



# 06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 MINUTES



Call to Order by Flotilla Commander: Actual Start Time 1931

Pledge of Allegiance: By Ed Gordon

Invocation: By: Alan Rosich

ATTENDANCE 19 Members 1 guest making total of 20 at meeting.

## Secretary Report:

No corrections to last meeting minutes.

Motion to accept meeting minutes by: Dennis Heider 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Gordon

Vote to accept Passed

## Finance Officer Report:

Finance Report by - Marie Shimandle

Motion to accept by: Chris Raszka 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Dawkins

Vote to accept Passed

## Flotilla Commander Report:

### 1. We lost two members in August

- Roger F. Wood of Elyria passed away on August 22, 2013. Roger owned and operated Arrow Marine Repair Service in Elyria for many years. Roger was a retired member from our Lorain Flotilla and passed away at the age of 97.
- David A. Curley of Lorain passed away on August 31, 2013. David had just moved back to the Lorain area several months ago and transferred to Lorain 6-4 Flotilla. David was a member of IBEW Local 141 in Wheeling West Virginia, Past Master of Ohio City Lodge #486, Past Master High Priest Chapter 246 Bridgeport Ohio, Member of Ohio Priory and Knights of York Cross Commandry.

David was a very active Auxiliarist in his past Flotilla and was certified in Boat Crew and was a Vessel Examiner. David had hoped to be as active in our Lorain Flotilla and was only able to attend a few meetings because of his health. David was one of the members that could have made a great impact in our flotilla.

As an example for his commitment to the Auxiliary, just one month before he passed away he had his wife call me to make sure he was not late on his dues. He didn't make the call himself because he was too weak to do it himself. At the time I thought he was weak from his treatments and since he was asking about his dues I was hoping he was going to pull through. But it was apparently much worse than I had imagined.

Another amazing thing that David did as one of his last requests to his wife, was to call the flotilla and let us know he passed away, which she did. Because of his death being on a holiday the turn out from the



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Auxiliary was far less than he Deserved. David was never able to participate with us in any events besides meetings but his courage in fighting his illness and still having a commitment to the Auxiliary is amazing.

David is an example of an Auxiliary member we can be proud of. May his determination and commitment to the Auxiliary be an example to all of us.

- We loaned our Auxiliary Flag for Dave's showing
- Thank you to Rose for helping on rules and regulations for what was allowed for Dave's funeral
- I wish to thank Don and Judy Bell and Jack Benton for going with me to the showing.
- I also wish to thank others that may have gone on their own, like Alan and Michele Rosich.
- Special thanks to Jack Benton for going with me on the funeral day.

2. Sometimes a member isn't around even though they want to be. I sent an email out to a few missing members and got these replies to share at the flotilla meeting.

- Keith Marsh: I would like you all to come to New Mexico, Wish I was back in Ohio to participate more.
- Amy Roth: Daughter getting married October 19 to a guy she really likes. Moved business to a new location that's bigger. Doing more custom work than alterations for now. Car still going but is a concern. Between work and car can't attend meetings as she would like too. Amy said Happy New Year!
- Michael Megery: My aunt passed away Sunday night and calling hours are tomorrow evening. Most likely will not be able to be at the meeting tomorrow. Michael is interested in AuxFS/Auxchef.
- Michael Bores: I appreciate the flotilla and you being so understanding that unfortunately I cannot make meetings at the moment. Right now at work I am stuck with all day shifts, usually 12-9, and since I am in Lakewood the meetings are just not something I can do.

I am continuing my masters in history and that is going very well.

My work with LPD Auxiliary is going well also. (Mainly because of the 3rd shift hours I can participate in which does not conflict with my work schedule)



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My community emergency response team out of Westshore is being offered, to participate in a 9/11 ceremony as part of the community's emergency response personnel next week

I am continuing to keep up to date with the USCG Auxiliary newsletters, magazines, and current info.

I am trying to navigate the confusing online world of USCG AUX training. (If anyone has experience with the new system please share their information with me.)

I hope all is well with the other members in the flotilla. Looking forward to returning soon.

- Adrien Tyler Hall: Working for the Jet Express and preparing for college. Got accepted into the program at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and I'm pursuing education and licensing through the USCG. When I graduate he plans to take the Coast Guard exams to get a great lakes pilot's captain's license and a Third Mate unlimited tonnage license. Adrien plans on sailing the oceans for a quite some time.
  - Pam Waite: Things are a bit wild. Pam goes to see her Dad every other day to check on him, fix up his pills, etc. He just turned 89 in July. Pam was in another school program that recently finished, post grad certification in "Healthcare Ethics and Policy" and Dennis is about to start towards the path to finish a bachelors degree.
  - James P. Schmitz: I am fine. i regret that i have missed the past meetings, but at this time other consideration must come first. Say hello to everyone
3. Having success getting ID badges through (finally) (Roger Knight mentioned that he still didn't get his ID Badge. FC said he would try to find out what the status was and resubmit again if need be. Requested Rodger to let FC know if he has not received his badge by next meeting.
4. **We need to turn our time in!!**
5. Need to think of next FC and VFC for elections in November.
- Anyone interested in FC or VFC contact Alan Rosich.
  - Requirements for FC or VFC can be found on Flotilla web page.
  - If you're not going to step up to FC or VFC how about taking a staff office or head a committee item.



