one for non-payment)

### **STAFF OFFICER REPORTS: Called on by VFC J Benton:**

FSO-CM - Communication - Rose Melko:

55 Hrs December W/S

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

- talking to 3 potential members
- plan to have a potential new member meeting Jan 19th if I have people interested willing to come on that day

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

- If members did not turn in forms for 2012 the can still get credit for the 2012 hours. These hours can be entered in AUXDATA and added with the 2013 hours. (FC said information is good to know and if members did not turn hours in please turn in your hours).
- The Annual Member Letter has the hours that have been entered from the forms turned in her. (passed around reports).

FSO-MA - Materials - Roger Knight:

• No Report (Still Recovering)

FSO-OP - Operations - Jack Benton: 440-288-2872

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- Opportunities for Crew Training from Division
- Passed out dates of crew training at Marblehead
- Suggested car pooling to crew training contact Jack if interested
- Need to replace list of those interested in crew training. If your one of the
  persons that want to study to be crew trained contact Jack to make sure
  your name is on the list of those interested.

FSO- PA - Public Affairs - Linda Seabold:

Need information to publish

FSO-PV - Program Visitor - Ron Behl

No Report

FSO-VE - Vessel Exams - Ron Behl

 There is a change coming for MARPOL placards for vessels. They will be increased from 36 square inches to 40 square inches. Requirements went into effect on January 1, 2013 but the rule making has been delayed to April 2013. More details will come later.

- FC requested that flotilla VE's that need to get qualified to please make an effort to do so. Our "Blitzs" are not really Blitzs when 2 people show up to do vessel exams.
- FC has had email conversations with Ron on the need to get more members involved in doing VE's. We will attempt to have a training session for those interested in doing VE's.

OPEN	FSO-CS -	Communication Services	
OPEN	FSO-DV -	<b>Diversity Officer:</b>	
OPEN	FSO-MS -	Marine Services:	
OPEN	FSO-MT -	Member Training:	
OPEN	FSO-NS -	Navigation System:	
OPEN	FSO-PB -	<b>Publications:</b>	
OPEN	FSO-PE -	Public Education:.	

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Sunshine Committee:**

 Marge Bratton announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month of October and what's coming November.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

 Normally each flotilla donates \$50 for the Division COW, this year it was over looked by accident. Due to the flotilla's not providing \$50 there is an uncovered expense of the cash bar. FC opened floor for discussion. Tom Raszka said we have given \$50 for past Division COWs so we should for last year too. Members generally agreed but did mention that last COW was expensive.

Motion put to Floor by Tom Raszka: "Donate \$50 to Division for 2012 COW to cover expenses. This is only if no \$50 check was sent already."

Seconded Bob Hemminger

Vote: Passed by Members

(NOTE: FC has talked to Marie FSO-FN and asked if we paid anything towards 2012 Division COW. Since the answer was to the Negative a request was made to Marie to write a \$50 check and send it to Dee to cover our share of the 2012 expenses.)

 FC worked though the first 6 months of Flotilla Schedule looking for input from members. We will review and refine 2013 schedule at February meeting.

ALL MEMBERS are requested to bring information and dates on things to do for 2013. It would be better to have a lot of things in the schedule then an empty schedule. We may not do everything on the schedule but at least we would know that the activity is there if we wanted to participate.

Tentative schedule is also attached as PDF. Please be prepared next meeting to refine schedule.

- FC said it would be nice to have more Fellowship dinners as we do for the fall at the VFW arranged by Don and Serena. Tentative dates are in the schedule for Fellowship dinner dates. Suggested days are on the last Friday of the month as to make it easy to remember there is a dinner. Dates picked will work around other Fellowship activities. FC requested that members bring in suggestions where to have the dinners.
- FC mentioned that there are Flotilla Staff jobs open if anyone is interested.
- FC talked about committees and asked members if they are willing to participate.
   Talked about adding a few committee's and maybe disbanding a few. FC suggests a
   Photo committee to help document Flotilla activities throughout the year. More talk
   about committees in the future. If they are to work, there needs to be volunteers that
   are willing to work a committee.

#### **NEW MEMBER SWORN IN:**

Robert W. Hemminger

Thanks to Bob Young and Master Chief Jack Benton for making sure Roberts member certificate got to the meeting in time.

### **CLOSING REMARKS:**

#### **FSO-FC - Russ Cromwell**

- Please bring items for Flotilla Schedule for next year
- Next meeting February 13, 2013 at CG Station Lorain.
- Please Sign up for Committees (see last page of minutes)
- Please Sign up for After meeting treats. (see last page of minutes)

### **SENIOR MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE**

Marge Bratton: Going to be a busy year

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion submitted by: Dennis Heider Seconded by Christen Raszka

Vote - Members Voted to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2136 hours

Respectfully submitted, Russell Cromwell (Editor) Jack Benton (Note Taker)

## 2013 Schedule for Flotilla Meeting Refreshments - Please Sign Up!

Month	Name	Month	Name
<del>2013 Jan</del>	Debbie Cromwell	July	Marge Bratton
February	Linda Seabold	Aug	Rendezvous
<b>March</b>	Need Sign Up	Sept	Don & Judy Bell
April	Chris & Tom Raszka	Oct	Ed Gordon
May	Jack Benton	Nov	Need Sign Up
<del>June</del>	Steak Fry	Dec	Christmas Party

## 2013 Committiee Members - Its NOT to 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	Lynda Seabold