



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for OCTOBER 14, 2015

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Call to Order by Flotilla Commander at: 1930 Hours at USCG Station Lorain

Pledge: **Dennis Heider**
Invocation: **AI Rosich**
Attendance: 19 (Members 18 and 1 Guest)

Secretary Report:

Minutes to the last meeting Report (Done by Russ and Jack)
Motion to accept the minutes: **Michelle Rosich** 2nd **Peter Baillie**
Vote: Passed

Finance Officer Report:

Finance Report Marie R. Shimandle FSO-FN Absent
Report sent to VFC and read at meeting.
Motion to accept: **Peter Baillie** 2nd **AI Rosich**
Vote: Passed

Members Attending Sept 2015 D-Train asked to share D-Train Information:

AI Rosich:

- Learned why Auxiliary dues were raised
- Got info on upgraded website
- Learned of new restrictions if courses are not completed (can't run for office, lose office or qualifications, ID card will not be renewed when it expires).
- Info on BQ program.
- Update on legal issues (any contributions to Flotilla have to go through proper channels; for insurance matters any Flotilla member conducting an activity such as a VE must inform Flotilla commander via email or phone call).

John Bacan:

- Attended part one of two-part class; got a lot of ideas and is anxious to share.
- There were issues of a great number attendees wearing improper uniforms.

Jack Benton:

- Class on electronic navigation conducted showing how cell phones, iPads and notebooks can be used for navigation (GPS).

Flotilla Commander Report:

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Jack Benton FSO-FC

Jack wanted to bring attention to the national emails (L2) which all members should be receiving.

- Useful on-line info on certification ... Member Training Compendium (there is link on Flotilla 06-04 website)



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- Putting AP members to work – explains what they can do.
- Aux Op Courses spelled out
- Do not use older printed Aux manuals because there are so many changes they are obsolete. Everything can be found in electronic form on Auxiliary Web Page. Changes are highlighted. If any questions, go on line.

Flotilla Commander Division Report:

- Modern Marine Navigation will develop a new system (already going on).
- All flotillas need to develop website. (Flotilla 06-04 already has a great one.)
- A Virtual Vessel exam is open to the public for a VE sample exam.
- The VE pass rate is 81% for the District.
- Vessel examiners should send an email to FSO-VE or FC before conducting VE.
- Last three years boating accidents have been lower; most caused by DUI
- Any photos for public viewing must be approved through chain of command. Any photos published must get clearance.
- We can take contributions but no solicitation is allowed
- All fund-raising needs approval
- The USCGAUX is a government agent, not a non-profit and may be subject to pay sales tax.
- D-Train committee looking for new classes for Spring and Fall.
- Dues increase will go toward developing new technology for AUX website and on-line member training.
- AUDIT COMMITTEE: Dave Stobinski, Al Rosich and Jack Benton have volunteered to be audit committee for division finance for 2015.
- ELECTIONS: Division elections held at last meeting: Judy Stobinski was nominated for Division Commander, Jack Benton nominated for Vice Division Commander. There were no other nominations and vote was conducted by Al Rosich who retained the ballots for 48 hours.

Awards: Presented by Jack Benton

- Dennis Heider: Recognized with ninth sustained service award – hours in excess of 750. Received Auxiliary “Letter of Commendation” from Commandant for dedicated service (presented ribbon and bar).
- Russ Cromwell: Awarded “Commodores Silent Worker Award” for all his work done on education courses.

Congratulations Dennis and Russ!!

Staff Officers Reports:

- FSO-CM Communications Peter Baillie

Members put in 50 hours of watch standing during September. Watch stander hours: Rose Melko 15, Jack Benton 15 and Peter Baillie 20



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- FSO-CS Communication Services Bob Hemminger

Added page to Flotilla website with info regarding upcoming dues (with Marie Shimandle's address) and page on requirements for officers. Also posted meeting minutes.

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

One man interested in joining

Several Flotilla 06-04 members (Ed Gordon, Tom Raszka, Michael Bores, Russ Cromwell, Jack Benton) manned an information booth during the Health and Safety Fair at Home Depot in Avon Commons on Sept. 26. Russ reports it was a good day despite the chaos and destruction caused by hovering Life Flight helicopter. However, very little interest in Auxiliary activities by attendees.

