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Call to Order by Flotilla Commander: Actual Start Time 1932

Pledge of Allegiance: By: Marge Bratton

Invocation: By: Alan Rosich

ATTENDANCE 18 Members 1 guest making total of 19 at meeting.

Secretary Report: This Meeting Minutes taken by:
Linda Seabold, Jack Benton, Deb Cromwell

No corrections to last meeting minutes.

Motion to accept meeting minutes By: Peter Bailey

2nd By: Ed Gordon

Vote to accept **Passed**

Finance Officer Report:

Finance Report By: Marie Shimandle

Motion to accept By: Alan Rosich

2nd By: Tom Raskza

Vote to accept **Passed**

Flotilla Commander Report:

- Thanks to Peter Bailey in catching the time error in my email last night on the minutes sent for last meeting. Since Peter caught the mistake I was able to send out the correct time in an update email. Thanks!
- Government Shutdown last month. Meetings for Flotilla and Division were canceled. No travel, only phone and email activities were allowed by the Auxiliary. Since we had our last meeting canceled due to the shutdown we will need to cover extra business tonight.
- Per Rose Melko - "The Civil Rights Mandated Training is on-line on the Aux Learning Portal. I completed it today. It only takes 30 min to do and no tests. Please let everyone know, if they don't know already." Thanks Rose!
- Chris Kuebler - FYI. "I am in Washington D.C. this week and will not be able to attend the November 13 Flotilla meeting."
- More email came in for our members not able to attend meetings

- Brian Adkins - "year has been none stop in fast gear for me. So bad that we have only been able to enjoy our boat a couple of times.

This past month I was promoted to production manager meaning covering vacations and having to run in on the weekends to keep our 3d printers running to keep up with orders. This past week I was in training for our new metal 3d printer that we will start in production this week."



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Brian mentioned that he hopes things slows down so he can train to do vessel exams. Congratulations on the Promotion Brian from the Flotilla!!

- Karen Kamm - "My husband and I have moved our boat to Cheboygan, Michigan - about 20 miles south of the Mackinaw Bridge so that we can cruise new grounds. We are both still enamored with the North Channel which starts just an hour and a half from our dock. We are looking forward to going through the Soo locks, perhaps next summer, to do a little cruising in Lake Superior for the very first time We don't intend to bring our boat back to Lake Erie any time soon because of the price of fuel and because we love the new waters." Some in the Flotilla said great area to sail and going though the Locks will be interesting. Happy sailing!
- Did everyone get the Auxiliary Manual updates? David Stobinski sent them out in September. (FC said he would send out the manual updates again to make sure they are not missed. Will try to add the manual update in this emailed minutes if I remember - Russ.)

DIVISION INFORMATION: Meeting November 6, 2013

- Meeting for Oct 2 canceled do to Government Shutdown
- Dee Davis pointed out that Flotilla 6-4 was the ONLY flotilla that had dues ready and paid. (Good Going AGAIN Flotilla 6-4 AND Marie!)
- False MAYDAY and HOAXs can be 6 years in jail, up to \$250,000 in fines AND the cost of expenses for motivation of rescue vehicles Flotilla said about time!
- Elections, Division Commander Dave Strobinski and Doc "Standard" Fall as Vice Division Commander - Congratulations!
- Division COW, Dec 14. At VFW, cost of dinner \$18 (may be partly refunded) with Open Bar (at your cost). You each should get invites soon.
- Last year's COW \$50 Bar Tab "all paid but one Flotilla"

Staff Officers Reports:

FSO-CM

Communications

Rose M. Melko

There were 10 hrs Watchstanding and 10 hrs training for October. Due to the government shutdown Watchstanders worked only 2 days for October.

FSO-CS

Communication Services

Robert Hemminger (report sent to

FC via email. Here is Roberts report



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Flotilla site had 40 page views from 14 unique visitors within the last 30 days. Also, since our last meeting, I added an "Important Member Info" banner at the top of the home page to help people get to timely information easier. I also added an Auxiliary History menu item which takes the user to HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS 1939-1999, Shared by Don and Judy Bell (I used an image-to-text program to generate a digital document - much better than simply a document image). Finally, I have incorporated icons into announcements and other places to help give the site more pzazz and professional look (all images are either in public domain or that I am licensed to use).

