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Call to Order by Flotilla Commander: Actual Start Time 19:32

Pledge of Allegiance: By: Christine Raszka

Invocation: By: Russ Cromwell - requested minute of silence to reflect on the safety of our Military and for the Flotilla to have a good meeting..

ATTENDANCE 20 Members 1 guest making total of 21 at meeting.

Secretary Report: This Meeting minutes Taken By Judy Bell
June Meeting minutes sent out on 7/9/13.

No corrections to last meeting minutes.

Motion to accept meeting minutes by: Marge Bratton 2nd Dave Curley

Vote to accept Passed

Finance Officer Report:

(FSO-FN Marie R. Shimandle could not make it due to weather)

Finance Report by - FC

Motion by: Dennis Heider 2nd Peter Bailey

Vote to accept Passed

Flotilla Commander Report:

- Good News Michele has reported the following (final paperwork still in process)
 - Tom Raszka has been reinstated as VE
 - Jack Benton has been reinstated as VE
 - Robert Koenig has been approved as VE
- Good News Michele has reported that Dave Curley has officially been transferred into our flotilla. He has turned in the form to get his phone number and email address updated in AuxData.
- Events Done by Flotilla since last meeting
 - June 17 - 2 Kids Safety Towns
 - June 22 - Maple Gove VE
 - June 22 - Maple Gove Info Booth
 - June 22 - Maple Gove trailer docs
 - June 29 – West Marine Info Booth
 - June 29 – West Marine VE (none)
 - July 10 – 1 Kids Safety Town
- Events Done By Auxiliary outside Flotilla
 - July 3 - Division meeting Canceled (Not Flotilla)
 - July – Tall ships (Not Flotilla)



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- Jack Justice could not make it because he is wife sitting. Janus has had her shoulder surgery last Wednesday and is making Jacks life busy.
- Michele and Alan Rosich cannot make tonight's meeting, Michele is having knee issues (Stay off of it Michele!)

Division Information: Meeting July 3 Cancelled

- Each of you should have received an email from Fed Midgette. Fred Midgette is the new Ninth District Commander – (hand outs given to meeting attendee's). We covered in more detail on how the direction is to focused on three key areas.
 - Excelling in mission performance. We need to be good at what we do.
 - Caring for our workforce. Leaders at every level of the organization must lead with moral clarity and steadfast commitment to the Coast Guard Core Values.
 - Public outreach to both partners and customers. A close link with our customer base keeps us relevant and focused on providing the right services in the right way.

Staff Officers Reports:

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| FSO-CM | Communications | Rose M. Melko |
| | Total W/S Hours for June | 66 Hours |
| | Jack Benton | 15 Hours |
| | Rose Melko | 25 Hours |
| | Ed Gordon | 10 Hours (Trainee) |
| | Peter Baillie | 16 Hours (Trainee) |
| FSO-CS | Communication Services | Robert Hemminger |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that Flotilla Web site had 37 new visitors. • Reported there is a link from flotilla web site to the secondary web site that Linda Seabold puts pictures in. It is possible that members could do that themselves. |
| FSO-DV | Diversity | OPEN |
| FSO-HR | Human Resources | Russell Cromwell |
| | No Report from HR - was working on VE's and Info booths most of the time last month. | |
| FSO-IS | Information Services | Michele E. Rosich |
| | Not able to make meeting but supplied Status Reports (report passed around) | |



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| FSO-MA | Materials | Rodger P. Knight |
| | If you need something please let him know what is needed. Can get stamps envelopes pamphlets... etc. | |
| FSO-MS | Marine Services | OPEN |
| FSO-MT | Member Training | OPEN |
| FSO-NS | Navigation System | OPEN |
| FSO-OP | Operations | Jack Benton |

No operation for June but limited operations for July with training patrol on Aux 273747. Training limited to the crew of 7 members of Div 06 with 3 members of our Flotilla, Ed Gordon, Bob Hemminger and Jack Benton. We conducted OTW (On The Water) training from 2 PM till 6 PM and a Lorain Fireworks Safety Patrol with Station Lorain's 41, Lorain's Marine patrol, and Vermilion's Marine patrol ending at 2300 hrs. Future training patrols will be made when qualified crews are available.

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| FSO-PA | Public Affairs | Linda Seabold |
| | Could not make meeting had a chance to work for some extra money by Working on her off day | |
| FSO-PB | Publications | OPEN |
| FSO-PE | Public Education | OPEN |
| | Jack & Dons - <u>Completed</u> June = 2 Kids Safety Towns on June 17, 2013 in Vermillion 90 children in total attended July = 1 Kids Safety Town on July 10, 2013 – Will be counted in July's attendance report. | |
| | Jack & Dons - <u>Planned</u> 1 Kids Safety Town on July 17, 2013 1 Kids Safety Town on July 24, 2013 1 Kids Safety Town on July 31, 2013 | |
| FSO-PV | (MD) Marine Dealer | Ron Behl |
| FSO-VE | Vessel Exams | Ron Behl |
| | Requests from Ron Behl covered at meeting by FC | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could we start adding on TYPE checking OTHER outboard? I think this would eliminate questions on the form. | |



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- Also at top of form describing boat like: 25' Lyman or 28' C+C Sailboat.
- Time start/end in case there are issues later
- Mark notes on VE form and comments to help Ron on sheets turned in for VE exams. (form ANSC 7038)
- Call/email a Staff Officer if you're going to do VE's

Committee Report:

- Alan Rosich could not make the meeting but sent a message to the flotilla reminding all that there is an election coming up soon and those interested in becoming FC or VFC needs to let him know. If you're curious as to what the requirements are for the FC or VFC job Alan said he would be happy to assist.
- Join a Committee! It would make things easier for planning!

