

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
WHITTIER FLOTILLA 170-02-04**

Zoom + In person at Shepherd of the Hills 11600 Elmore Rd., Anchorage

MEETING MINUTES FROM April 13, 2022

Call to Order: FC Mark Parmelee called the meeting to order at 17:49.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by FC Mark Parmelee

Members Present:

Dave Bronfman	Dave Brubaker	Jim Chase	Rae DeLey
Jason Fink	Roger Holland	Jennifer Holmes	Russ Lyday
Katie Parmelee	Mark Parmelee	Scott Parmelee	Roy Stoddard
Terry Stoddard	Fred Voss	Skip Widtfeldt	Sue Whitney

Quorum met: 16 members present.

Guests: Marion Parrish DCOS (District 17 Chief of Staff) and Charla Hughes of Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation

Changes or additions to the agenda: None offered

Awards and Recognition:

- Jim Chase presented the Whittier Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year Award to Katie Parmelee for her productivity in 2021.
- May 9th will be our awards ceremony with Chief Emmons and Christy Newell. This will begin at 6 pm in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Hanger, 1910 E. 5th Avenue.

Guest Speaker:

- Charla Hughes, Program Director of Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation. *Purpose to maintain and enhance the wilderness character of western Prince William Sound.*
- Highlighted projects include beach clean ups, testing mussels for PSP poison, campsite and trail restoration, and invasive species mitigation.
- May 14th there is a Head of the Bay beach clean-up.
- Check out the various activities planned for this summer at <http://www.princewilliamsound.org> including a Natural History Symposium on May 23rd in Whittier at the Public Safety Building and streaming from 9 am – 5:30 pm.

- Join them on Facebook and sign up for activities, Prince William Sound Facebook Forum. You are also welcome, with coordination, to join them with your own boat for their volunteer projects. Membership begins at \$25.
- Email questions to Charla at info@princewilliamsound.org

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

- See attached written reports presented by Jason.
 - The Whittier Flotilla Website is now available for members to look at <http://www.a1700204.wow.uscgaux.info>. If you wish to take a look, our unit is 170-02-04. Thanks Scott and Jason for moving this project along.
- Marion Parrish reported that Marine Safety training will be held April 19-20th in Seward.
- Roger Holland requests that newsletter material be sent to him soon, he is actively working on getting out the first newsletter of the year.
- Discussion followed on what to do with money found in the Caboose.

Approval of Putting Money Found in Caboose into the Flotilla General Account

- *Fred moved to put the money in the bank account*
- *Seconded by Roy*
- *Motion passed*

Division/District Reports: None offered

Bulletin Board:

- **April 23 VE (Vessel Examiner) Workshop** will be held at Roundabout Books from 10-noon. Afterwards participants are welcome to join for lunch at The Main Event next door.
- **April 30th VE Event** at West Marine 11am - 3pm, please let Russ know if you will be attending.
- **Early May Caboose deck staining**
- **May 11th Whittier Flotilla meeting** via Zoom and in person at the CAP hanger.
- **May (date unknown) Mini BS&S class** for Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire
- **May 21st Whittier Clean-up** Event planned during the VE day and Caboose opening. VE's come as early as you want, for harbor clean-up take the 11:30 tunnel or earlier and if you are only coming to eat take the 12:30 tunnel.

Regular Business:

- Financial Report: Terry discussed finance activity for March.
- Meeting Minutes: Katie presented the draft March meeting minutes.

Approval of Financial Report and Minutes from March 9th:

- *Russ moved to approve the March Financial Rpt & Meeting minutes*
- *Seconded by Roy*
- *Motion passed*

New Business:

- **Caboose Meeting Report:** Dave Brubaker and Mark attended a meeting in Whittier to discuss extension of the Caboose agreement. Dave reported the history of the Caboose starting with it being built in 1949. The Caboose was given to Whittier in 1990 who then allowed the Auxiliary to use it beginning in 2000. The most recent lease was 2014-2019 and the extension we are pursuing is up through 2024.
- **Caboose Watchstander Opportunity:** We will have a sign up for members to open the Caboose. It is important that we maintain and utilize the caboose this summer to show why the Auxiliary needs to continue to lease the caboose.

Meeting adjourned at 19:04 hours.