FSO-DV	Diversity	OPEN
FSO-HR	Human Resources	Russell Cromwell

Met with Bruce Nieman and he has turned in his application last month to join our Flotilla. Bruce lives quite far away from our Flotilla but has chosen to join ours over closer Flotilla's. He wants to be a member of an active flotilla and be able to work directly with the coast guard. The Lorain Flotilla he has opportunities to be an active member working with the Coast Guard as others are doing now. Bruce's application was delayed due to the Government shutdown but is in process now.

FSO-IS	Information Services	Michele E. Rosich
FSO-MA	Materials	Rodger P. Knight
	Have envelopes and stamps. Anything needed let him know.	
FSO-MS	Marine Services	OPEN
FSO-MT	Member Training	OPEN
FSO-NS	Navigation System	OPEN
FSO-OP	Operations	Jack Benton
	There will be a TCT Spring Training.	
FSO-PA	Public Affairs	Linda Seabold
	No Report	
FSO-PB	Publications	OPEN
FSO-PE	Public Education	OPEN
FSO-PV	(MD) Marine Dealer	Ron Behl

Don Dawkins turned in around 20 visits.

FSO-VE	Vessel Exams	Ron Behl
	Ron turned in the end of the year report for VE's done. Saving this for End of year report	



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Committee Report:

- Join a Committee! It would make things easier for planning!

Committee	Chair	Committee Members
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		Tom & Chris Raszka
New Member Mentor		Tom Raszka, Russ Cromwell, Jack Benton
Photos		Linda Seabold

- **Committee report on Flotilla COW from Tom & Chris Raszka.**
 - Flotilla 6-4 will have our COW (Change of Watch) on Saturday 1/11/14 at Sugar Creek Restaurant.
 - We will use the back party room for the COW
 - Social hour start 1600 (4PM), Dinner 1700 (5PM) and ceremony 1800 (6PM).
 - To get the party room for free we need to have at least 25 members attend. Member pays for meal.
 - Details will be provided by email and a RSVP will be requested to Tom and Chris Raszka so they will know who is coming. There will be an email invite sent out soon.

Great Job Tom & Chris!



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- Committee report on Grants from Mary D'orazio

Mary had a lot of information to go through so we decided to handle her update in Old Business later.

Flotilla Elections for 2014 Leadership:

Flotilla 6-4 held the election for FC and VFC.

- Don Bell was past Division Commander overseeing the elections to make sure things were done correctly.
- Alan Rosich was in charge of our flotilla 6-4 elections. Before the elections Alan ran through the requirements to be FC or VFC.
 - FC (Flotilla Commander)
 - We had one person turn in their letter to run for the office of FC, Jack Benton.
 - 3 calls were made to the floor for anyone else to run for FC, no others came forward to run for FC. Nominations were closed.
 - A vote was taken and Jack Benton was elected by unanimous vote by raised hands of members.
 - FC Elect Jack Benton will be sworn on December 14th at the Division COW (Change of Watch) by the Division Commander
 - VFC (Vice Flotilla Commander)
 - No member came forward with a letter of intent to be VFC.
 - 3 calls were made to the floor for anyone interested to run for VFC. Nominations were closed.

Old Business:

- Revisited Dave Curley Memorial Funds
 - Members thought it might be a good idea to buy something to give to Curley's wife and daughters as a thank you and show that Dave was a member of the flotilla as a thanks for Dave's family donations to the flotilla.
 - A few ideas were tossed out as possibilities like a plaque. Mary D'orazio thought a clock with a name plate would be a good idea. Flotilla thought that might be better than a plaque.
 - FC formed a committee to research possibilities on the web or local stores. Members of committee, Peter Bailey, Linda Seabold, Mary D'orazio, Bob Koenig, Ed Gordon and Russ Cromwell will coordinate.



