



06-04 FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES for May 2019

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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER: 19:30 hours on May 8, 2019

14 members, 2 guests

Pledge: Tom Cole; **Invocation:** Dave McCollum

SECRETARY REPORT: FSO-SR Linda Seabold

Excuse acceptance of minutes. Motion: Russ Cromwell. Second: Ed Gordon.
Accepted unanimously.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: FSO-FN Peter Baillie (absent)

- No spending. There will be a meeting within month on formation of budget committee.

DIVISION REPORT (COMMANDER REVIEW): FC Dave McCollum

- Four Flotilla 6-4 members attended D-Train in Dunkirk in March.
- Several members received commendations for their work with our flotilla. Bill Ferry – recognized with the Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation for his outstanding work with the Coast Guard and Boy Scouts. Al Rosich received award for his years service with district awards program.
- Ferry and Jeff Burdick (with support from LoCo Yaks) presented CG Guide to Paddling Safety in Bay Village on March 26. Follow up with event a Backpackers Shop April 30.
- Members met April 9 at Avon Brewing to discuss Sea Scouts upcoming event
- Reminder to take Risk Management Course.
- OBEC course was held April 13. 19 attended and all passed the course. Received interest from one student to join flotilla.
- Safety at Sea program

DIVISION MEETING REPORT: CDCR Jack Benton.

- Administrative needs calendar explained. Reports due on 20th of month. Must have to commander by 25th.
- Change of command at USCG's Ninth District office on June 6. Rear Admiral Donna Cottrell will be taking over as 9th District Commander, replacing Admiral Joanna Nunan. Cottrell is a Wellington native and Ohio University grad. She will be the third consecutive woman to serve as USCG's Ninth District Commander, overseeing all of the Great Lakes. Congratulations!
- Risk management requirements. Deadline passed April 30. Have 15-day pardon Must be done by June 30. Check with McCollum to see if you need to take course.

STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **Communications services:** Tom Cole. Uploaded March minutes and made calendar updates
- **Diversity:** McCollum. Commanders Gatherings at Avon Brewing Company continue to be a good opportunity for fellowship. There was discussion on changing the date so it won't be the day before our flotilla meeting ... possibly the fourth Wednesday of the month. Decision pending.
- **Human Resources:** McCollum. Met with new member prospect
- **Information Services:** Michele E. Rosich. Most updated copy of training management report was passed around. Reminder to turn in hours.
- **Materials:** Robert J Koenig. Ordered posters, state books, reflector kits and VE and paddlecraft safety sheets.

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- **Public Affairs** Greg Little. Went over dates for upcoming flotilla events. (See below in new business or on calendar in flotilla website).
- **Marine Safety:** Jeff Burdick. Reported on previously mentioned paddlecraft seminar in Bay Village; attended event at Backpackers Shop talking paddlecraft safety. Will attend another paddlecraft event there this month.
- **Public Education:** Bill Ferry. Went over events already mentioned in minutes.
- **Operations:** Benton. No report
- **Publications:** Russ Cromwell. Ordered plaque for Flotilla 6-4 room at station; new newsletter in the works.
- **PV:** Cromwell. One visit at Wellington Reservation
- **VE:** Little. Had VE workshop April 27. Info available on line under VE directory on CG Aux website Dates for upcoming VE's – June 1 at Beaver Park North; June 8 at Beaver Park South; June 9 at Copper Kettle Marina; June 22 at Maple Grove. All 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Want to do more? Division 7 has nine coming up in next month. Contact Little for dates if interested.
- **Member Training:** Brooke Fenner. No report
- **Navigation Systems:** Tom Raszka. No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Plans for Chicken Fry at Beaver Creek Boat Club on June 12. Event will be catered. Auxiliarists are free. Guest \$5 each. Check our webpage for details and RSVP. Be thinking of some “chicken-themed” activities. ☺ Desserts needed.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Benton presented information on the “Safety at Sea” program to be held at Station Lorain on July 27. Our flotilla is sponsoring this with help from the rest of the Division. 55 Sea Scouts, male and female, ages 14-21 are expected. There will be seven different activity stations for Scouts to go through. Groups of 8 with a leader with each group will be rotating. Activities (approx. 45 minutes each) will include Live Flair Shoot (bring your expired flares), P6 De-watering Pump Demo, Mustang Survival Suit Use, Marine Radio Use, Kayak Skills Course, Vessel Exam Demo and Rescue Line/Ring Toss. Volunteers are needed for these activities – a leader for each event and at least two helpers. Lunch will be provided so help will also be needed to staff the grill and serve. Get in touch with Benton or Ferry if you can help. This is a great program for the kids. The goal is for them to have fun while learning. So let's come out and come together, show our support and make our flotilla proud! Like Jack said, “This is a big event and we need lots of help.” Volunteer, please. Any ideas for the “Safety at Sea” day please contact Benton.
- If you are planning on helping with the kids in Safety at Sea, you must take the “Youth Protection Test” offered by the Boys Scouts of America. It can be found on the BSA website. It doesn't take a lot of time and is good for two years.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lorain County Metro Parks requested Flotilla 64 participate in Adventurefest on May 18 at Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow). Volunteers needed! Contact Ferry.