| Committee | Chair | Committee Members |
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| Information Booths | | |
| Aux Speaker | | |
| Rendezvous | | |
| VE Blitz | | |
| Steak Fry | Marie Shimandle | Christine & Tom Raszka & Deb Cromwell |
| Sunshine - Report | Marge Bratton | |
| Awards | | Alan Rosich |
| Holiday Party | | Linda Seabold Deb Cromwell |
| Grant Writing | Mary D'orazio | |
| Elections | Allen Rosich | |
| Change of Watch | | |
| New Member Mentor | | |
| Photos | | Linda Seabold |



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Old Business

- Last meeting we appropriated money for 2 new tires. The expense of one new trailer tire (\$100 and up) would take almost all of the money we had put aside for two tires. Because of the need to use the trailer FC purchased one used trailer tire at \$33 to replace the flat tire. One of the two other tires that had dry rot is used as a spare for now. We need to get rid of the dry rot tires. FC said he would like to buy/make tire covers to keep out of sun off the tires to prevent Dry rot. A few members said they thought they could find tires 225/75/15 cheaper and will get back to FC.

New Business:

- Mary D'orazio has offered to try to get Grants for our Flotilla. She is asking for assistance in the procedure. Linda Bakalar is attempting to support Mary in this endeavor and Don Bell has given copies of the Grant we had a few years ago for guidance. Any additional help or suggest would be appreciated.

FC requests all members to give some thought on what would be good items for requesting grant money. Items do not have to be only education related, can be safety or any other good reason. A few examples:

- educational materials like books, displays, demos....
- life jackets to hand out to boaters
- whistles to hand out to boaters for life jackets

What do we need? What can we do to help boaters? Kids? USCG? Sky is the limit for a wish list. Please contact Russ (FC) or Mary with ideas.

- Working at Cedar Point. Tom Raszka outlined the information at last meeting. We need to review and decide if we wish to participate. Due to lack of response in replies for doing the work this year we will put this on the list of possible things to do next year. There is a need to put in a request to work at Cedar Point and it might be too late to attempt to get things together this year. Those that are interested in working on a Saturday in Sept or Oct for getting money for the Flotilla please contact Tom Raszka or Russ Cromwell. Again it's doubtful we can get it together enough for this year but we can plan to do it next year.
- Rendezvous discussion at meeting. We will have this year's Rendezvous at Maple Grove Marina in Vermilion Ohio. Jack justice has confirmed the date of August 10th will be OK with Maple Grove. Our Rendezvous will start at 2PM and there will be a short



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meeting. Plan to bring a dish to share. There will be a separate email sent out on the Rendezvous as information and updates so please look for them.

Motion was made by Marge Bratton to provide \$75 for meats and buns for Rendezvous and motion was 2nd by Ed Gordon. Vote was taken and passed.

We need to know

- Are you coming to the Rendezvous? Don't forget this is a family thing. Bring the spouse, the kids, the grand kids, your best friend... you get the idea. Please RSVP this email or contact Russ Cromwell or Debbie Cromwell that you will attend and how many are coming.
- Need volunteers to help with the Rendezvous. Can you help in getting the games together? Help in the communications? Help in any getting the meats (paid for by flotilla)... lots of stuff to do!
- Are we going to be active (games) or laid back?

NOTICE: Fellow ship event planned for the end of this month postponed due to the preparation for the Rendezvous early next month.

NOTICE: No meeting at the Station Lorain on August 14th! There will be a short meeting at Rendezvous on August 10th.

- Request from Flotilla Education section to purchase 20 new OBEC class books for future Boating Classes. The state has changed all of the boating class manuals and older ones can no longer be used. These class manuals cost \$5 each and will be purchased from the state of Ohio. Discussion on the request and **motion was made to purchase 20 class manuals by Peter Bailey and 2nd by Marge Bratton. Vote taken and passed. Books will be purchased and bill will be sent to Marie FN officer.**

New Member Sworn In:

Mary D'Orazio took the oath to become a full member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary member in Flotilla 092-06-04. Congratulations Mary! We are very glad to have you as a member!

(Mary has completed ALL Seven of her on line classes required for Auxiliary Members!!)

Awards:

Dennis Heider - Auxiliary Letter of Commendation - Commandants award.
Dennis did 400 Hours in direct support of boat missions including boat & 41



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foot utility boat. He has assisted in qualifying boat crewman, 2 Engineers and 2 Coxswains. Dennis has accumulated over 1000 hours of auxiliary service time. Dennis served as boat crew member during Coast Guard Station Lorain Open House. Giving the public a firsthand view of the Auxiliary assisting the Coast Guard. Dennis also helped to construct covered shelter at Amherst Shooting range (used by Coast Guard) and assisted in construction of new storage shed at Station Lorain.

Closing Remarks:

FC Russ Cromwell

- **Next FI Meeting will be on Aug 10 during our Rendezvous (No meeting at Station Lorain on Aug 14!!!** Next meeting after Rendezvous meeting at the station will be Sept 11 @ Station Lorain.
- thank you MARGE BRATTON (and crew, Bryan) for providing treats tonight
- Sept meeting treats will be done by Don and Judy Bell
- We have time left this year, let's look for some items to schedule to do for the Auxiliary !
- Need to review what uniform is acceptable. Shoulder boards are required with tropical blue uniform, no more collar pins of office. If you're in doubt that you are current on regulations contact Flag Officer Jack Benton.

Senior Member in Attendance – Marge Bratton.

Talked about her recent vacation and brought back some interesting statistics from the Coast Guard Academy. Marge also did her Committee Sunshine report at this time.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Dave Curley 2nd Dennis Heider
Vote Taken and Passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:59

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