

**Auxiliary Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2016**

Present: Bob Bagdasarian, Donna Bagdasarian, Doreen Barlow, David Butziger, Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Karen Caron, Normand Caron, Elizabeth Davis, Gary Davis, Charles Jenison, Mike Quinn, Cynthia Robert, Derek Robert, Jim Robert, Davie Siesel, Robert Van Herpe

Guests: Bob Resinger

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the Flotilla Commander.

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Resolution / Next Steps** |
| **Remembrances** | None |  |
| **National/District Information** | Discussion: The Call Out Lists were explained for the benefit of the new members (Operational and Accountability). There is a question regarding opting out of the "All Call" list. The Call Out list is reviewed one time per year to account for Flotilla members. The Operational list looks for members who can respond within four hours. Karen thanked all who have already responded.  Discussion: Mandated training for new members was initially understood to be completed by the end of the first year according to the base enrollment date. The National Directorate changed the mandates for training and no one will receive upgrades until mandated training is complete. Karen will be asking for clarification at the next Division meeting.  Discussion: PSCs are being fast tracked with 50 being cleared per day. There is a backlog of 3000. Two of three contractors were fired so Auxiliarists are being trained to do the clearances. The goal is to complete the six month process in 90 days.  Discussion: Diversity is a hot topic on the National level and Don Anderson will fill the DO position in the Flotilla. | Members will be asked to respond to Operational/Accountability Call Outs.  All who have not completed mandated training are to do so quickly.  None  None |
| **Division/Information** | Discussion: Safe Boating Week kicks off at the Castle Hill Station on May 21. The Flotilla's VE day is May 21 as well.  Discussion: Ida Lewis, the mascot at Castle Hill passed. The fee for her vet bills of $1800 is short $700. Anyone looking to donate to assist with the remaining expense can contact Karen for information.  Awards:  1st District North Special Awards/Plaques  2015 Public Affairs – Individual with the Most Public Affairs Hours in 1st District North – Roz Butziger – 1st Place  2015 Public Affairs – Flotilla with the Most Public Affairs Hours in 1st District North – Roz Butziger, Flotilla Commander – 1st Place  2015 Public Education and Member Training Award – Most Public Education Instructor Hours – Nick Butziger – 2nd Place  2015 Uninspected Passenger Vessel – Examiner with the Most Hours in 1st District North – Nick Butziger – 1st Place  2015 Vessel Safety Check Award – Examiner Conducting the Most Vessel Safety Checks in 1st District North – Derek Robert, 2nd Place  2015 Vessel Safety Check Award – Flotilla Conducting the Most Vessel Safety Checks in 1st District North – Roz Butziger, Flotilla Commander, 1st Place  Additional Awards/Achievements  Nick Butziger  Membership Service Award (45 years) Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours PE Instruction)  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours Public Affairs)  Roz Butziger  Membership Service Award (45 years)  Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (7th)  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours PE Instruction )  Karen Caron  Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (2nd)  Qualified Instructor  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours PE Instruction)  Normand Caron  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours PE Instruction)  Gary Davis  Annual Service Performance Award (Public Education)  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours PE Instruction )  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours Boat Crew)  Charles Jenison  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours Boat Crew)  Mike Quinn  Annual Service Performance Award (Operations Underway Hrs)  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours Coxswain)  Certificate of Accomplishment (50 or more hours Operational Support)  Jim Robert  Qualified Instructor  Derek Robert  2014 Century Club Award (100 or more Vessel Exams/Program Visits)  David Siesel  Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (4th)  2014 Century Club Award (100 or more Vessel Exams/Program Visits)  Annual Service Performance Award (Vessel Exam/Program Visitor) | Volunteers needed. |
| **Secretary Report**  **Donna Bagdasarian FSO-SR** | The minutes of the March Flotilla Meeting were approved. There was no meeting in April. | None |
| **Treasurer Report**  **Normand Caron FSO-FN** | The Treasurer’s March report was submitted and approved.  There was no meeting in April. | None |
|  | **Vice Flotilla Commander /Staff Reports** |  |
