



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for October 12, 2016

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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER AT: **START: 19:30**

Attendance: 17 members, four guests

Pledge: Peter Baillie

Invocation: Al Rosich

Guests: Bill Ferry, Tom Cole, Gloria Morales, Bryan Bratton

SECRETARY REPORT:

Linda Seabold FSO-SR

Last Meeting was at Station Lorain 9/14/16 and minutes sent out 10/4/2016 by email.
Questions?

1st Ed Gordon

2nd Jack Benton

Vote: Approved unanimously

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report

Peter Baillie FSO-FN

1st Al Rosich

2nd Marie Shimandle

Vote: Approved unanimously

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

- John Bacan will be our Diversity Officer (FSO-DV)

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT FROM DIVISION:

- Aux Paddling
 - Death toll going up in paddle crafts
 - There is a possibility of a Paddle craft facility.
 - Looking for person to be representative from flotilla to be interface for Aux Paddle and/or be a VE for paddle craft. If interested, contact Russ Cromwell.
- Thomas Scofield
 - Member of Auxiliary and Power Squadron



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- Boating Simulator (3 screens can simulate wind): Looking for auxiliarist to learn how to use. If interested contact FC Russ and he will forward your name to District.
- Point People requested by Glen Harman. These members will be a point of contact for the Auxiliary to the boating public.
- 560 members in Food Services. Auxiliary would like to have 1,000. If interested in Food Services ask the FC to get more information.
- Auxiliary Member Ship
 - 135 in Division
 - 795 in District
 - Only 43% are current in Member Training (This number is lower because of new members coming in that need the training.)
- Division/Flotilla COW (Change of Watch)
 - Bob Young making arrangements for District/Flotilla COW
 - Date is December 3rd
 - Location VFW on Columbia Road
 - Fellowship 5:30PM and Dinner at 6:30PM
 - Service Dress Blue or Proper Civilian attire.
 - Cost estimated to be \$20 to \$25 per person.
- Lorain Station News
 - Station Small delayed. Maybe 2018.
 - Canada and US will be sharing crew resources to permit continuous pursuit on Great Lakes.
- New Members
 - Issues with new procedure – applications being turned in but long delays.
 - Requested an update on procedure

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

Greg Little:

IPFC REPORT:

Jack Benton



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AWARDS / CERTIFICATES /PLEDGES:

- Greg Little received AuxOp Ribbon for starting AuxOp training. Can be worn while in process of training and is retired at completion of classes.
- Michele Rosich received Sustained Service award 796 hours
- Al Rosich received Letter of Commendation in recognition for his service in doing awards.
- John Bacan sworn in as Diversity Officer (FSO-DV)

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

- FSO-CM Communications Peter Baillie
40 hours of watch standing for September, bringing year-to-date total to 415 hours
- FSO-CS Communication Services Bob Hemminger
Added pictures; updated dues announcement; added September minutes
- FSO-DV Diversity John M Bacan
No report, but working on plans.
- FSO-HR Human Resources Russell Cromwell
Three application packs sent in, waiting for notification.
Dave McCollum working with a few other members interested in the Auxiliary.
Discussion on how long it's taking to get members approved
- FSO-IS Information Services Michele E. Rosich
No report
- FSO-MA Materials Robert J Koenig
Got coloring books and stickers; will inquire about paddlecraft brochures.
From Jack Benton: Orange "If Found" stickers for paddlecraft can be ordered (200 per flotilla, per month) – Bob will order
- FSO-MS Marine Services OPEN
- FSO-MT Member Training OPEN



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- FSO-NS Navigation System Thomas Raszka
 No report

- FSO-OP Operations Jack Benton
 Facility did 20.5 hours of two-boat training with CG for September; coxswained in Cleveland; assisted QE crew checks/coxswain checks (5 hours)

- FSO-PA Public Affairs Linda Seabold
 No report

- FSO-PB Publications OPEN

- FSO-PE Public Education OPEN

- FSO-PV (MD) Marine Dealer/Vessel Exams Ron Behl
 No report

COMMITTEE REPORT:

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	ACTIONS	REPORT NOTES
Awards & Elections	Al Rosich	Assist/Coordinate members in writing awards. Assist/Coordinate FC/VFC Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District vote (reported by Al Rosich) District commander: Bob Schofield, New York Chief of Staff: Joe Sopko, Division 7, Cleveland • Division Vote Judith Stobinski - Division Commander (2nd year) Master Chief Jack Benton - Division Vice Commander (2nd year) <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">AWARDS & ELECTIONS (Al Rosich): November meeting will be the date for voting for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander for our flotilla If interested in running, send letter of intent to Al Rosich. Will take nominations from the floor</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Benton received Auxiliary Achievement Medal • Al gave report on process for applying/receiving awards



