

**Auxiliary Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 2017**

Present: Donna Barre, Dave Butziger, Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Karen Caron, Normand Caron, Scott Gardner, Dennis Gallagher, Charles Jenison, Bob Misenor, Steve O'Rourke, Mary Quinn, Mike Quinn, David Siesel

Guests: Scott Baer, Shannon Cook, Kyle Dickson, Michael Imborneone, John Merrill, Bob Pardi, Dave Ruddy

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Flotilla Commander with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for departed members.

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Resolution / Next Steps** |
| **Remembrances** | Please remember Bob Resinger and Bill Anderson who was in a bad accident in your thoughts. |  |
| **National/District Information** | There was no quorum at the monthly Division meeting.  SSNE is leading the District in Paddle craft Inspections and we are leading the Division. We are being asked to do freshwater inspections at Johnson’s Pond etc. by the DEM. A list of the most frequented areas was requested and has not been received.  Gary Gordon ADSO-IM SSNE is working on the Auxiliary Engagement Plan regarding support to the Stations including ANT-Bristol. What does the flotilla do, could we do more, and do we have enough trained members. If not what training could be provided by the District. David Butziger and Charles Jenison will be the contacts for our Flotilla.  There is an Open House at Joint Base Cape Cod on September 23rd and 24th. The Sector is requesting assistance for this event and more information will follow. |  |
| **Division/Information** | Awards/Recognitions *- None* |  |
| **Secretary Report**  **Donna Bagdasarian FSO-SR** | The minutes of the July Flotilla Meetings were approved. | None |
| **Treasurer Report**  **Normand Caron FSO-FN** | The Treasurer’s July reports were submitted and approved.  Reminder that 2018 dues notices are due without a late fee by August 31st. | None |
|  | **Vice Flotilla Commander /Staff Reports** |  |
| **HR – Human Resources**  **Mary Quinn FSO-HR**  **Debra Anderson AFSO-HR** | We have 52 members and 3 have recently submitted their paperwork. We have 11 retired members. Potential new members were contacted and invited to this meeting. 2 attended this month and the rest will be contacted again regarding their interest in the Auxiliary. | None |
| **DV – Diversity**  **Don Anderson FSO-DV** | The Division has qualified for the National Commodore’s Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management for 2017. | None |
| **PE – Public Education**  **Roz Butziger FSO-PE, IPFC** | The flotilla held winter and summer BS&S classes this year.  We also did a Sail class, ACN, and a 3 lesson state class for the Little Rhody Boat Club.  We need to discuss with our instructors the start date of the winter PE Classes and perhaps provide training for those who are interested in teaching a class. | None |
| **PA – Public Affairs**  **Tim O’Brien FSO-PA** | No Report Submitted |  |
| **PV – Program Visitor**  **Maureen Van Herpe FSO-PV** | Nothing new to Report. |  |
| **VE – Vessel Examination**  **David Siesel FSO-VE** | Don’t forget to report your vessel and paddle craft exams as discussed. If you are interested in teaching a Paddle Craft course, there is important information for those who use them on fresh water venues such as how to get back in/on if you fall off.  Experienced examiners are needed for the UPV program. |  |
| **OPS – Operations.**  **Charles Jenison FSO-OP** | 5 boats are going to Mystic for a rendezvous over the VJ Day weekend which starts AUGUST 12th. There will be a drink and dinner party on Saturday evening and members are invited to come down by car and join in.  All but two of the operational facilities have been out on orders this year and there will be more effort to get all vessels underway hours in August.  Personal Protection Equipment – We have received some, but are still having problems getting correct size life jackets for new crew. |  |
| **Social Chair**  **Maureen Van Herpe** | Nothing new to report. If anyone has any suggestions, please send to Maureen |  |
| **MS – Marine Safety**  **Gary Davis FSO-MS** | Nothing to report. |  |
| **Navigation Systems**  **Mike Quinn FSO-NS** | Mike gave an overview of the NS program for the benefit of our guests and new members. 1/3 of the PATONs which are private aids to navigation must be verified each season. All of the bridge lights must be checked at the beginning and usually at the end of the season. Anyone can become an aid verifier, but you must have ODUs with boat shoes to come on an official patrol.  Elizabeth and Gary Davis have been undertaking the training to become watch standers at Boston Light. If you are interested in this program, please see Mike for more information. |  |
| **Info Services**  **/Computer Services**  **Mike Quinn FSO-CS, FSO-IS** | The importance of looking at your training report was stressed. Even if you do not have a qualification, the report lists all of the completion dates for the mandated training.  AUXDATA was also reviewed for new and prospective members. |  |
| **Materials**  **Mike Quinn FSO-MA** | All orders completed. |  |
| **MT Membership Training**  **Nick Butziger FSO-MT** | Nick once again gave a short review of the various lines used to tie boats to the dock from last month’s training.  6 members attended the recent VE training class. An email with 6 questions was sent out to those members requesting answers back and no one responded. The questions were reviewed with the attending members. |  |
| **CM Communications**  **Nick Butziger FSO-CM** | Nothing to report. |  |
| **Old Business** | The new building sign will be installed in September.  The 7029 contest winner for June was Mike Quinn.  A nominating committee was appointed at the August meeting. Nick Butziger and Bob Van Herpe volunteered. Bob Resinger volunteered for the committee if he could confer by phone and he has been so appointed. A report is due to the flotilla in September so we can have an election at the October Meeting. |  |
| **New Business** | The October meeting is being postponed to the 3rd week (from the 12th to the 19th since 8 of the flotilla members including the FC will be out of the AOR on the second Thursday. It will be a pot luck meeting.  Suggestions were solicited for the December COW. The majority agreed that Finn’s Restaurant was a very good spot so it was requested to have it there again this year. |  |
| **Good of the Auxiliary** | None |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting is 7:00 pm on September 14th.

Respectfully submitted; Karen Caron for Donna Bagdasarian