



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER. DAVE MCCOLLUM AT:

1930 Hours

Pledge: Bill Ferry

Invocation: Al Rosich

Guests: Brian Bratton (FC Dave said that Brian's attendance has been sterling over many meetings and he could join the Flotilla. Brian said he would give it some thought).

SECRETARY REPORT:

Linda Seabold FSO-SR

No Report/ No Minutes. Linda has been attending to personal items that require her attention at home. This is why she has been difficulty attending lately. Hang in there Linda, things will get better.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Peter Baillie FSO-FN

No income for the month, minimal expenses (for Rendezvous)

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

Dave Mccollum FC

- Dave thanked the entire team that made the Rendezvous work out so well.
- Dave discussed the Commander's Gathering at Avon Brewing.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Jack Benton (DCDR, FSO-OP)

- Station Small plans are "good to go" and a next meeting toward the end of September will finalize our plans for Station responsibilities
- Diversity awards will be given to the three Flotillas who met the challenge of applying, which is itself a challenge. Reporting sheets for 2018 Diversity are out, and due 30 Jun 2019
- Flotilla 6-7 Fairport Harbor has changed names to Akron Southwest. This flotilla is a bit thin, with 7 members, only 2 of which have completed mandated training
- Similarly, 06-02 is facing limited membership numbers and a plan is being developed to merge 6-2 into another flotilla
- D-Train, thin attendance this time, only Dave McCollum is planning to attend
- NACON New Orleans resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Boy Scouts of America for USCGAux and Sea Scouts to partner up for mutually beneficial purposes. District 9 is one of the "test districts" for the rollout of AUXSCOUT



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FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER REPORT:

Tom Cole (VFC)

No Report. Tom was out of town on business.

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

- FSO-CM Communications Peter Baillie
Benton, 20 hours; Melko, 20 hours; Baillie, 20 hours for a total of 60 hours during the month and 400 hours YTD.

- FSO-CS Communication Services Tom Cole
No Report

- FSO-DV Diversity Dave McCollum
Not much going on this past period

- FSO-HR Human Resources Dave McCollum
Dave McCollum (also FSO-HR): continuing efforts at recruitment. An excellent video has been released showing the many ways in which the Auxiliary works. This should be viewed by all, and, in fact, Dave will be sending it out to all. Once Greg sends it to him!

- FSO-IS Information Services Michele E. Rosich
Michele Rosich (FSO-IS): Get your 7029 and 7030s turned in! Michele also circulated the most recent training reports.

- FSO-MA Materials Robert J Koenig
Absent, but FC reports Bob acquired additional stamps and coloring books.

- FSO-MS Marine Services Jeff Burdick
No report. Dave mentioned dockside advising as low-hanging training fruit. Jeff is going to devise a training exercise and video based on kayak rescue alternative techniques.

- FSO-MT Member Training Brooke Fenner
No Report

- FSO-NS Navigation System Thomas Raszka
No Report



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NEWMEMBER RECOGNITION:

Dave McCollum FC

Joe Bercik, who signed up some number of months ago, was in attendance and received his Membership certificate.

Joe is going to move his ex-USCG Boat from Sandusky harbor to Lorain harbor on or about October 6th and invites anyone who would like to ride along as unofficial crew (not a USCG, Aux, or official mission, no orders, etc).

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dues: \$47, send them to Peter Baillie, or bring to Greg Little at next meeting. Make checks payable to CG AUX 092-06-04. A discussion was had about maybe raising the dues to \$50 for next renewal season. Peter reports that about half of the members have contributed a little extra with their membership renewals, so we're effectively collecting \$50. Ken Distler thinks the change to \$50 is a good idea, given that so little (\$9) of our dues stays in the flotilla. It was pointed out, however, that our big fund raiser is our Boating Safety classes, and that before this year, we hadn't done it in a few years.

Christmas Party: Dave relayed that perhaps we could throw a better Christmas or Holiday party than we have been, maybe catered so guests could just show up and be taken care of. He then went into a story about a gift exchange that ends in, probably, a wrestling match (but it does sound fun!), and other ideas about including Division in our party planning. Jack Benton mentioned that Division did not have much of a party in the last years and that if they were included, funding could also follow. Bill Ferry moved to have a better Christmas Party (Bill) and Ken Distler seconded. Greg Little moved to amend the motion that it be a motion to "study" whether and how to have a better Christmas party, seconded by Al Rosich. That motion carried and so the proposition passed that Dave will conduct some research into this and report back at the next meeting.

D-T rain Scholarship: Jack moved to subsidize some of the expenses of those attending the next D-Train, which is a party of one, Dave. Jack tells us that Dave is busting his rump for all of us, keeping up with training and the goings-on of our Auxiliary, and that it is expensive to this ... hotel, travel, etc.

Proposed Motion: Jack Benton moved to spend \$200 of Auxiliary funds to help defray Dave's cost,

Seconded: Peter Baily

Discussion: was held and Dave indicated he was not attending two nights, but only one.



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Motion Amendment: An amendment was made to spend \$125 instead of \$200.

Vote: Passed by the membership.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- Contrary to what was reported above, it was Russ's appendix that burst, not all of his internal organs. He's on a course of antibiotics and etc., and will have a surgery soon to tidy things up. We've all heard of "venting one's spleen" ... but I didn't know one could vent one's appendix! Get well soon, Russ!
- Bob Koenig: had some varicose veins stripped and is recovering. Get well soon, Bob!
- Kathy McCollum: will be getting a new hip soon. Get well soon, Kathy!
- Ed Gordon: had a root canal recently, and is feeling fine. Glad you're doing well, Ed!
- **Elections:** Al Rosich talked about the coming elections. If anybody is interested in running for office for the coming term, they would need to nominate or self nominate by a communication to Al.
- TRIVIA: we played several rounds of Maritime Trivia (or is it Nautical Trivia?). That was fun.
- **Senior Member in Attendance:** Marge Bratton reported Birthdays and Anniversary(see report in committee report area earlier in minutes)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by:	Greg Little
	Peter Baillie
Vote:	Passed
Adjourn Meeting Time:	2010 Hrs.

Minutes Respectively Reported by:

William C. Ferry, Substitute Secretary