

# 06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for March 2017

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## **CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT:19:30 Hours**

16 members, two guests

**Pledge:** Marie Shimandle

**Invocation:** Alan Rosich

**Guests:** Scott Shimandle, Janice Williams

## **SECRETARY REPORT: Linda Seabold**

No additions, corrections to February 2017 minutes.

Motion to accept minutes made by Bill Ferry, seconded by Al Rosich. Unanimous vote for acceptance

## **FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Peter Baillie (absent)**

No transactions for previous month

## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER: Greg Little**

- District training upcoming. Emphasis on paddle craft.
- Aux op. If you completed one course you are eligible for ribbon.
- SWOT analysis
- Need coordinator for Coastie program for our area. Must be certified. Coastie is now headquartered at Station Lorain. Tom Razka volunteered and suggested we use at Fish Festival. Russ Cromwell is also certified. Will send letter to Mike B. to check on certifications.
- Auxiliary Financial Educator Program looking for volunteers. Must be credentialed
- Aux Pad Coordinator ... power point available
- Festival of Fish contract approved.

## **VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Dave McCollum**

Thank officers for reporting.

## **STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:**

- **FSO-CM            Communications:** Peter Baillie (absent): No report
- **FSO-CS Communication Services:** Bob Hemminger. Updated website with boating course info, meeting minutes, link
- **FSO-HR            Human Resources:** Dave McCullum. Olmsted Twp. Police department will handle fingerprinting; will attend D-Train to get instructed in fingerprinting and get information to help Robert Koenig finish his certification; making files on each member to better assess interests and availabilities.
- **FSO-IS Information services:** Michelle Rosich. Reminder to report hours and fill out sign-in sheets. Discussion on mileage/expenses.
- **FSO-MA            Materials** Robert J Koenig. Absent. No reports.
- **FSO-NS Navigation System** Thomas Raszka. Attended Kiwanis Club presentation on Great Lakes aids to navigation presented by Doug Sharp. Very informative.
- **FSO-OP            Operations** Jack Benton. Two more sessions at Marblehead on crew training. Looking to set up four-hour TCT for early April for seven people.

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- **FSO-PA Public Affairs** Linda Seabold. Worked on publicity for Safe Boating Class on April 22. Dave McCullum working up presentation for North Olmsted Kiwanis.
- **FSO-PV (MD) Marine Dealer/Vessel Exams** Ron Behl. Absent. One vessel exam from early in March done by Greg Little.

**DIVISION MEETING REPORT:** Jack Benton. OTO Chris Henderson pushing paddle craft inspection and new program called dock walking -- visit marinas in uniform, walk docks and talk to boaters to get their input, interests and concerns and report back. More information available at conference.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Sunshine committee: Marge Bratton: Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Dennis Heider. Happy Birthday to Jack Benton and Marie Shimandle.**

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Covered earlier.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave McCullum reported on formation of committee with goal of getting another boat for the Flotilla. Members are Dave, Bill Ferry, Tom Cole, Jack Benton, Russ Cromwell and Tom Raszka. Committee aimed at reviewing procedure and doing what we have to do to acquire another facility. Advantages: Expand presence in area, support CG with another vessel and attract more members. If interested in being on this committee, contact Dave.

## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

Tom Raszka reminded members of boating class 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 22 in Wellington. Will need volunteers to help with setup, registration and lunch. (Updated count: 22 have signed up as of April 10 and books have been acquired.)

### SWOT Analysis contributions from members:

**Strengths (internal):** We are an excellent, vibrant, growing and active flotilla. We are involved in all the cornerstones of the auxiliary; strong leadership

**Weaknesses:** Need to be more diverse; application process too long; restrictions in fundraising.

**Threats:** Budget cuts. Could also fall into "Opportunity" category

**Opportunity:** Invite prospective members to fellowship events; location gives us opportunities to get involved in Lorain Sailing Club events; boating safety booths; Kayak-a-thon

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion to Adjourn by: Ed Gordon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Al Rosich. Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 20:56 hours

Russ Cromwell presented short visual program on paddle craft following adjournment.

Next meeting April 12 at Station Lorain

Minutes Respectively Reported by: Linda Seabold