| **HR – Human Resources**  **Mary Quinn FSO-HR**  **Debra Anderson AFSO-HR** | Mary submitted a written report. There are 55 members in the Flotilla. Doreen Barlow is a new member. Bob Resinger attended tonight's meeting as a guest. He is taking the power class and is interested in joining the Flotilla.  Rick Booth had back surgery and is doing well. A get well basket will be sent to him tomorrow.  Bill Anderson also had surgery. He is doing well.  Molly was injured in a fall on a boat.  Flotilla members' birthdays this month: David Butziger, Elizabeth, Ellen, Steve, Mike. Happy anniversary to Glenn and Meg (30 years). | None |
| **PE – Public Education**  **Roz Butziger FSO-PE, IPFC** | Roz discussed the three courses (Navigation, Sail, and Basic Seamanship/Safety). The final exam is scheduled for Monday 5/16/16. She could use help grading exams and encouraged members to volunteer to help.  Graduation is Thursday 5/19/16. Gary will speak at graduation.  New classes begin in June on Mondays and Thursdays. Much help is need. |  |
| **PA – Public Affairs**  **Glenn Rosera FSO-PA**  **Tim O’Brien AFSO-PA** | Karen reported that advertising for PE is on Craig's List, Valley Breeze, ProJo website, Warwick Beacon and at Brewers Ship Store. Some flyers will be distributed to West Marine, Benny's and Salks. Mike and Nick stated the social media push in the winter brought problems that need to be addressed before it is done again. | Should have a discussion when Tim can attend a meeting before social media is considered for the next PE advertising. |
| **PV – Program Visitor**  **Maureen Van Herpe FSO-PV** | Visits are ongoing. | None |
| **VE – Vessel Examination**  **Derek Robert FSO-VE** | Derek has forms and stickers for the May 21 VE day. Handbooks and oil cards will be available. There will be 60 minute training at 9:00 am. At 10:00 am, members will disperse to various marinas for VE depending on attendance. Derek stated that the State inspectors do not have Oil or MARPOL stickers. Bob Van Herpe has extras that he can supply.  June 25 is Take a Kid Fishing day so the Flotilla will do a mini VE that day with an additional day on Sunday to see if Sundays are better for VE.  An event at Colt State Park in Bristol will also need Auxiliarists on June 25th. | Need Volunteers |
| **OPS – Operations.**  **Charles Jenison FSO-OP** | The air show is June 10 - 12 (practice on Friday). Boats are needed for this event. Prior to patrol, PFDs need to be inspected, all need mirrors, lights (check batteries) and whistle. Karen submitted a list for life jackets for members who do not have them. Beacons need to be registered with NOAA under USCG. The division has 44 beacons. It is unknown how these will be distributed.  The Save the Bay swim event is August 13.  Boat racing event in Fall River is August 27 -28 |  |
| **Social Committee**  **Tim O’Brien – Chair**  **Charles Jenison**  **Glenn Rosera**  **Maureen Van Herpe** | Discussion on moving up the Steak Fry from September. |  |
| **MS – Marine Safety**  **Gary Davis FSO-MS** | Gary gave the Good Mate presentation. He suggested viewing some of the green boating websites. |  |
| **Navigation Systems**  **Mike Quinn FSO-NS** | Mike starts his patrols on Wednesday May 18. There are 15 bridges and 190 private aids to navigation to inspect this year. Anyone can report a discrepancy. Members can use Open CPN and the Handheld Garmin units. Mike will offer training.  Web Ex training has concluded. Members can download and watch the sessions on the Navigation website. | None |
| **Info Services**  **/Computer Services**  **Mike Quinn FSO-CS, FSO-IS** | Member training reports are being circulated. Check your report and make sure it is correct. Send any errors to Mike.  Mandatory training needs to be completed. On report, green = good, red = bad, black - just do it! | Report your hours! |
| **Materials**  **Mike Quinn FSO-MA** | All requested items have been ordered. Karen and Norm will pick up a supply of RI regs at DEM in Providence. | None |
| **MT Membership Training**  **Nick Butziger FSO-MT** | There will be member training for the ICS courses in the evening in July. Trainings need to be complete by December 31. |  |
| **CM Communications**  **Nick Butziger FSO-CM** | Nick stated that there is no movement on the radio antenna/repeater. It may be put up on the HQ clean up night. | None |
| **Old Business** | The sign for the Flotilla building was mentioned. Mike is going to get some quotes for the members to consider. |  |
| **New Business** | Discussion: The Auxiliary is looking to recruit younger members. There was discussion about reducing the flotilla membership dues from Cindy Robert and discussion that the cost of uniforms may be prohibitive. |  |
| **Good of the Auxiliary** | none |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting is July 21st.

Respectfully submitted; Donna Bagdasarian