



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for January 13, 2016



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Call to Order by Flotilla Commander at: 19:30 Hours

Pledge: **Dave McCollum**

Invocation: **Russ Cromwell**

Attendance: **11 Members attended January Meeting**

Secretary Report:

Minutes to the last meeting Report Linda Seabold FSO-SR

- Linda has been busily at work, home and with the holidays. She has had no time to do the meeting minutes from last meeting because of some extra issues, which popped up. Yet she refuses help ☺
- We did not have a meeting for December.
- Little activity for October and November.
- We are starting fresh on the meeting minutes starting with this meeting.

Finance Officer Report:

Finance Report Marie Shimandle FSO-FN

- Marie paid District and Division for Members Dues
- Christmas Party was December Expense but donations from some members of the flotilla kept the expense down
- Marie turned in her 2015 summary and it will close the books on 2015
- Marie Shimandle is taking a break from being the Finance Officer. Peter Baillie has offered to step in and be the new Finance Officer starting in 2016. Thanks Peter for stepping up and Thanks Marie for your years of service doing the FSO-FN job.

Motion to accept: **Ed Gordon**

2nd: **Bob Hemminger**

Vote: **Passed**

Flotilla Commander Report:

- Christmas Party for December was a success.
 - Thanks Santa Raszka for your service!
 - Thanks Marie/Deb/Chris and to all that assisted in getting things ready and for cleaning up.
 - Food was great (was not hot dogs).
 - Fellowship was fun



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- White Elephant was.... Well White Elephants...
(And little kitties... Hard to explain... you had to be there to understand ☺)
- Division/Flotilla COW at Huron was well organized and all had a good time. (we had 11 members from 06-04 attend the Division/Flotilla COW)
- Some issues for people that paid in December, more on this in the HR report.

Flotilla Commander Report from Division:

- FC needs to report on a plan how to get members to finish mandated training. This will be the big push for 2016. So far, only 37.5% has been completed in our division. More discussion in new business. More in New Business
- There was an ICS 100B classes offered at Cleveland Harbor January 23rd, started at 9:30am and there was be a \$2 charge. More classes to be offered in February (ICS 700) and March timeframe. Contact will be Virginia Suda (216-226-7221)
- ***NOTE: if interested in doing RNC you will need to be current on mandated training and have the required ICS classes!***
- There are 762 members in division and it is down 13%. There will be an exit interview with members that quit. Hopefully they will reply and let us know why they dropped out. (we lost 5 members from 06-04 for non-payment and had 2 retire)
- New TCT is available. It will be given at multiple places. Look for the TCT class date in our flotilla calendar.
- Due to the watch standing efforts in Lorain by Master Chief Jack Benton, Rose Melko and Peter Baillie our flotilla has saved \$6,000 for the Coast Guard. This savings was based on the E2 pay grade.
- Average wait time for an AP member to finish the background check is now 14 months (may go up to 18 months). If the background check is done after the 12 months the member in AP may be asked to sign another paper allowing a background check to be done, apparently the background check permission may expires in 1 year. Yes, it is a pain to sign a form again, but it does mean they it is your turn for a background check. So if an AP member is requested to sign the background check permission form again, get the form in quick to finish the background check.

AWARDS / CERTIFICATES / PLEDGES

Staff Officers that took an Office Pledge at January meeting.

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| ● Tom Raszka | FSO-NS | Navigation System |
| ● Linda Seabold | FSO-PA | Public Affairs |
| | FSO-SR | Secretary and Records |
| ● Bob Hemminger | FSO-CS | Communication Services |
| ● Jack Benton | FSO-OP | Operations |



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Staff Officers Reports:

FSO-CM Communications Peter Baillie

- December Watch Standing Hours Rose & Jack 15 hours, Peter Baillie 25 hours total of 55 hours.

FSO-CS Communication Services Bob Hemminger

- Created announcement for flotilla Christmas party – maintained list of food items being brought by members
- Created public announcement of our new FC and VFC
- Created new “snack” list for the 2016 meetings (two entries so far)
- Investigated and tested possible method for member surveys

FSO-DV Diversity OPEN

FSO-HR Human Resources Russell Cromwell

- New member packet turned in for Dave McCollum
- Temporary speed bump on members that paid in December Michele has verified we are ok again in AuxData
- I checked AUXDATA and the following have been reinstated into active AUXDATA on 1/8/2016:
John Bacan
Rickey Bulea
Adrien Hall
Karen Kamm
Keith Marsh
- Still tracking down paid money for transfer into our flotilla Daniel Schneider
- Judy Bell and Roger Knight retired.

Request from Marie, Tom & Bob for a Current membership Roster. For now, a single page of names and information would be good. Russ said he would take care of this and he hopes to make a phone book as he did last time in the future.

FSO-IS Information Services Michele E. Rosich Absent

- Michele did previously request that members turn their hours in every month or at least every other month.

Russ FC said that Michele worked more then 6 hours straight trying to get the hours in before the end of the year. Not fair to her to be spending that much time getting the hours in at one time.

FSO-MA Materials Robert Koenig Absent



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FSO-MS	Marine Services	OPEN
FSO-MT	Member Training	OPEN
FSO-NS	Navigation System	Thomas Raszka
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No action, no report	
FSO-OP	Operations	Jack Benton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No report on operationsFYI: There was a free boat, 20' 150HP 1989 Grady White offered to Flotilla's. Jack put in our flotilla in for requesting the boat like other flotillas did. Unfortunately the offer was pulled for some reason and no one gets the boat.	
FSO-PA	Public Affairs	Linda Seabold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Report	
FSO-PB	Publications	OPEN
FSO-PE	Public Education	OPEN
FSO-PV	(MD) Marine Dealer	Ron Behl
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Visits yet	
FSO-VE	Vessel Exams	Ron Behl
	We had zero MDV for DEC.	

