

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

**MEETING MINUTES FROM May 11, 2022**

**Call to Order:** FC Mark Parmelee called the meeting to order at 17:30.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by FC Mark Parmelee

**Members Present:**

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| Dave Brubaker | Jim Chase      | Yvonne Chase    | Rae DeLey      |
| Jason Fink    | Roger Holland  | Jennifer Holmes | John Larsen    |
| Russ Lyday    | Katie Parmelee | Mark Parmelee   | Scott Parmelee |
| Roy Stoddard  | Terry Stoddard | Fred Voss       | Skip Widtfeldt |

**Quorum met:** 16 members present.

**Guests:** Hig (Bretwood Higman)

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** None offered

**Guest Speaker:**

- Brentwood Higman, Geologist from Seldovia specializing in Tsunami Research
- He discussed hazards in Barry Arm and noted that there are 5 worrisome sites there. As the glacier retreats the side slopes become unstable and cause landslides. In this case a landslide would fall into the water and cause a tsunami. There are 2 models of a tsunami in Barry Arm which give very different results.
- Mount Maynard that the Anton Anderson tunnel goes through has a landslide potential area as well.
- Hig's advice for boaters is to go out into deep open water and beware of reflected waves. Stay away from heads of bays and narrow channels.
- Report to Hig any landslides you observe, noise from a landslide or water level changes. These may be due to small tsunamis and a precursor to a much bigger one.
- For questions or comments contact Hig at [hig314@gmail.com](mailto:hig314@gmail.com)

**Awards and Recognition:**

- None to present, all recent awards were presented at May 9<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony.

**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.

**Division/District Reports:** N-train August conference is being planned.

**Bulletin Board:**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> awards ceremony occurred at the CAP hanger. The new DIRAUX Chris Schleck, Chief Emmons and Christy Newell attended from Juneau. Sector Anchorage Commander Captain Leanne Lusk and Ensign Adrian Arcia were also able to attend.
- **A SAREX is being** planned in conjunction with the CAP on July 23rd. The plan is to use Sector Anchorage and CAP command centers to communicate with the boats and airplanes.
- **May (date unknown) Mini BS&S class** for Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 will discuss April and May expenses at the June meeting.
- Meeting Minutes: Katie presented the draft April meeting minutes.

*Approval of Minutes from April 13th:*

- *Roy moved to approve the April Meeting minutes*
- *Seconded by Terry*
- *Motion passed*

**New Business:**

- **Honor Flight Welcome:** Jennifer is contacting the Honor Flight Program to find out how the Whittier Flotilla can participate in October by going in uniform and welcoming the Honored Military members as they return to Alaska.
- **Caboose Meeting Report:** The Whittier City Council will take up the issue of extending the contract with the Coast Guard Aux. on the Caboose at their May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mark and Jared have prepared a history of the effort that the flotilla has done to upgrade the caboose to its current condition.
- **Caboose Flag Pole:** Dave Brubaker has installed a new line to allow the flag to be raised.
- **Caboose Deck:** John, Dave, Mark and Katie worked on staining the deck and railing.

- **Caboose Watchstander Opportunity:** Sign-up for your day at the Caboose by emailing [Mark](#). If you work the caboose you will get a free tunnel ticket and free parking.
- **Ops workshop:** Mark will give the 2022 workshop on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is required for all current and trainees in the Boat Crew and Coxswain programs. An additional date will be set for a second workshop for those that cannot attend the May 12<sup>th</sup> one.
- **District 17 Historian:** The position is available. Please contact Mark if you are interested in taking on this position.

**June Flotilla Meeting:** The meeting will be held at Ravn Meeting Room thanks to Jennifer. It is located on Old International Airport Rd. just outside of the Airport.

**Meeting adjourned at 18:38 hours.**