



Meeting was called to order by Flotilla Commander Bob Van Herpe at 7:00 pm April 11, 2013. A pizza social was held prior to the meeting.

Members present: There was a quorum present. Charles Jenison, Mike Quinn, Maureen Van Herpe, Bob Van Herpe, Roz Butziger, Nick Butziger, Phil Cox, Gary Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Enis Pardi, Bob Pardi, Norm Caron, Karen Caron, Glenn Rosera, Rob Rosera, Stephen O'Rourke, Shirley Dudley, Garth Dudley, Debra Anderson.

Guests present: Steven Quinn, Kathryn Quinn, Dan DiBiasio.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence for departed members.

Secretary Report: Minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting accepted as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented.

(FC) Flotilla Commander's Report: **Awards presented to:**

Roz Butziger - 50+ hours Marine Safety Activity for 2012; Mike Quinn - 50+ hours Coast Guard Operational Support for 2012; Bob Pardi - 50+ hours Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits for 2012; Nick Butziger - Outstanding Performance - 47 hours as Lead, 50+ hours as Boat Crew Coxswain for 2012 and 50+ hours of Public Educations for 2012; Gary Davis - Completed Team Coordinator Training, Bob Van Herpe - 5 years of dedicated service in US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Phil Cox - numerous awards from 2009 through 2012.

Division plaques given to: Nick Butziger - Marine Safety Performance 2012 - 262 hours; Derek Robert - Vessel Examiner - 142 VSC's; Gary Davis - Marine Safety Performance - 388 hours.

Norm and Karen Caron both completed Team Coordinate Training.

(VFC) Vice Flotilla Commander's Report:

Staff Reports:

(PE) Public Education: 21 members participated in winter 2013 PEC. Roz thank Bob V for making the mahogany case for PEC. Advanced Navigation classes are continuing on Monday nights into early June. Summer BS&S classes begin June 3 and will run on Mondays and Thursdays at Headquarters throughout June. There will be a school vacation "special" boating classes for kids to be held Mon 4/16, Wed 4/18 and Th 4/19. A motion was made by Glenn Rosera and seconded by Roz Butziger to purchase a new projector (price not to exceed \$500) to be paid for by INC. Motion passed.

Public Affairs: Next meeting is May 9 and will be a potluck supper which will start at 6:00. Some suggestions were made for possible future social events: **June 23rd** - cookout on Sunday evening after VE Day. **July 4th** - Potters Cove rendezvous. VJ Weekend **8/10 - 8/12** - rendezvous weekend on Block Island. **September 14** - Pig Roast.

(VE) Vessel Examination: No Report

(PV) Marine Dealer Visitation: No Report

(OP) Operations: If anyone wants to get involved in crew training- see Nick. Save June 15 (Castle Hill Station) & June 22 PT. Judith Station) for crew training. There will be shore side activities for both beginners and more experienced people. On Thursday evenings there will be crew and coxswain training - dates to be determined.

(MS) Marine Safety: Gary presented a detailed and informative video - Introduction to Marine Safety - "The Other Ops"

Communications: No Report

Membership Training: Nick is hoping to get rid of expired flares (as North Star Inc, not USCG Aux) in conjunction with VE Day which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 23 followed by evening meeting and cookout for members.

(CS) Communication Services: website has lots of information on it, check it out.

Navigation Services: There are 150 PATONS to inspect this year. If you want to get involved with PATON patrol see Mike Quinn. Mike also reported that chart updating program is going very well.

(MA) Materials / (IS) Information Systems: If anyone needs program materials see Mike Quinn, Mike reminded everyone to fill out 7029 forms. Currently there are 400 less

hours logged than this time last year. This is extremely important because of our hours aren't logged, the government could make funding cuts to the Auxiliary. Also, please don't forget about filling out the 7028 & 7030 forms.

Old Business:

New Business: Bob V asked for volunteers to clean headquarters building. Bob V to get prices on installing a new floor. There is a used boat show at Brewers on 4/27 & 4/27. If your ID card is 5 years old it will expire and you will need to get a new card - check your date of issue. Sally Hanson will be conducting a VE refresher course on 4/20 at 76 Headquarters.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Anderson - Secretary