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- Think of it, would you want to step into a job of FC knowing you have limited help with the planning and the organizing of activities?
- 6. Rendezvous was fun. Thanks to:
  - Jack Justice for setting up the Rendezvous,
  - Ed Gordon as the chef.
  - Mary, Ed and Deb Cromwell for setting up the tables.
  - Deb for getting the food, charcoal, games, table decorations and most of all for getting the FC there on time.

## **DIVISION INFORMATION: Meeting September 4, 2013**

1. Interesting meeting with a lot of interaction
2. Some issues spotted with the inland lakes patrol boats. Some were found not to meet the requirements correctly. There is an inspection to be done on every facility for inland lakes. Very embarrassing for the Auxiliary
3. Concerns from Division Operations on what they can and cannot do. Apparently there are some issues with the Gold side and what the Auxiliary is allowed to do and how we do it.
4. Four members of Division offered to help in the "Honor Standing" Our legal department found that there are actually 2 uniforms that can be used.
5. AuxFS/AuxChef concerns, cannot cook in Lorain it's not classified as a Galley because there is no food specialist.
6. Division COW will be at the same location as last year on November 23. Cost of dinner will be around \$32 a plate. Food will be Steak, Salmon and Chicken. Look for more information to come from Division on this.
7. Letter of intent to run for Division commander can be turned in to Allan Rosich. Election will be at Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Lorain.
8. Fall Conference is set for September 20 and 21 this year. You should have gotten details on this already.
9. Wargo on warpath for correct uniforms. Made an issue over the way members were dressed and on obsolete uniforms.

## **Staff Officers Reports:**

FSO-CM	Communications	Rose M. Melko
	AVG 60 Hrs includes 25 Hrs training	
FSO-CS	Communication Services	Robert Hemminger
	175 page views to web page. List of Qualifications for flotilla offices now on flotilla web page.	



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FSO-DV	Diversity	OPEN
FSO-HR	Human Resources	Russell Cromwell
	Meeting with a person that attended our member drive last year. He called me up and said he wants to join.	
FSO-IS	Information Services	Michele E. Rosich
	Need hours turned in ASAP! Need records on quails taken to make sure they are in the system. esp the required 100, 200, 700 and 800	
FSO-MA	Materials	Rodger P. Knight
	No Report.	
FSO-MS	Marine Services	OPEN
FSO-MT	Member Training	OPEN
FSO-NS	Navigation System	OPEN
FSO-OP	Operations	Jack Benton
	Training Patrols 11 Hrs 5 min	
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
	14 for August	

Committee Report:

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

Committee	Chair	Committee Members
Information Booths		
Aux Speaker		



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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

- Election Committee: There is an election coming up soon and those interested in becoming FC or VFC needs to let him know. If you're curious as to what the requirements are for the FC or VFC job Alan said he would be happy to assist. (Al gave requirements to webmaster Bog and is now on the Flotilla 6-4 web page)
- Change of Watch Committee: Tom and Chris are looking for a location for the flotilla COW. Checking into Huron BC and possible Sugar Creek. If anyone has any suggestions please let them know.

### Old Business

- Need suggestions what to put in for Grants! Ideas during meeting. Laptops, Hot Spot, Radio's for VE's, awning for trailer, larger trailer, equipment for flotilla facility, publications, education equipment, whistles/life jackets to give away. More ideas needed!

### New Business:

- Fellowship Fish Fry to be held at Amvets in Vermilion at 6:30PM Don Dawkins will check with Amvets to let them know we are coming
- December Christmas Party will be covered in the October meeting.



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## Closing Remarks:

FC Russ Cromwell

- Next FI Meeting will be on Oct 9 @ Station Lorain.
- Next Sept meeting treats by Ed Gordon (Mary D'orazio volunteered to do treats for November meeting. Thanks Mary!)
- Let's make it a point to get our time in for this year turned in this month and to be caught up by September. We need the hours in so the time will become visible that our flotilla is indeed working. No time makes it appear we do nothing.
- After meeting doing a workshop on "special occasions to wear a uniform.
- Thanks to Don and Judy for tonight's treats

Senior Member Marie Shimandle

Happy to see everyone at the meeting tonight. Hope everyone keeps on doing a great job.

## Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Micelle Rosich 2<sup>nd</sup> Rose Melko  
Vote Taken to Adjourn meeting and Passed. Meeting adjourned at 20:45

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