

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
**WHITTIER FLOTILLA 170-02-04**  
In person at BP Energy Center and via Zoom

**MEETING MINUTES FROM February 9, 2023**

**Call to Order:** FC Jason Fink called the meeting to order at 1730.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by FC Jason Fink

**Members Present:**

Dave Brubaker	Tommie Brubaker	Jason Fink	John Larsen
Jared Nelson	Katie Parmelee	Mark Parmelee	Scott Parmelee
Roy Stoddard	Terry Stoddard	Frank Veith	Skip Widtfeldt
Chet Williams			

**Quorum met:** 13 members present.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** UPV training and Caboose Options added to the agenda

**Awards and Recognition:**

- Skip received his 25 years of dedicated service award
- John received 6<sup>th</sup> sustained service award for superior performance of duty
- Chet received 4<sup>th</sup> sustained service award for superior performance of duty

**Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:**

See attached written reports compiled by Jason.

Caboose: Jared will meet with Don Bolton of NOAA to discuss putting weather transmitter equipment in the Caboose. NOAA has offered to determine why there is feedback on our radio for weather channel with an SWR antenna.

Public Education: John reported there are 30 interested students for the BS&S class will begin on Wednesday Feb. 22 in person at the BP Energy Center 5 pm. It will run through April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Financial Report: Terry discussed finance activity for January.

**Approval of Financial Report:**

- Mark moved to approve the Jan. Financial Report

- *Seconded by Jared.*
- *Motion passed*

Meeting Minutes: Katie presented the draft January meeting minutes with the proposed amendment to update the flotilla web page link.

Approval of Minutes:

- *Roy moved to approve the Jan. Meeting minutes with the amendment*
- *Seconded by Jared.*
- *Motion passed*

**Bulletin Board:**

- Sector Anchorage has training programs options that are open to Auxiliarists
  - TSA security assistance to work with the active duty at airport security checkpoints.
  - May 2-5 SAR search training in Sector Anchorage
  - Wood working opportunity to make plaques for Sector Anchorage
  - Pollution Responder on line class opportunity. Coast Guard requests to have a trained Auxiliarist in the Whittier Flotilla.
- Fred Voss is the Chaplain onboard the Munroe as it returns from deployment trip from Kodiak to Alameda, CA in March.
- Request for more UPV people in the flotilla.
- Core Training is needed by several members, contact Rae to determine if you want to know your training status.

**New Business:**

D-train Training: Feb. 17-19, you are encouraged to attend any of the excellent classes on Saturday and Sunday. If you have not pre-registered you are welcome to register in person. Division 2 will pay for daily parking fees at the Sheraton if you submit request with your receipt. Your registration for the D-train is reimbursable from the Whittier Flotilla if you submit your receipt to Terry. Meal charges are not reimbursable.

Boat Show: Feb 17-19 at the same time as D-train. There is a need for volunteers for Saturday.

Caboose Additions: Proposal by Mark to add utility of the caboose through

1. A way-finding pole with arrows. This was well received and will be planned by John and Katie.
2. Laminated map or in Plexiglas frame. Mark will contact Joan to discuss this option. Jared suggested putting it vertically on the side of deck by the sidewalk.

3. Open sign, Jared suggested an LED sign and he will measure window to figure out what sign will fit. Jason suggested a banner put on the deck. Terry suggested a wooden sign attached to the deck. John suggested welcome anytime to the deck and change to welcome into the caboose. Mark suggested a photo opportunity sign like DOT has with a camera to attract people onto the deck.

NOAA: Propose to invite NOAA to a meeting to discuss their plans for utilizing the caboose. Jared will forward the existing notes on to Don Bolton. Jason will invite Don to our March meeting.

AUXDATA II Issues: Roy shared that a good platform for running AuxData II from is Foxfire. Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer are not good platforms for this application. Some anti-virus programs interfere with AuxData II.

**Meeting adjourned at 1830 hours.**

**Fellowship after the meeting is at Outback.**