**Division 7 Meeting Minutes**

**9 September 2019**

Called to order at 1933 by DCDR Virginia Suda

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance (check whether present)**

DCDR V. Suda Yes IPDCDR R. Baker Yes

VDCDR E. Macintyre Yes

Flt. 7-3 FC D. Soule Yes   VFC C. Bowers Excused

Flt. 7-5 FC E. Scheffner    Excused VFC D. Delgado Yes

Flt. 7-6  FC R.Smith Yes VFC A. Katz       Yes

Flt. 7-16 FC P.Markovic Yes VFC G. A. Sutton Yes

**Visitors:**

None.

**SR** Markovic – Motion made and accepted to approve the August meeting minutes.

**FN** Peltz -– Beginning balance:       $2,726.18

                    Income 0.00

Expenses 0.00

Monthly bank fee 3.00

Closing balance           $2,723.18

It is time for Flotillas to start collecting dues. Flotilla dues should be collected by mid-October.

Here's the dues break down:

National Dues $24 - full year

9ER District   $7.00

Division 7       $4.00

Flotilla             ??

Total               ??

The Division financial report was approved as read.

**CM** Katz – Last week radio station offer for use was approved. Call signs for both VHF and HF are approved for use. Looking for to getting on the HF nets and seeing what's out there. Also, anyone who does get TCO along with any other Ops qualifications (e.g. boat crew, ATON verifier) does get the operation ribbon plus a 3/16” bronze star in that program that is ops. I am hoping to get more people who are on the radio enthusiast side of things involved. It is not as complicated or complex as it is made out to be and can be done. All the information can be found out on the R-Directorate's web site and in the Auxiliary Ops manual in the Telecom Annex.

For HF please know, these are governmental frequencies and the FCC has NO bearing or say in the matter. All that is required is what is known as the "MARS modification" which essentially open your transmitting frequencies for use on the governmental frequencies need to participate. Outside of required frequencies, the inspection part is routine with simply checking groundings and if your radio can tune up to the correct frequencies, other than that, we should be able to help each other get inspected and the licensing process rolling. I know there has been talk about long the processing period takes, and yes it may take a little while for the offers to go through. Unfortunately for me the OTO has just gotten into office, but aside from that, if it's kept after there is no reason it can work for others in the division as well! If you have tried and the process didn't work, and it's been many years, I'll have to see and find out what may have gone wrong with previous offers.

Also note, you don't have to have HF to be a part of the Auxiliary nets, there may be local ones scheduled too. So, if you do have VHF radio, mobile or fixed, that can be sent in as radio offer for use too.

**CS** Cancel – Flotilla web page and websites maintained and are current

**DV** Kish*–* 08/31 to 09/02 Cleveland National Air Show as part of our Diversity and Recruiting commitment. Our participation went well. Active Duty participation included an Air Station Detroit Mh-60, USCG recruiting staff, and personnel and a boat from ANT Buffalo.

**FS** Macintyre – 279 Operational hours served in August. Biweekly support for galley at Station Cleveland Harbor, and monthly morale meal at Station Fairport continue. Baker has begun biweekly augmentation at Station Fairport. Macintyre and Mencke covered 2 days of CS2’s vacation leave on Neah Bay in early September. A 1-day seminar on smokers and slow cookers will be presented at Station Oswego 26 October. All AUXFS welcome. If interested contact Macintyre.

**HR** Velcio – One enrollment packet was submitted for Flotilla 7-16 (S. Furin). There were 16 inquiries generated at the Tall Ships Festival. Eleven people were contacted and provided with information about the Auxiliary. The remainder of the individuals wanted information about boating safety courses, and this was provided.

**IS** Ketchaver - Continued to have systemwide problems with AUXDATA/JAVA while trying to enter missions/hours. All members in areas that require risk management also need to complete the Introduction to Risk Management online before any assignment to duty can be given.

**MA** Kelley – No new order requests were received however safe boating materials were dispersed to marinas and ramps on the weekend of the 17th & 18th and at the Cleveland Air Show over Labor Day weekend.

**MSU** Kelley – We did not conduct any UPV exams in August, however continue to be available for exams. Unlike the recreational boating VSC program, the UPV sticker is good for a year after the inspection date. Please contact Markovic with any referrals.On 05AUG, MSTC Dan Forbis held an introductory meeting for ten Aux personnel at the MSU to discuss training available options.  MST1 Matt Hutchins provided Hazwop training the following day, 06AUG, and Pollution Response training on the 13AUG, 27AUG and 03SEP.  Classroom training was cancelled on 20AUG due to an incident response, but several Aux personnel accompanied MSU staff in the field. Ed Mencke, Scott Foschke and myself visited marinas and boat ramps in our AOR on 17AUG (Mencke and Foschke) and on 18AUG (Foschke and Kelley) for the Admiral's "Boat Safe, Boat Sober, Boat Smart Surge Operation". On 02SEP, Scott Foschke accompanied MST1 Hutchins on two response calls after the air show.

Training will continue for two more Tuesdays (SEP10 and 17SEP) and then transition to an individual learning format and field training.

**MT** Smith -

7-3:

No report.

7-5:

4 members requalified for crew. August Flt. mtg. Topic:  Cleveland EMS and How to Coordinate On the Water Emergencies with Them

7-6:

1) Aron Katz and Gary Dunn are training for Watchstander at Station Fairport with the duty crew.