- FSO-IS Information Services Michele E. Rosich

The Training Report has now started to include the Mandatory Courses plus the ICS courses 100 and 700. Anyone with questions should contact Michele.

A reminder to turn in hours so they can be entered into AUXDATA. And make sure reports jive.

Added Daniel Schneider to AUXDATA. Welcome Daniel!

- FSO-MA Materials Rodger P. Knight Absent
- FSO-MS Marine Services OPEN
- FSO-MT Member Training OPEN
- FSO-NS Navigation System Thomas Raszka

No Report

- FSO-OP Operations Jack Benton

Put in 15 hours facility training with USCG for month of September (2 boat).

- FSO-PA Public Affairs Linda Seabold

No Report

- FSO-PB Publications OPEN
- FSO-PE Public Education OPEN
- FSO-PV (MD) Marine Dealer Ron Behl
- FSO-VE Vessel Exams Ron Behl

As reported by Jack ... there were four dealer visits and one VE for September.

Committee Report:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
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Information Booths		
Aux Speaker		
Rendezvous	Russ & Jack	Need volunteers, helpers
VE Blitz	Russ & Jack	Helpers to learn the ropes
Steak Fry	Marie Shimandle	Tom & Chris Raszka, Ed Gordon, Cook=Peter Baillie
Sunshine - Report	Marge Bratton	Keep Marge Informed!
	Sunshine Committee (Marge Bratton): Marge absent. Had a fall at home and was admitted to hospital. Get well Marge!	
Awards	Al Rosich	Anyone can nominate anyone
Holiday Party	How about someone new	Plenty of old timers to help, just ask
Grant Writing		
Elections	Allen Rosich	Need some new blood for VFC next year and maybe another ex FC to give Jack & Russ a needed break
	Elections are in November so those interested in running should get letters of intent in to Al ASAP. Need nominees for FC and VFC. Check on line or talk to Al for eligibility requirements.	
	Change of Watch (Jack Benton): Division COW is Dec. 5 at Huron Yacht Club. There was discussion on whether to hold our own or join Division. Jack will find out cost of meals and deadline and will email members. Ask for show of hands for those planning to attend ... count was 10.	
Change of Watch	Flotilla Change of Watch will be with Division Change of Watch	
New Member Mentor	Russ & Jack	Al Rosich, Tom Raszka
	Committee requests that members put more effort into helping new members.	
	BQ training needs to be set up.	
Photos	Everyone	



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Old Business

- There was an issue at the CG Exchange in Cleveland with one member. They would not willingly accept AP letter and ID number but wanted valid ID card despite the fact district told them they didn't need it. The issue was reported at district meeting again.
- Plaque for Dave's Shed just about completed.

New Business:

- Discussion on winter training classes and public education classes.
- Christmas Party: Jack proposed setting up committee and check with Marie for availability of Boat Club
- Tom Raszka reminded members that Auxiliary expenses out of pocket, uniforms and travel for example, are tax deductible if you file a long form.

Month	Name	Month	Name
Jan	Jack Benton	July	Marge Bratton
Feb	Greg Little	Aug	Rendezvous
Mar	Tom & Chris Raszka	Sept	Jack Benton
Apr	Russ & Deb Cromwell	Oct	Russ & Deb Cromwell
May	Ed Gordon	Nov	Bob Hemminger
Jun	Steak Fry	Dec	Christmas/ Hanukkah Party

Closing Remarks:

FC Jack Benton

- Next Flotilla Meeting will be on Date @ Station Lorain.
- Remark

VFC Russ Cromwell

- A reminder that every member must stop and check in at gate to gain entry to Station property -- EVEN IF GATE IS OPEN.
- Treats supplied by Deb, be sure to grab something after the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by **Daniel Schneider** 2nd **Peter Baillie**

Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time 2106 Hrs.



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Next Meeting: Nov. 11 at Station Lorain.

Minutes Respectively Reported by
Respectfully submitted, FSO-SR Linda Seabold