

## North Star Flotilla 1-706 Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021

This was a mixed in-person and Zoom Meeting. Preceded by refreshments. Thanks to Dan Shaw and to Charles Jenison.

### **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Flotilla Commander Nick Butziger**

In attendance: Karen Caron, Normand Caron, Roz Butziger, Nick Butziger, Charles Jenison, Steve Hill, Christy Hill, Ken Shallcross, Mike Quinn, Debbie Pass, Tom Wilcox, Arnie Geller, Ian Bindas, Felicia Smart, Dan Shaw, Bob Misenor, Louise Cunningham, Donna Bagdasarian, Bobby Bagdasarian, Keri Green, Terry Williams, Mickey Williams, Vanessa Jenison, with guests Mark Marosits and Flotilla Commander of 711 Brian Welsh.

**Treasurer** – Karen Caron: Report distributed by email. Researching options for the donation of Doug Henson. Board of Directors will discuss this.

**Secretary** – Minutes were emailed. Accepted as emailed.

**Diversity and Social** – Report on social event under Old Business. Also Xmas Party and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North Star Flotilla under new business.

**FC Announcements:** See Mike Quinn for new Auxiliary card. Thanks to Charles and David for putting in the water line.

There will be a Head Inspector class in the spring, run by the state.

Uniforms can be ordered or go to the Cape store. Showed pictures of ODU's – the first uniform to get, and Tropical Blues.

There will be coxswain and crew training starting in a week. Email Nick within a week to register. Mark Marosits 711 has several members who would like to take it. Thursday nights. First Thursday is zoom, then at headquarters.

**Sea Scouts** – Arnie Geller has been involved for 10 years. 3 of the sea scouts want to join the flotilla. 14 yr old Sea Scouts can join. Can do PE, Ops, Introduces them to Coast Guard. One Sea Scout just finished his first year at the CG Academy.

**Vice Flotilla Commander Charles Jenison** called upon the staff:

**Public Education (PE)** Roz Butziger: We held a 2 night State Boating Course at Sam's Restaurant in Warwick. Thanks to Dan Shaw for setting it up.

**Public Affairs** – Steve Hill – Facebook is best. Will advertise PE when we give him dates and particulars.

**Human Resources (HR)** Mary Quinn and Mike Quinn: We now have over 70 members. New one coming in soon We are the largest flotilla. Next one down has 48.

**Operations (OPS)** Charles Jenison: Mike is still going Wed nights. Charles has pulled his boat out. All except one is OK with hours to keep out of REYR. Anyone interested in becoming crew qualified sign up for the course Thursday nights.

**Vessel Examiner (VE)**-Bernie Fournier-did some in September. Charles is taking some decals with him in voyage south. Planning VE Theory class in Jan. Send Nick email if interested.

**Quartermaster** – Dan Shaw

**Program Visitor** -Louise Cunningham – Material left at Salks just seems to get put away. Not a good place to leave it. Crow's Nest etc is working well.

**Navigation Systems (NS)** Mike Quinn-Did 10 AIDs last night, Braga Bridge, Conimicut Light, Quonset. All over the bay! 911 call, fire extinguisher – C dock boat smoldering at Winsted. Will be continuing on Wed nights until Thanksgiving. When water temperature gets below 60 you need mustangs. We have lots.

**Computer Systems (CS)** -Mike Quinn- We need you to report hours!! Just send him an email with your name, date, what you did, number of hours.He will put a link to meeting ppt on the website.

**Membership Training (MT)**-Nick Butziger

You need 7 CORE Training courses. Then you need BQ II- 6 Modules.

Some qualifications need FEMA ICS 100 and 700

For VE you need a short 2 hr class and some hands-on VE training with a VE.

There is special training for crew and coxswain. Classes Thursday nights. Email [Nick@butziger.com](mailto:Nick@butziger.com).

**Old Business** : Great cookout at Bob and Maureen Van Herpe's lakeside home. Boat rides, games, 36 people attending. Fantastic time!

**New Business:**

Discussed Xmas Party. People wanted Finn's Harborside or Top of the Bay or Quonset O Club.

Gift for Robber's Xmas generally in the \$15 to \$20 range

**Training Tonight**

Towing, approaching a boat, what to look for – is it bow down? Oil slick? People in PFDs?

Communication!! Etc. Marlinspike -hands-on.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted: Rosalind Butziger Asst Sec.