2) Coastie Training contact FC Smith if you want this training.

3) If you are working on the Instructor PQS contact Ron Baker about doing training sessions for credit toward your Instructor PQS.

4) Boat crew training Baker and Smith working on their PQS. Dunn has expressed an interest to start boat crew training.

5) AHA classes are being scheduled by instructor Ron Baker for USCG and Auxiliary crew members as needed.

6) Ron Baker training with CS2 Gilkerson to assist in the galley when needed.

7-16:

June Ryan reviewed the proper wearing of covers at the August flotilla meeting, Macintyre and Mencke are training on the Neah Bay, Markovic, Mencke, and Velcio are attending weekly training at MSU Cleveland, Markovic attended AMLOCtraining in Michigan, and Sutton and Macintyre will be attending smoker and slow cooker conference at Station Oswego in October.

D-TRAIN will be September 13 thru September 15 in Dunkirk, NY. Uniforms are flexible; however, they must be complete and in good repair.

DCR Suda will forward training management spreadsheets to each Flotilla. Each FC, VFC, and MT should review these reports and follow-up with members as needed, particularly the Core Courses.

**NS** Baker – Division 9ER-07 ATON Verifiers (AVs), are currently inspecting PATONs both on and off the water. Several discrepancies have been noted ANT Buffalo was informed along with the local Coast Guard of any discrepancies. Paul Montgomery has been officially certified ATON Verifier (PQS).

**OPS AIR** Jones -- 4 missions flown, 12.5 flight hours.

**OPS Surface** Smith - Facility from 07-16 participated in all 3 days of airshow. 6 crew and 1 coxswain were requalified. Flotilla 07-6 will review providing a facility for events such as the 2020 Cleveland Air Show.

**PA** Whited-

31 Aug- 02 September 2019 Cleveland Air Show

13-15 September 2019 D Train, Dunkirk, NY

14-16 Sept 2019 The Cleveland North Coast Harbor Boat Show

16 Sept 2019 Legion Act, as of this date, anyone who served in the military during the period of 7 December 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress, will be eligible to join the American Legion.

18 Sept 2019 Boating Skills & Seamanship, Sailing, and Coastal Navigation classes will begin at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood, Ohio and will run through 20 Nov 2019. Note: Coastal Navigation will end on 13 November.

**PB** Killian – No Report

**PE** Hottois– There has been no new PE activity in Division 7.  Flotilla 7-5 has Fall 2019 BS&S, Sailing, and Coastal Navigation classes starting at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood beginning Wednesday 18 September and running through Wednesday 20 November (note: Coastal Navigation will end 13 November).  Class time 1900-2130 each week.

**PV** Pizon -15 more Marine Visits were made for the Month of August including marinas, boat rental establishments, bait shops, paddle craft rentals, and retail sporting goods stores.

**VE** Berwald- The boating season is winding down. Please turn in your 7038 **-** Activity Report - Recreational Vessel Examinations forms as soon as possible so that the Auxiliary and yourselves receive credit. To date, 361 VSCs have been entered into AuxInfo:

07-03: 152

07-05: 21

07-06: 7

07-16: 181.

If you believe these figures are incorrect for your Flotilla, please confirm that all forms have been submitted and entered.

**Station Cleveland Harbor Liaison**- facilities requested for Saturday through Monday of Labor Day Weekend Air Show, all days covered by North Sea. No other requests. LCDR Elliott will be advancing to CDR.

**Committee:**   
Boat Show January 16-20, 2020Lead Virginia Suda, Committee Members: Ron Baker

Recruitment- Lead Carol Velcio, Committee Members:

WEAR IT (Decal & Paint Crew 2019) – Lead Ed Scheffner, Committee Members:

MSU Committee – Lead Kevin Kelley, Committee Members: Paul Markovic

Paddle Sport Committee – Acting Lead Paul Markovic, Committee Members:

Division 7 Change of Watch 2019 – Lead Virginia Suda, Committee Members: Baker, Betsy Macintyre

**AWARDS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Change of Watch Saturday, 23 November. Revised menu choices were discussed and approved. Pricing will be determined and announced at a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Division elections will be on Monday, 07 October. Ron Baker will head the nominating committee, with Roger Kish assisting. Please send your notice of intention to run for DCR or VDCR to both Baker and Kish. If nominating from the floor, the nominator must ensure the nominee is qualified to run for the office and is present at the meeting.

Preparedness Month - David Delgado briefed the attendees on the recent DHS readiness announcement. For further information visit ready.gov.

Meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Next meeting will be on Monday, 07 October at 1930 at Station Cleveland Harbor MSU Training room.

**2019 Calendar of Events**

**07 Division meeting:** First Monday of month at 1930 Station Cleveland Harbor

**07-03 Flotilla meeting:** Second Wednesday of month at 1900 Station Cleveland Harbor

**07-05 Flotilla meeting:** Second Tuesday of month at 1930 Station Cleveland Harbor

**07-06 Flotilla meeting:** Second Saturday of month at 1000 Station Fairport Harbor

**07-16 Flotilla meeting:** Second Wednesday of month at 1900 at TBD

27 July 2019: Sea Scout Safety Day at Station Lorain with Division 6 from 0800-1700

31 August - 02 September 2019: Cleveland Air Show

12-15 September 2019: Fall DTRAIN

23 November 2019: Division Change of Watch at Georgetown Vosh in Lakewood