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- Participation in Sunset Beach Festival on Aug. 17 at Lakeview Park. Since it is the same date of our August rendezvous there was discussion on changing date so flotilla can participate. What do members think? Will discuss further at Chicken Fry in June and make decision.
- From Greg Little: University Club of Lorain requested a speaker from our flotilla to talk about USCG Auxiliary. No date set, they will advise. Little advised there is a new short video on USCG Aux website entitled "Who We Are" which is interesting and informative.
- McCollum advised on order for T-shirts and sweatshirts from Personal Stitch. There was a discussion on flotilla contributing to the cost for shirts for all active members. McCollum will get info and prices out. Decision pending.
- Cromwell expressed need for shades for meeting room. Decision pending.
- Cromwell discussed upkeep for flotilla trailer ... roof needs repair as it has rust. He was told to get what is needed for fix. ... Advised that retired member Jack Justice is still paying for trailer insurance and he should not have to do that. Though flotilla owns trailer, it is still in his name so it was planned that title should be transferred to flotilla. It was proposed to send \$61 check to Justice for this and past year's insurance expenses. Motion: Cromwell, 2nd: Benton. Passed unanimous. Cromwell will email check and wait for instructions on transferring title.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sunshine:** Marge Bratton. Happy birthday to all May celebrants. Happy anniversary to members Margaret (Tournier/Sarnicki) for March; Marie Shimandle (49 years), Seabold (8) in April and Al Rosich (25), Benton (27) and George Harizal (41) in May.

REMINDERS

- It is mandatory to send text to FC McCollum before you go out on Auxiliary business – things like meetings or VEs. This is for the protection of all involved.
- Visit our website and RSVP for Chicken Fry. Remember to bring dessert if you want to.
- Important: Complete Risk Management course if you haven't already done so.

CLOSING

- Thanks to Jack Benton for refreshments.
- Thanks from Tom Raszka to those who helped with OBEC class in April. "Long day and help was appreciated." Tom proposed that we change venues for this class as Wellington is a very nice place but is a long distance away. Possibly Station Lorain? Will discuss for future
- And thanks from our members to Tom and Russ and all for their work on the OBEC class. It is a long day and a lot of work – both prep and the presentation and the hauling of lots of equipment. You do a wonderful job and we are proud of you. The day earned \$510 for our auxiliary. Thank you!
- Auxiliary facility will be launching in next few weeks. Work being done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Little; 2nd Gordon. Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 21:20 Hrs.

Next meeting: Chicken Fry, June 12, Beaver Creek Boat Club.

Submitted by Linda Seabold



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