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Fellow Ship Event Planner	Tom & Chris Raszka Dave McCollum Robert J. Koenig	<i>Decide on Fellow Ship events to present to Flotilla for locations and dates. Items like Dinners, Baseball, Corn Hole Challenge</i>	
Fund Raising	Ed Gordon	<i>Assist the flotilla in raising funds for treasury.</i>	
Historian	Linda Seabold	<i>Gather information to add to Flotilla History - Document current data to be added to Flotilla History</i>	
New Member Mentor	Dave McCollum Jack Benton Ed Gordon	<i>Assist new Members with their questions. Assigned to Member or Assigned to a Task like uniforms, forms, training... etc.</i>	
Organization & Restoration	Jack Benton Linda Seabold Ed Gordon	<i>Assist in organization Auxiliary owned materials. Maintain trailer and sheds appearance.</i>	
Party Coordinator	Tom & Chris Raszka Marie Shimandle	<i>Assist in Planning Party's Rendezvous - Christmas Party - Steak Fry - COW</i>	
Photos	Linda Seabold	<i>Help document Flotilla activities and share with Historian</i>	
Planned USCGAUX Event Coordinator	Jack Benton	<i>Assist in Planning, Working and Research Opportunities for Events like Information Booths - Aux Speaker - VE Blitz</i>	



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Sunshine	Marge Bratton	<i>Responsible to keep up with members missing meetings to make sure things are OK and send cards for health related issues or events.</i>	Mentioned members names of those that had a birthday or an membership anniversary in August/September
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OLD BUSINESS:

- Russ stressed the importance of completing mandated training
 - Things you cannot do if mandated training not completed by end of year:
 - Cannot hold office
 - Cannot get an Auxiliary ID card once yours expires
 - Can not do VE' s, PV's, Operations, or any other event besides fellowship events.
 - Cannot wear the Auxiliary Uniform
 - Cannot buy items using your ID card
 - Cannot be marked as current in qualifications.
 - Things you can do:
 - Can vote in Auxiliary meetings.
 - Can attend meetings (as long as Auxiliary ID is not required)
 - Can attend fellowship events
 - Will have 100 and 700 FEMA classes will be given at Station Lorain on 11/12/16 but test must be done on line by computer. Bring your own laptop to the class if you have one. If you do not we will have some laptops available to be used.
 - Can get help taking the FEMA courses at Elyria library
 - For those classes mandated training classes that are not the FEMA classes, you can download the powerpoint, read it and sign paper saying you have gone through program. Contact Russ Cromwell or Greg Little for more details.
 - Russ Cromwell is willing to come to station to present needed classes to complete mandated training to those that would like to do the classes in the evening.
- Al Rosich expressed concerns about low finances in our flotilla last meeting.
 - Russ Cromwell FC agreed with Al and said that the flotilla has been surviving mostly from dues and donations from the members.
 - Russ said at the last Division meeting on September 7th he asked Division Commander Judith Stobinski to request District/National what examples they have for how to raise money besides boating classes.



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Judy could not get an answer from district but has heard of these possibilities:

- Suggested that non-member run fund-raising activity and donate funds to flotilla for avoid complications.
- Donations allowable as long as we can account where they come from and reason for donation
- Suggested that money saved by members using Auxiliary discounts be donated back to flotilla

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commodore elect Scofield has asked me to enlist your help with the problem of unreachable members. Through our use of Everbridge we consistently find about 58 members who are unreachable by email. Everbridge defines "unreachable" as "no contact path is defined for the delivery methods used", in this case email only. As you know if a member does not have a valid email address he will be unable to actively participate as our programs or comply with mandated requirements. Our principal concern is that in an emergency or crisis situation we need to be able to find our members and to know that they are safe.
- **2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
 - Location: Beaver Creek Boat Club, Dec. 9, fellowship starts at 6 p.m., chow at 7 p.m.
 - There will not be a December flotilla meeting. Next meeting will be January 11, 2017.
 - Fare will include appetizers (or whatever you want to bring) and desserts in the form of shared pot luck by members. Will have food sign-up sheet at November meeting.
 - Bring: BYOB, drinks and place settings
 - No charge, donations accepted (no one is obligated to donate)
 - Bring gift for white elephant gift exchange, at least one gift for each person attending. Need help on what a white elephant gift is contact FC Russ Cromwell.
- **FELLOWSHIP**
 - Fish Fry, Friday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m. (Veterans Day) Fish fry at American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain; Slovak Club. Business website americanslovakclub.com
 - Will need headcount by Nov. 9 meeting so please RSVP to Russ Cromwell if planning to go.
- **AUXOFFICER:** Russ distributed information on how to get names and addresses of Auxiliary officers and members found in AUXDATA and gave a little training using the provided documents. Website is <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff>. Contact Russ if you need to get this information sheet.



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CLOSING REMARKS:

FC Russ Cromwell

- November meeting treats open
- Next meeting Nov. 9 at Station Lorain

Senior Member Attending Marie Shimandle

"For the folks waiting on membership, this has been going on forever so don't get discouraged."

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: Peter Baillie

2nd: Ed Gordon

Vote: Unanimously passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 21:15

Minutes Respectively Reported by: Linda Seabold