I am interested in getting a VE manual that includes pleasure boats 2' to 65 ft + paddle craft. I know that some books were available 'on line' but those books wear out printers. I need the same for AUXMAN Auxiliary Manual.

Russ checked into getting manuals printed and complete manuals are no longer available. Russ said he would try to print out the manuals for Ron but it will take some time.



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Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
<i>Information Booths</i>		OPEN
<i>Aux Speaker</i>		OPEN
<i>Rendezvous</i>		OPEN
<i>VE Blitz</i>		OPEN
<i>Steak Fry</i>		Cook=Peter Baillie OPEN
<i>Sunshine - Report</i>	Marge Bratton	Keep Marge Informed! OPEN to Assist Marge
<i>Awards</i>	Al Rosich	Anyone can nominate anyone OPEN to Assist Al
<i>Holiday Party</i>		OPEN
<i>Grant Writing</i>		OPEN
<i>Elections</i>	Allen Rosich	
<i>Change of Watch</i>		OPEN
<i>New Member Mentor</i>		OPEN
<i>Photos</i>		OPEN



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Old Business

- Russ requested Jack Benton to find out where Dave's Shed Plaque is and to give it to Ed Gordon to finish. If possible, Russ said we should try to dedicate the shed to Dave by May 2016 the latest.

New Business:

- Budget.... How do we make money???
FC Russ requested that members bring some ideas to February meeting. Russ said we would try to increase the Flotilla finances by 10% by the end of the year.
- **The Challenge!** --- corn hole --- Auxiliary Vs. Coast Guard
Russ talked to a few Coast Guard members and they are looking forward to the challenge. If possible, the Coast Guard would prefer to be away from the station so no one has a home advantage. ☺
If you are interested in playing corn hole against the Coast Guard let VFC Greg Little or FC Russ Cromwell know.
- Required Training needs to be done if not the member will be penalized.
 - 1) No ID
 - 2) No Orders
 - 3) No Coast Guard Awards from the Gold Side
 - 4) No Office can be heldMore restrictions coming....
- Greg Little will track the status of the training completed by our flotilla members. Greg will give an update at each meeting and will provide numbers for a graph for the flotilla web page to show the percentage of the progress.
- Mandated Training will be provided by many sources, web and classroom. Required training will be offered at Division and by Flotillas. Training **MUST** be done by December 31, 2016. However, the Flotilla is requested to complete training by end of October to avoid complications in documentation.
- FC and VFC are working on a simple survey for Bob to setup and give a link to the members to use. The intent of the survey is to help get a feel of where we are, what we do right and what we need to do to improve. Your participation would be appreciated...
- Committee's need to be reworked.... Discussion held at meeting on existing committee's, some general ideas on combining, adding or replacing. Some of the Committee's discussed was Fund Raising, Special Occasion, Photo Group and Planning Committee's. Committee's changes will be done by next meeting or sooner. Russ FC said that if you do not hold a staff job it is requested that you participate in a committee.



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- Tentative Calendar for 2016 passed to members at meeting. Discussion on dates and events for the year were covered. Russ will work with Bob in trying to auto update the Flotilla calendar on the web to avoid extra work. Keep an eye on the Flotilla web page calendar for planned dates.
- Coast Guard members do not wear Uniforms to the station. The CG dress in their uniform at the station. This is done for the safety of the CG members.

Jack Benton our Flag Officer asked about the rules for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary may dress at the station or wear uniforms to meetings if we wish to do so. However, we need to alert to possibilities that may result from wearing uniforms from our homes to the station.

Russ said since it is winter we could wear our uniforms under our winter coat. This way a person would not know your wearing a uniform from the home. Wearing or not wearing a uniform is up to each member. However if you do not wear a uniform try to wear some type of auxiliary type polo shirt. Always have your Auxiliary ID Available when on Coast Guard property.

- Our Flotilla needs to be alert of possibilities that may be caused from us entering or exiting the front gate of the Coast Guard Station. When we enter or exit be aware of someone that might try to sneak in the gate.

Russ suggests that when we leave the gate it would not hurt to have a few cars watch the gate closing to make sure no one entered on base. IF someone enters the base the Auxiliary is not to try to stop them but to call the station and alert them immediately.

Closing Remarks:

Division Vice-Commander

- Reminder that required training must be done by the end of 2016.
- Reminder to members of training for ICS 100.B at Cleveland Harbor on January 23.

FC Russ Cromwell

- Next Flotilla Meeting will be on 2/10/2016 @ Station Lorain.
- Thanks again to those that assisted at our Christmas party.
- If you have any suggestions to /for our flotilla PLEASE TELL US!! Greg Little and I would appreciate input from any of our members.

VFC Greg Little

- Looking forward to working with Flotilla members in completing the required training.



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Senior Members Attending at end of meeting, Tom and Chris Raszka

- Asked Greg if anyone else was working the boat show (kidding because of Greg on the list for working so many days in the boat show) Greg said he did not plan to work so often but his job schedule created an issue for doing complete days so he did evenings instead. Tom and Chris thanked Greg for participating in the boat show as much as he was.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by: **Linda Seabold**
 2nd: **Chris Kuebler**
 Vote: Passed
 Adjourn Meeting Time 2103 Hrs.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by

Linda Seabold (Notes)
Russ Cromwell (Editor)

Treat Month	Name	Treat Month	Name
Jan	Debbie Cromwell	July	
Feb	????	Aug	Rendezvous
Mar	Jack Benton	Sept	Ed Gordon
Apr	Tom & Chris Raszka	Oct	
May	Greg Little	Nov	
Jun	Steak Fry	Dec	Christmas/ Hanukkah Party