



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for July 2019

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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER: 19:35 hours on July 10, 2019

16 members, 5 guests

Pledge: Dave McCollum; **Invocation:** Dave McCollum

SECRETARY REPORT: FSO-SR Linda Seabold

No report for June – chicken fry.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: FSO-FN Peter Baillie

- Reported on funds available as of June 15. Motion to approve: Bill Ferry.
Second: Jack Benton. Approved unanimously.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: FC Dave McCollum

- Welcome to new members
- Rose Melko and Peter Baillie received certificates at chicken fry event. Great fellowship event, 40 attendees and everyone had a great time.
- Need to finish T-shirt project – will get email out for sizes.
- Flotilla will pass up rendezvous in August and move it to October as a fundraiser to support flotilla boat. No date and location set yet. Discussion at future meeting.
- Will have meeting in August.

DIVISION MEETING REPORT: CDCR Jack Benton.

- Review of upcoming Safety at Sea on July 27

VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT: VFC Brooke Fenner (absent). No report

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **Communications:** Baillie. Benton 15 hours WS for June. Year total 45 hours of WS through June 15
- **Communications services:** Tom Cole (absent). Uploaded May minutes and made calendar updates
- **Diversity:** McCollum. Thanked Russ Cromwell for great job on Flotilla newsletter.
- **Human Resources:** McCollum. Four new members at meeting and 2 or 3 “hanging in there.” Revealed we are one of two flotillas in country working with Sea Scout program.
- **Information Services:** Michele E. Rosich. Most updated copy of training management report was passed around. Instructed new members to turn in hours.
- **Materials:** Robert J Koenig: Put order into the National Supply Center for materials. Has stamps and envelopes if needed.
- **Public Affairs** Greg Little. Taking pictures of activities for newsletter. Greg related story of a man inquiring about jacket he was wearing with USCG Auxiliary emblem and how he took the time to explain to the man about the workings of the Auxiliary. The man was interested and took down number to call. This is an example of the importance of getting the word out to the public about what we do.
- **Marine Safety:** Jeff Burdick.
- **Public Education:** Bill Ferry. Working on Sea Scouts. Reported on his teaching SafetyTown program to 5 year olds in Vermilion. Stressed safety and wearing life



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jackets. Both Bill and kids had a good time. This prompted Marge to share a cute Safety Town story about kids worrying about sharks in the Black River.

- **Operations:** Benton. From June to July. Worked on getting boat ready for missions. All of crew members and trainees helped and it was appreciated. Delayed on starting missions due to over heating for starboard engine which has been rectified. Thus far have had three missions, including Lorain fireworks – 9.3 underway hours. Provided crew for Cleveland facility for Bay fireworks. Upcoming special mission at Marblehead to help with OSHP drug dog training.
- **Publications:** Russ Cromwell. Next newsletter in progress. Russ asked members to turn in articles, reports, pictures and/or anecdotes for future issues. Tom gave kudos for the award-winning job Russ is doing on the newsletter and everyone agreed. Great work and thanks Russ!
- **PV:** Cromwell. Six dealer visits for June; 12-14 year to date
- **VE:** Little. There were four blitzes in May-June. 25 VEs have been done as of July 5.
- **Member Training:** Fenner. (absent) Will be mentoring upcoming basic courses.
- **Navigation Systems:** Tom Raszka. Reported on list of public aids to navigation which flotilla needs to inspect from Avon Point to Vermilion Lighthouse. Most can be done from shore but must be done after dark. Tom has list if needed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on upcoming Safety at Sea program coming up at Station Lorain on July 27.
- Have yet to establish budget meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- **Sunshine:** Marge Bratton. Happy birthday to all July celebrants. Happy anniversary to members Rose Melko 17 years, Karen Kamm 40, Marge Bratton 44.

CLOSING

- Little closed with interesting remarks about books which are required reading by cadets at the USCG Academy and some interesting
- Thanks to Marge for refreshments and Dave for bringing USCG Auxiliary cake.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Baillie; 2nd Gordon. Passed
Adjourn meeting time: 21:15 hours.
Next meeting: August 14, Station Lorain

Submitted by Linda Seabold



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