

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
WHITTIER FLOTILLA 170-02-04**
In person at Robert B. Atwood Building 550
W. 7th Ave. Anchorage and via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES FROM August 10, 2022

Call to Order: FC Mark Parmelee called the meeting to order at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by FC Mark Parmelee

Members Present:

Dave Bronfman	Dave Brubaker	Jim Chase	Yvonne Chase
Rae DeLay	Jason Fink	Tony Hillegeist	John Larsen
Katie Parmelee	Mark Parmelee	Scott Parmelee	Bill Reiter
Roy Stoddard	Terry Stoddard	Fred Voss	Sue Whitney
Skip Widtfeldt			

Quorum met: 17 Members present.

Guests: Lynn Kent, Arlene Ramsaur is in the process of applying to become a member, Annie Grenier – Education Coordinator for the Alaska Boating Safety Office, Steven Pulcino - he is interested in helping with boating safety, he had relatives who died in a boating accident in Homer.

Changes or additions to the agenda: None

Guest Speaker: Annie Grenier spoke about the future of Mandated Boating Education in Alaska and the different options for starting the education process. She covered the statistics of the 580 non-commercial boating fatalities in 1990-2020; 90% were adult males and 90% were in small open boats and paddle craft all the fatalities were equally divided between fresh and salt water. Alaska 529 is sponsoring many of the new Kids Don't Float Lifejackets. The Alaska Boating Safety office is actively working to educate boaters through 3 hour paddle craft classes in a pool and Alaska Water Wise over Zoom. She finds that people prefer taking the zoom classes over a couple of nights containing polls and pop quiz questions throughout the class. This year for the 4th of July weekend they created a "Save it for the Shore" campaign which included 12 breweries and stickers. The Alaska Boating Safety Office is looking for volunteers to host life jacket loaner boards, guest speakers for adult groups and children's boating safety activities; contact Annie for more details on how you can help promote boating safety education.

Awards and Recognition: Mark presented ribbons for the Homeland Security Outstanding Unit Award to all members present.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports: Jason presented the reports which are attached.

FSO – PE: John Reported BS&S begins on Sept. 20th at the BP Energy Center.

FSO-Fellowship: Fred Voss has offered the meeting room at Our Sheppard of the Hills for our holiday party on Dec. 10th. All members present agreed that this generous offer will be our best location. There is still the option of a potluck

or a food truck for the dinner.

FSO- FN: Dues of \$50 are due by September 30th. Please send them to Terry Stoddard.

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Financial Report:

- a. Roy Stoddard moves to approve the June Meeting Minutes and the August Financial Report.
- b. Seconded by Dave Brubaker
- c. Motion passed

Bulletin Board:

1. Dave Brubaker completed 3 year QE check rides for the 7 members who did not get their exam during Covid restrictions.
2. Knot tying for Migration Students Hunter safety class by John, Rae, Mark and Katie.
3. The operations members completed 2 communications exercises with the Civil Air Patrol. Thanks to the extra effort by Skip to liaise between the two organizations and to Jason for leading the telecommunications during the exercise.
4. Coastie operations at the Air Show by Rae brought in several potential new members and discussed boat safety with children.
5. Fellowship party occurred on July 20 to say goodbye to Jennifer and Happy Birthday to Bill.
6. John conducted a boating safety class for the Police, Fire and Rescue team at Anchorage International Airport that was well received. The 1-10-1 rule was new to them.
7. Caboose Paint and decal are approved by Chief Emmons. We will use two- part paint since it works better in a wet environment. The color of the stripes will be discussed with the Chief and Dave.
8. Chief Emmons came to Whittier for Operations training July 30-31.

New Business:

1. Caboose committee of Bill, John, Mark and Jim H. will work with the City of Whittier to extend the lease beyond 2024 so it will not be an ordeal for the future flotilla commander.
2. Jim Chase reported that the CG AUX has sent an email looking for interested volunteers to support the Southwest Board operations.
3. Fellowship to follow meeting will be at Applebee's

Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.