



# 06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for Sept 9, 2015

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## **Call to Order by Flotilla Commander at:** 1931 Hours

Pledge: *Tom Raszka*  
Invocation: *Al Rosich*  
Introduction of Guests: *Brian Bratton, Daniel Schneider & Dave McCollum*  
Members Attending: 11 members + 3 guests = 14 Attending Meeting

## **Secretary Report:**

No Meeting at Rendezvous, last meeting July 8, 2015 Linda Seabold FSO-SR  
Motion to accept the July minutes:: *Peter Baillie* 2nd *Al Rosich*  
Vote: Passed

## **Finance Officer Report:**

Finance Report Marie R. Shimandle FSO-FN (Marie could not make meeting)  
No Financial Report for this meeting.

## **Flotilla Commander Report:**

- Boat show last August. Help was appreciated from Flotilla 06-04..
- Michelle Rosich (FSO-IS) printed out each members completed classes of the 8 required classes due by December 2016. Russ Cromwell will compile the list of classes done by members. Once the list is completed Russ (VFC) and Jack (FC) will plan some classes to have during meetings from those that are most needed. More information once the list is completed and we know where we stand as a flotilla.

## **Flotilla Commander Report From Division Meeting:**

- Division COW will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1730 hours. Location will be Huron Yacht Club.
- There is a documentation Team to speed up the AP process
- Jorge Lion is Leaving DIRAUX
- Number of members in Division 132, 7 in AP. Number of members in District 865.
- REMEMBER to turn in your HOURS!



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## Staff Officers Reports:

- FSO-CM      Communications                      Peter Baillie  
60 Watch Standing Hours
- FSO-CS      Communication Services      Bob Hemminger
  - 1) Created Tribute Page for long time member Don Bell who passed away 08-Aug-2015.
  - 2) Added photos of our flotilla Rendezvous (fellowship) event submitted by VFC Russ Cromwell.
- FSO-DV      Diversity                                      OPEN
- FSO-HR      Human Resources                      Russell Cromwell  
Have 5 pending members that say they want to join but no one has turned in paperwork yet. I think there is only 2 really interested in joining. Time will tell.
- FSO-IS      Information Services                      Michele E. Rosich
  - 1) When members attend a program put on by the Coast Guard (Gold Side) and receive a certificate - a copy of the certificate needs to be sent to me (Michele) and I will forward it up to be entered into AUXDATA.
  - 2) Just a reminder to turn in your 99 forms and any others - so that your hours can be entered into AUXDATA.
  - 3) Members need to review the Training Management Report to see if their maintenance tasks for the year are current. If they are not current by the end of the year they will be in REYR's for 2016.
- FSO-MA      Materials                                      Rodger P. Knight  
Not at meeting
- FSO-MS      Marine Services                              OPEN
- FSO-MT      Member Training                              OPEN
- FSO-NS      Navigation System                              Thomas Raszka  
No report other than he has not received anything from above yet. Can't do what we don't have. Jack Benton (FC) said he would see what is going on. Last Jack knew there was 2 to do but there should have been more than two.
- FSO-OP      Operations                                      Jack Benton
  - 1) August 16 went underway for some two boat training with the Coast Guard
  - 2) Planning to possibly go out tomorrow (Sept 10, 2015) for more two boat training. Not confirmed yet if this will be done. Will find out tonight after meeting.
- FSO-PA      Public Affairs                                      Linda Seabold  
Not at meeting, sick.
- FSO-PB      Publications                                      OPEN
- FSO-PE      Public Education                                      OPEN
- FSO-PV      (MD) Marine Dealer                              Ron Behl  
5 PV's for August.
- FSO-VE      Vessel Exams                                      Ron Behl



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## Committee Report:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
<b>Information Booths</b>	Russ	
There will be an Information Booth opportunity at Avon Home Depot on September 26, 2015. Time for Information booth will be from 10AM to 2PM. Please Contact Russ Cromwell if your willing to assist.		
<b>Aux Speaker</b>		
Nothing planned suggestions Welcomed!		
<b>Rendezvous</b>	Russ & Jack	Need volunteers, helpers
Completed		
<b>VE Blitz</b>	Russ & Jack	Helpers to learn the ropes
Completed		
<b>Steak Fry</b>	Marie Shimandle	Tom & Chris Raszka, Ed Gordon, Cook=Peter Baillie
Completed		
<b>Sunshine - Report</b>	Marge Bratton	Keep Marge Informed!
Marge reported members names for those that had Birthdays and/or C.G. Auxiliary Anniversary's for July and August 2015		
<b>Awards</b>	Al Rosich	Anyone can nominate anyone
PLEASE TURN IN HOURS! There are some members that may be missing out on some type of award because time is not put in AuxData in a timely manor.		
<b>Holiday Party</b>	How about someone new	Plenty of old timers to help, just ask
Need Help!		
<b>Grant Writing</b>		
Need Help!		
<b>Elections</b>	Allen Rosich	Need some new blood for VFC next year and maybe another ex FC to give Jack & Russ a needed break
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Election of Division Officers in October</li> <li>2) Election of Flotilla Officers in November</li> <li>3) Any member that is interested in running for Division Office or Flotilla Office needs to turn in an email or mail for intent to run for office.</li> <li>4) Al read the list of those that meet the requirements and can run for</li> </ol>		



