

## **June Flotilla 08 Minutes**

The meeting began with a welcome to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance and a quorum was established: Tom Keene, Gretel Keene, Dave Kingsbury, Bob Heinz, Jan Heinz, Gary Jones and Caryl Jones. There were no guests at the July meeting.

Both the July Meeting Agenda and the June Minutes were approved.

### **Announcements**

National has decided that the District (and therefore all Flotillas need to establish goals for 2011). The plan is for each Flotilla to develop its goals and then for the Division to incorporate those goals into the ones they send to the District). Tom Keene felt that a coordinated effort in goal setting was a good idea because the whole Division has more resources and could effectively tackle more meaningful goals.

Starting in July we will be meeting back at Lutheran Church of the Master, Tom arranged this when he presented the flag to the church at the July 4th services.

The Division-wide pig roast will be held again this year at Sunnyside Marina. The date is August 21st and details will follow.

The Division will put a calendar on its web-site and thus making it accessible to all members.

### **Staff Officer Reports for Month Ending June, 2010**

#### **FSO PE--Jeff Carlson**

#### **Assistance to the Active Duty:**

The Spring 2010 classes went well in that we had eight attendees at each of the About Boating Safely Courses and two attendees for the inaugural GPS for Mariners Course.

The Boy Scout Jamboree event went well. Our program included information on invasive species, safety line heaving, and information regarding break down time of items including plastics, metals and glass. This program was lead by Don Garvey.

**Mission Activity:** The instructors performed well with appropriate presentations for the wide range of ages we had in attendance. The teenagers were engaged and included in the program, which also increased the focus and involvement of the adults in the class.

### **Rolling 3 Month Plans:**

I emailed other FSO - PE members within the Twin Cities area to see how well their classes were attended and their plans for next year. This way we may be able to better coordinate programs. I am interested in having ABS Courses for women only, GPS for Mariners and Sailboating Safely. These are contingent on qualified Flotilla Members accepting teaching responsibilities.

### **FSO FN--Jan Heinz**

#### **Mission Activity:**

Annual Dues notices will be sent out in July. Since checks have not been received for the PE classes, reminders will be sent to Brooklyn Center and Shoreview Community Centers.

### **FSO OP and HR--Bob Heinz**

**Assistance to the Active Duty:** PATCOM training at MSD.

**Mission Activity:** Information sent to perspective member Michael Angell.

Nothing new in operations.

### **FSO CS--Dave Kingsbury**

#### **Mission Activity:**

Received website approval from SO-CS.

Confirmed SO-CS website submission to DSO-CS for review and submission for National approval.

Fixed mouseover javascript bug in website navigation bar.

Reviewed contradicting policies in CS Guide.

Added the District 8WR Fall Business Symposium to the website Flotilla Calendar.

Updated the website Flotilla Calendar to include the picnic as part of the August flotilla meeting.

Updated monthly emphasis on the website Homepage.

Added May meeting minutes and FSO reports to the website Members homepage.

Added June flotilla newsletter to the website Members page.

Removed outdated information from the website Homepage.

Renamed the website Members Homepage the Members Deck to increase consistency with the National website.

Expanded the website Members Links section, relocated it from the Members Deck to its own page, and organized it into expandable/collapsible categories for increased user efficiency.

Developed and added a mapping page to the website to help flotilla members find door-to-door directions to meeting locations.

**Other noteworthy items:**

Participated in VSC day.

**Rolling 3 Month Plans:**

Make any changes necessary to obtain national approval of the website.  
Continue refining website design.

Continue updating website content as needed.  
Recruit an assistant to understudy website maintenance.

### **FSO MT--Gary Jones**

#### **Mission Activity:**

Updated the training sessions for the remainder of the year and emailed the relevant instructors.

#### **Other Noteworthy Items:**

I reserved the Como Park picnic shelter for our August 18th business meeting/picnic and will visit the site before the July meeting to assess the facility and obtain any ancillary information about the site. Also, held a short picnic committee meeting after the special goal setting meeting on July 8th to firm up some of the details for the event.

### **FSO SR and PB--Caryl Jones**

#### **Mission Activity:**

Compiled the FSO reports and completed the June Business Meeting Minutes.

Completed the June Quarterly Newsletter, submitted it for vetting and sent it to Dave Kingsbury for insertion into the Flotilla 08 web-site.

Cancelled the Brookdale Library meeting room for July and the Rockford Road Library meeting room for August.

#### **Other noteworthy items:**

Barbara Rhoades (the DIRAUX vetter) asked permission to use my CG Trivia story from the June Newsletter in her WR publication. I granted her permission.

#### **Rolling 3 Month Plans:**

Will begin collecting story ideas and photos for the September Newsletter.  
Attended and participated in the Special 2011 goal setting meeting and will publish the notes before the July business meeting.

Will visit Como Park site for August picnic and help plan the event.

## **FSO PA and PV--Gretel Keene**

### **Mission Activity:**

Completed 4 Vessel Checks at Watergate Marina.

Completed 2 Program Visitations at Watergate Marina and American Farm Insurance.

### **Other noteworthy items:**

Received 24 of 89 publications from The Publicity Hound. The publications are titled "89 Ways to Write Powerful Press Releases".

Continue to Call ADD (FEMA) per instructions for deployment.

### **Rolling 3 Month Plans:**

Continue with Vessel Checks and Program Visitations.

Write a Press Release after studying the "89 Ways to Write Powerful Press Releases".

## **FSO MA--Bob Muldoon**

**Mission Activity:** No activity in June due to heavy work schedule

## **FSO MS and IS--Don Garvey**

### **Assistance to the Active Duty:**

4 patrols with active/reserve on 25' RB-S on Mississippi and St. Croix River.

### **Mission Activity:**

Presentation on AWW to Northern Lights YC

Handout AWW materials during 2 VSC Days – Watergate and St. Paul YC.

For IS, continue to stress importance of members entering hours into AUXDATA and request members update hours on a timely basis.

### **Other noteworthy items:**

Patrol of Flot. 8 AOR on Mississippi River during river cleanup near Red Wing.

**FSO VE and PV--Burt Bigelow**, no report.

**FSO AN--Timm Hammond**, no report.

**Awards:**

No awards were presented at the July meeting.

**Old Business:**

Tom Keene presented the American Flag to Pastor Morris and the congregation of LCM at both services on July 4th. The presentation was especially meaningful since the services were devoted to democracy and service to one's country. The church membership seemed very grateful for the new flag (and possibly due to Tom's presentation, grandfathered us into continuing to meet there despite no active member in the church body).

**New Business:**

The need to set goals for 2011 necessitates a special meeting which Tom will schedule. Everyone needs to be prepared to bring at least one idea for a new or renewed goal for 2011. Jeff Carlson has already submitted two ideas: a boating course just for women and a Division-wide course on how to work and play safer (from a physical therapy view-point).

A motion was made and passed to give Don Severson a card and gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Caryl Jones will take care of this.

A motion was made and passed to allocate \$61 to reserve the Como Park picnic site for the August meeting. Gary Jones will reserve the site.

No member training was given at tonight's meeting, so the meeting was adjourned and fellowship commenced.

