



Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2016

Present: Bill Anderson, Debra Anderson, Bob Bagdasarian, Donna Bagdasarian, Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Karen Caron, Normand Caron, Gary Davis, Tim O'Brien, Mike Quinn, Ken Shallcross, Robert Van Herpe

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the Flotilla Commander. The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence was led by Roz Butziger the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander in the Vice Commander's absence.

Topic	Discussion	Resolution / Next Steps
Remembrances	None	
National/District Information		
Division/Information	<p>Discussion: Karen discussed the upcoming Dtrain conference. The 1st District is charging a \$25.00 registration fee for attendees and speakers. Because of the fee, registration is low. There are only four registrants from Northern Division. It was noted that the 1st District Northern has a \$300,000 budget and it has been argued that this conference should be part of dues. Some instructors will be reimbursed if they have orders to teach. The conference in 2017 will be held at the Newport Hyatt.</p> <p>The proposed new uniform is not going to be recommended by the division as a positive item. Most are against it because it will only be used for VEs and program visits in Division 7. Shorts continue to be disallowed.</p> <p>Don't forget about the AUXFIT challenge between District 1 Northern and District 1 Southern. The challenge takes place from January 11 – March 25, 2016.</p> <p>Awards: None</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Send your total weight loss in March 23rd – 25th.</p>
Secretary Report Donna Bagdasarian FSO-SR	The minutes of the February Flotilla Meeting were approved.	None
Treasurer Report Normand Caron FSO-FN	The Treasurer's February report was submitted and approved.	None
Vice Flotilla Commander /Staff Reports		
HR – Human Resources Mary Quinn FSO-HR Debra Anderson AFSO-HR	<p>Mary reported the Flotilla has 54 members. One potential new member was forward to us but he lives on Staten Island NY. Mary called him and forwarded his info to the proper division, but he has not heard from them.</p> <p>Members celebrating Birthdays this month are: Marie Bailey, Joe St. Jean and Bob Van Herpe.</p>	None

	Please continue thoughts and prayers for Joe St. Jean's wife Janet who continues to recover from a stroke and heart surgery.	
PE – Public Education Roz Butziger FSO-PE, IPFC	PE: Roz distributed the agenda for the Public Education Classes that will be held at Toll Gate High School in Building B this year, a change from prior years. Mike showed the building and parking lot using Google Earth. Members are instructed to park by the loading dock and use the janitor's entrance. Roz would like instructors and helpers to arrive by 6:45 pm the first night. Donna placed flyers at West Marine in Seekonk, MA. Some registrants have stated that the agenda for our ACN training is the best advertised.	Come any night to help with classes.
PA – Public Affairs Glenn Rosera FSO-PA Tim O'Brien AFSO-PA	Tim updated the group and stated that he spent approximately \$63.00 on Facebook advertisements to promote the PE / Safe Boating courses. He stated that there were 8500 postings of free ads and 15,000 paid ads. There were 120 visits to the North Star Flotilla web page with 100 "likes" and 21 "shares". There are a few followers on Twitter. Tim will use pictures of classes on the Flotilla website in his social media advertising. He also suggested starting an Instagram account for the Flotilla as this is how the "younger" folks communicate. Karen stated that Adam at Brewer was only allowed to post the courses on social media but not allowed to email the Brewer members.	Tim to do a Facebook weekend campaign for PE for about \$20.00
PV – Program Visitor Maureen Van Herpe FSO-PV	No Report	None
VE – Vessel Examination Derek Robert FSO-VE	Training for new VE's will be held on Saturday, March 12 th at 9:00 am.	None
OPS – Operations. Charles Jenison FSO-OP	Auxiliary Day will be held on July 9 at the Castle Hill Station. It is an opportunity to toss lines, practice man overboard, and participate in fire safety, etc. Anyone may attend. The Division is looking for suggestions to make the day even better.	Send any suggestions to Arnie Geller
Social Committee Tim O'Brien – Chair Charles Jenison Glenn Rosera Maureen Van Herpe	The Newport Playhouse was attended by 12 members and guests. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Mike stated that are musicals at the Ocean State Theater in Warwick. "Anything Goes" is playing in April and May.	Mike will forward the information to Tim.
MS – Marine Safety Gary Davis FSO-MS	Gary Davis gave a presentation about Marine Safety. He suggested that members take the Good Mate course that can be found on the National testing center.	Gary will follow up at May's meeting right before VE season starts.

<p>Navigation Systems Mike Quinn FSO-NS</p>	<p>Monday evening WEBEX training continues every other Monday. The March 27th session will be on OpenCPN. The sessions are recorded and placed on the Nav. Website.</p> <p>There are 230 Patons and bridges to be checked this year. Anyone can report a discrepancy.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Info Services /Computer Services Mike Quinn FSO-CS, FSO-IS</p>	<p>All of the hours submitted to Mike have been input in the system. New I/S reports have been run. Check your status and make sure your courses/certifications have been recorded.</p>	<p>Report your hours!</p>
<p>Materials Mike Quinn FSO-MA</p>	<p>Mike will send Tim a list of items that can be ordered for the kids such as Coloring Books that he can give out if he does any PA.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>MT Membership Training Nick Butziger FSO-MT</p>	<p>Nick had members tied up in knots in a refresher to help with the PE classes.</p> <p>Saturday, February 27th 6 members came down to headquarters for help taking the two FEMA mandatory training classes. Nick did a presentation on the ICS before members did the online test individually. It was very successful.</p> <p>Mike stated that the Flotilla will earn an award if we get a 90% completion rate for mandatory training.</p> <p>Tim will see if he can have someone volunteer to give a CPR course and also look into First Aid and First Responder training.</p>	<p>Come and help with knots at the PE class.</p>
<p>CM Communications Nick Butziger FSO-CM</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Good of the Auxiliary</p>	<p>Tim discussed his Valentines for Vets project where he went to South County elementary schools to talk about veterans. The kids made 500 homemade cards to be delivered to Vets. Tim wore his uniform, picked up the cards and delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Providence. The VNA also delivered some of the cards to Vets.</p> <p>Bob Van Herpe mentioned he net someone who had taken our Boating Safety Class who was on the water and had an incident. He knew what to do because he had taken the class.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm. There will be no meeting ns April. The next meeting is May 19th.

Respectfully submitted; Donna Bagdasarian