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office. Those not in the list can contact him as to what is missing. 5) There may be special condition consideration for those that want to run for office but are not currently qualified. Contact AI for details.		
<b>Change of Watch</b>		
Need Help!		
<b>New Member Mentor</b>	Russ & Jack	AI Rosich, Tom Raszka
No Action Required		
<b>Photos</b>	Everyone	Send to Bob, with a description
Need members to take pictures and turn them over to Bob Hemminger our Flotilla Web Administrator!		

### Awards / Achievements:

- Congratulations to Bob Koenig for his RBSVP (Recreational Boating Safety Partner Visitation Program) Certification.
- Congratulations to Greg Little for his VE (Vessel Examiner) Certification.

### Old Business

- Plaque for "Dave's Shed" close to being done.
- We had 6 members that did an Honor Guard for Don Bell.  
*Honor Guard: Jack Benton, Rose Melko, Don Dawkins, Tom Raszka, Dennis Heider and Russ Cromwell.*  
  
*Russ said he appreciates the efforts of all of the Honor Guard members and a special thanks for Dennis Heider for his suggestion on the about face removal. Russ said that his suggestion helped in preventing a member from loosing balance (most likely Russ).*
- Judy Bell said thanks to the flotilla and District for the flowers, For those that came to Don's Funeral and those that did the Honor Guard. Judy said she has had comments about the support from the flotilla and the Honor Guard.
- Lots of Discussion on National raising dues \$12. AI Rosich sent an email to Jack on this issue just before the meeting. Russ Cromwell sent a 2 page email of concerns to Jack Benton (FC) when the increase was first announced.



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Dues increases discussion came to these points.

- 1) National should have allowed flotilla's input on increase.
- 2) What actions were taken to cut costs BEFORE an increase was passed.
- 3) Flotilla's will be losing members due to the increase and all the demands for mandated training. Not only this year but next year. We are volunteers not paid employee's.
- 4) What action can be taken so this doesn't happen again from National or District without Flotilla input?
- 5) How can a Flotilla Member find out how the money was spent?

Consensus came down to the real issue is not the money, The problem is the way National did such a large dues increase without any input on increase from flotillas, who are ultimately the ones not paying but doing the unpaid volunteer work.

During the discussion a suggestion was made that members should state their concerns and/or disapproval in an email and send it to Jack Benton our FC. Jack can send the flotilla's concerns up the tree in the correct procedure of auxiliary communication.

*If other flotilla's did the same, maybe and there is enough quantity, there might be a change in the way the flotilla's are left out of the decisions.*

## **New Business:**

- Dues are now \$47 per member (reminder)
- There has been another problem at the PX for John Bacan. He was told his paper of membership is not valid to purchase uniforms again. John was persistent this problem was addressed before but it appears that the other manager never got the message. John was persistent and was finally able to purchase what he needed. (Good for you John!).

Jack Benton said he was told there would be a discussion at the coming D-TRAIN starting on 9/25 at Dunkirk NY on the problem with the PX and AP members.



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## Closing Remarks:

- FC Jack Benton
- Next Flotilla Meeting will be on October 14 @ Station Lorain.
- VFC Russ Cromwell
- Thanked Jack Benton for providing treats again (second time this year).

## Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Al Rosich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Little.  
 Vote: Passed  
 Adjourn Meeting Time 2034 Hrs.

Minutes Respectively Reported by  
 Russ Cromwell (minutes documented)  
 Jack Benton (proof reader)

FLOTILLA - TREAT LIST			
Month	Volunteer Name	Month	Volunteer Name
Jan	Jack Benton	July	Marge Bratton
Feb	Greg Little	Aug	Rendezvous
Mar	Tom & Chris Raszka	Sept	Jack Benton (Roger Knight could not make meeting so Jack did treats)
Apr	Russ & Deb Cromwell	Oct	Dee Davis
May	Ed Gordon	Nov	Bob Hemminger
Jun	Steak Fry	Dec	Christmas/ Hanukkah Party