



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2014



CALL TO ORDER: Jack Benton @ 1937

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dennis Heider

INVOCATION: Al Rosich

ATTENDANCE:

Members: 20; Guests: 2, John Bacan, Bryan Bratton)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: FSO-SR (Open)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

No discussion.

-- Motion to accept minutes by Dennis Heider, 2nd by Michelle Rosich, Vote Passed

FINANCE REPORT: Marie Shimandle FSO-FN.

11 members still owe dues. Send to Marie ASAP. Jack or Russ has her address.

Marie reported balances in Flotilla account and Dave Curley memorial fund account.

-- Motion to accept financial report by Ed Gordon, 2nd by Russ Cromwell, vote Passed.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Jack Benton FSO-FC

Report on Qualification Exams in Cleveland:

Requalify two coxswains, one crew member and qualified one new crew member.

Ed and Bob will do QE check at Station Lorain (with Lou Wargo) the Sunday following the meeting (on Jack's boat).

Report on Oct. 1 Division meeting:

-- Elections were held and Doc Pfahl is new Division Commander-elect and Judy Stobinski is Vice Division Commander-elect. They will be sworn in at COW in December.

-- Reminder we should be working this winter on qualification for required classes. 6-5 holds classes after their Flotilla meetings. Jack going to find out if we can do the same. Rest can be done one line.

-- 143 members in Division; 832 in District 9ER (Lake Erie from Lorain east to New York).

-- Operations planning winter classes for training boat crew led by Mike Packard (division training officer); will combine with Division 6 and 7. Planning on doing training in Cleveland beginning in January. If anyone is interested in crewing please talk to FC.

-- COW on Dec. 6 at VFW in Columbia Station. If interested, contact Jack.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS: Called on by FC J Benton:

FSO-CM - Communication - Rose Melko:

-- Total of 60 hours of W/S for Sept.

FSO-CS – Communication Services Robert Hemminger

-- Converted meeting minutes on Web page from PDF files so members can see them

-- A reminder to email pictures from Flotilla activities to Bob.

FSO-HR - Human Resources - Russell Cromwell:

-- Has talked to John Bacan. John is considering joining the CG Auxiliary & is a guest here tonight.



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FSO-IS - Information Services - Michele Rosich:

-- No report

FSO-MA - Materials - Roger Knight:

-- Has stamps/envelopes available. Russ briefed new members on mailing regulations.

FSO-MS- Open

FSO-MT- Open

FSO-Navigation Services –Tom Raszka:

No report .

FSO-OP - Operations - Jack Benton:

-- Still doing two-boat training with Coast Guard. (Jack explained workings of two-boat training).

FSO- PA - Public Affairs - Linda Seabold:

-- No report

FSO-PE – Open

FSO-PV - Program Visitor – Ron Behl (absent)

-- No report

FSO-VE - Vessel Exams - Ron Behl (absent)

-- Jack did two VEs previous week.

-- Russ reported from his visit to marina where 6-4 did VE exams: Two boaters were stopped by Coast Guard, had stickers from Auxiliary VE on window and proper paperwork. CG said that they noticed the current VE decal and said they knew the boat was already checked and let them pass. Russ said this is the way it should work and used this as an example to stress the importance of being thorough and precise on VEs.

-- Russ reported he did an hour of refresher TCT for Rose and Dennis at Station Lorain previous week. (Jack explained workings of TCT) Russ said it was a good class and that he learned a lot too from Rose and Dennis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine Committee: Marge Bratton

-- Expressed appreciation for new contact list from Michelle and Al.

-- Anniversaries: Brian Adkins, 2 years; Peter Bailey, 2 years; Ed Gordon, 2 years.

Refreshment Committee: Volunteers have signed up for;

-- November: Serena & Don Dawkins

Nomination and Election Committee: Al Rosich

-- Elections will be held in November. Members urged to send him letters of intent. Read list of those eligible to hold office. Reported reasons other members may not be eligible.



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OLD BUSINESS:

-- Discussion on plaque for Dave Curley memorial shed at Station Lorain. Vinyl or brass? Jack and Linda will check on cost from engraver.

-- News on Don Bell. He was been moved to assisted living at Avon Place. Judy Bell says Don has a lot of Auxiliary material and equipment that she would like an Auxiliary member to come over and go through.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Discussion on COW. Russ thinks attendance would be better if Flotilla had its own. Tom agreed but thought this year we should go with Division (listed several reasons). Asked for a show of hands of who would go if Flotilla had its own. Majority was for having our own. Suggestion of going to Sugar Creek once again (last year's COW was there and everyone was in agreement that it was a good place to hold event.) Tom suggested members and guest should pay for own meals this year, with no reimbursement from Flotilla because flotilla funds are low. (Flotilla previously kicked in \$5 per member).

-- After further discussion and the inability to decide on a date in January for Flotilla COW, it was decided to attend Division COW on Dec. 6 and have a Flotilla get-together dinner in January.

-- Discussion on Flotilla Christmas Party: Have it at boat club again? We must pick date -- suggestion was Dec. 12 if available. There will be final discussion and decision to be made at Nov meeting. Marie is checking on Beaver Creek Boat Club availability for Fri, Dec. 12.

-- Ed Gordon asked if anyone knows of any Coast Guard memorabilia they would like to donate. There is a museum in Sandusky looking for historical items from CG to add to their display. Tom offered a ships bell. Ed offered to pick up any donations -- contact him.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN:

Greg Little sworn in by Jack Benton (Congratulations Greg! Welcome Aboard!)

AWARDS:

None

GUEST COMMENTS

None

CLOSING REMARKS:

Russ said that he and Deb appreciate all the good thoughts and prayers for Deb and he gave us an update on how things are going for Deb. We are all thinking of her, wish her well and look forward to seeing her at Christmas party.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion submitted by: Russ Cromwell

Seconded by: Christine Raszka

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 20:50 hours.

Next Meeting: 12 November 2014 at Station Lorain

Respectfully submitted,
FSO-PA Linda Seabold