

May, 2010 Flotilla 08 Minutes

The meeting began with a welcome to all, establishment of a quorum, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Tom Keene, Jan Heinz, Shane Duffy, Scott Gamble, Jeff Carlson, Dave Kingsbury, Gretel Keene, Timm Hammond, Burt Bigelow, Gary Jones and Caryl Jones. No guests attended tonight's meeting.

Both the May Agenda and April Minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

On June 6th @ 1130-1700 there will be a Division sponsored VE check event at the St. Paul Yacht club. All 200 boats at the Yacht Club need to be checked before launching and the Division needs as many certified VE members as possible to help with the VE checks. Food will be provided and it should be a worthwhile and fun event (please come if you can).

June 5th the OPS workshops will be held at the Maplewood 7 Firestation from 0800 to 1630. This workshop includes the TCT annual refresher course and the VE/PE refresher course.

The ABS course is now available in Spanish on the CG Auxiliary website.

Remember that the Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary Star Camp will be held May 22-23. Bob Palme will have his Facility there to demonstrate "mock" VE checks and Vern Bauer will be manning the Brochure Rack. Don Garvey will also be there helping with many of the events. Volunteers are still needed, so come if you can. The uniform of the day is ODU's and Flotilla members do not have to pay an entrance fee if they are volunteering. To date 8,000 people have registered (according to Tom Keene).

May 22nd there will be a VE event held in Cabela's parking lot from 1000-1700, sponsored by Flotilla 1.

The Flag we ordered for LCM has arrived and is in the Congressional office. The members agreed that Tom Keene should present it to the church with our thanks.

A framed certificate of appreciation was given to Phil Kercher for his help with the GPS class and he seemed pleased to receive it.

Tom Keene indicated that there is a possibility of using the meeting facilities at the Lexus office in Wayzata and or the Village Chevrolet facility.

Caryl Jones is checking with the Plymouth Creek Community Center to determine if we could meet there. She will report back at the June meeting.

Staff Officer Reports for Month Ending May, 31 2010.

FSO MT and IS--**Don Garvey**

Assistance to the Active Duty:

Patrol mission 14 May – Mississippi River

Partol mission 15 May – St. Croix River

Patrol mission 16 May – Mississippi River.

Mission Activity:

Star Camp display and demo – 22 and 23 May. Approx. 2000 Scouts and Scouters –

Exhibits on ANS, AWW, SAR, PPE

Activity entry into AUXDATA

Rolling 3 Month Plans:

Boat Crew hours.

FSO CM--**Scott Gamble**

Other noteworthy items:

BCA mentoring of Shane Duffy

Rolling 3 Month Plans:

Participate in Boat Crew Activities

FSO FN--**Jan Heinz**

Mission Activity:

Jeff Carlson submitted an invoice for the 2 PE classes and I paid that. Willard Francis submitted an invoice for ABS books and I also paid that.

Rolling 3 Month Plans:

I will participate in the remaining Boat Crew Academy activities and operations in June.

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

Mission Activity:

Began first Patrol today. No activity for Personnel Services this month.

FSO CS--**Dave Kingsbury**

Mission Activity:

Submitted website content to SO-PA and received release approval.

Submitted website to SO-CS to begin the national approval process.

Updated the Flotilla's geographic area on the website header.

Updated the website's Flotilla Calendar to display training topics for upcoming Flotilla meetings.

Updated monthly emphasis on the website Homepage.

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

Added May training topic download to the website Members Homepage.

Conducted training session to familiarize Flotilla members with the features and usage of the new website.

Other noteworthy items:

Conducted two Vessel Safety Checks for Sail Away Sailing School, LLC.

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**

Other noteworthy items:

Set up a meeting of the Picnic Committee for June 10th at Cosetta's in St. Paul. Invited FC Flotilla 2 Campbell and any other member(s) of his choice to attend and help with the planning process.

Rolling 3 Month Plans:

Revise monthly training plan as needed (due to members' schedule changes).

Attend the picnic planning meeting and assign committees and committee members.

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

Mission Activity:

Gathered FSO reports for inclusion in May Flotilla Minutes

Other noteworthy items:

Contacted Plymouth Creek Center for use of facility as a venue for monthly business meeting (awaiting answer). Also, will contact Brookdale Library for similar use of meeting room.

Rolling 3 Month Plans:
Issue May Business Meeting Minutes.
Mission Activity:

Compiled material and pictures for the June Quarterly Newsletter.

Rolling 3 Month Plans:
Complete and issue June Quarterly Newsletter.

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 led by Don Garvey.

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:
There are no further courses planned.

FSO NS--**Timm Hammond**

Rolling 3 Month Plans:

During the June Flotilla meeting I will conduct the second training session on basic ATON/Bridge training.

FSO MA--**Bob Muldoon** No activity this month.

FSO-VE and PV--**Burt Bigelow**

Mission Activity:

The VE event dates have been confirmed:

June 19th, Miss Croix Marina

June 27th, Watergate Marina

July 10th Twin City/Castaway and Inver Grove Heights Marinas

If any of the Vessel Examiners need forms, stickers etc., please let Burt know before the VE event.

FSO PA--**Gretel Keene**

Assistance to Active Duty

Gretel was deployed to Sioux Falls, SD May 29th and expects to be gone at least 2 weeks.

Awards:

There were no awards presented in May.

Old Business:

Gary Jones led the discussion on the proposed Flotilla 08 picnic. He will set up a meeting for July 10th, and invite representatives from Flotilla 2 to attend. Timm Hammond will check into available dates for the Tartan pavilion and Gretel Keene will check into Falcon Heights park facilities.

New Business:

No new business was brought up tonight.

Member Training:

Dave Kingsbury gave a very informative walk-through of the new Flotilla 08 web-site. Dave has done an impressive job of designing a professional and easy to navigate web-site.

The meeting was adjourned and fellowship commenced.