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- After committee was formed a question was asked by Tom and Chris Raszka. They asked if we really should be looking for a gift for the family when Dave's request was for the flotilla to get the money. FC said that this perspective is very valid and will need more discussion in the future before any gift is purchased. However, since the committee to research a small gift was formed, FC said we would do some research and get back to the flotilla on results. It is possible that we may get something small for the family but Tom and Chris were right that the money donated should go mostly to the flotilla for some special items. Thanks Tom and Chris for keeping things in perspective.
- FC asked for suggestions for ways to spend Dave Curley's family donations on or for the Flotilla. The one thing that FC wanted to make sure of is any item that is purchased should have a donation name plate on it. Items suggested to purchase.
 - multi speaker sound system with multi mikes
 - some type of locker for storage
 - new flag bases (old are showing age. member suggested that if we get the flag base we can put other members names on it too that have passed.
 - portable flag set (1/2 size flags used for meetings or events when the large flags are to large to use).
 - current flags need cleaning or replacing.
 - crew equipment/trailer equipment (FC said a grant might be the better way because crew items and trailer equipment would be hard to tag)
- Grants update/work required from Mary D'orazio Committee (Since there was so much to cover it was decided to handle the grant committee in Old Business section.
 - Mary said she is researching types of grants and attending classes
 - Still did not hear from Division on requested assistance on tips for grant writing.
 - More research needed to see what type of Grants are available.
 - There were 24 items suggested from last flotilla meeting on what would be good things to get a grant for. Mary created forms for each item brought up as the 24 possibilities. But much more information required.



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- More specifics are needed on each item will require a lot more information. Information need will be some History of Flotilla, what is needed, why it's needed, when it is wanted, who will benefit from it - location/people, how can this benefit be tracked, who will be doing the work, plus more per requested item. All of these and more will need to be answered to submit the grant request.

Tom Raszka stepped forward and complimented Mary on all of her work so far and her efforts. He suggested that Mary is trying to do too much on to many options. Tom suggested that the flotilla needs to cut down the list and get the information required to Mary. Flotilla members agreed with Tom and will try to work together in getting the list shorter and the information back to Mary on whatever she requires.

FC said that he will scan the pages given to him from Mary and try to send them to a few members that can help with some of the details. (The pages are scanned but FC did not have time yet to send them out, will be sent out soon.)

- Mary said we missed deadline for submitting some grants.
FC said that missing the deadline is not Mary's fault. The flotilla did not supply enough information to get things done yet. FC told Mary that she is not expected to process many grants this year if any. We should use this year to understand the procedures and concentrate on getting them in for next grant cycle. (next year). Flotilla agreed.

Great Start Mary!

New Business:

- In the past we have set up a refund for members if they attend the Flotilla COW. Even though this year's prices will be very reasonable it never hurts to get reimbursed a few dollars.
- A motions was put on the floor to give a \$5 reimbursement to a Member that attends our Flotilla COW on 1/11/14. and to have FC and spouse as guests to Flotilla COW. Motion by Linda Seabold 2nd Marge Bratton. Vote taken and passed.
- Christmas/Hanukkah/Party.
 - Before meeting an option paper on dates/times for choices on what seemed to be combinations available for the get together.
 - FC asked if members wanted to have a party, members replied yes
 - Selection of dates and times came down to the Same night as our normal December meeting on December 11, 2013. Party will be at



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the Beaver Creek Boat Club which means NO MEETING AT STATION on that night.

- Deb Cromwell said she has been looking into food and gave the flotilla some options. Chicken and Chops was the decision of the members attending.
 - Al Rosich made a motion for food and required items of \$200 be available for our party
 - Tom Raszka 2nd the motion
 - Members voted and motion passed.
- There will be an invitation sent by email to members with party details

Closing Remarks: Since meeting was so long we skipped the closing comments.

FC Russ Cromwell
No comments

Senior Member Marie Shimandle
No comments

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Al Rosich 2nd Marie Shimandle
Vote Taken to Adjourn meeting and Passed. Meeting adjourned at 21:37

We adjourned the meeting and had Fellowship while eating the home made treats Mary D'orazio brought in to share. Thanks Mary!!

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