

September 2010 Flotilla Minutes

The meeting began with a call to order, the pledge of allegiance and establishment of a quorum. The following members were present: Tom Keene, , Bob Heinz, Jan Heinz, Bob Muldoon, Burt Bigelow, Timm Hammond, Shane Duffy and Jeff Carlson.

Both the Agenda for August and the Minutes for July were approved.

Announcements:

- Flotilla Elections will be held at the October Flotilla Meeting. Division Elections also occur in October prior to the Flotilla Election. As of the first week of September there were two Division Candidates announced:

Gwen Harris is running for District Commander

Craig Campbell is running for District Vice Commander

At this time there are two Flotilla Candidates:

Shane Duffy is running for Flotilla Commander

Tom Keene is running for Vice Flotilla Commander

A list of eligible members can be obtained through Tom Keene, FC.

- Flotilla Commander Academy (FCA) is planned for later this year, but due to budgetary reasons, a Division Commander Academy will not be held. FCA is a three day program held in St. Louis.

- Flotilla Staff Officers. There are six offices which much be filled for the Flotilla to be in compliance. These offices are PE, VE, PV, OPS, COMM and FN.

- Shane Duffy passed the Administrative Procedures Class and the Aux Patrols examination.

- Gary and Caryl Jones have resigned from the Coast Guard Auxillary.

Awards:

Boat Crew Certification was achieved by Shane Duffy and Jeff Carlson.

Timm Hammond received his Aux C Certificate.

Don Garvey has won the Sustained Service Award

Old Business:

There was no Old Business discussed.

New Business:

- Cathryn Allison will ask for 2011 Goals. Bob Heinz discussed the need to have enough hours offered to allow members to keep certified in their areas of interest. A division calendar is needed to help ensure conflicts with District activities are kept to a minimum. The Division is planning on keeping such a calendar listing all Flotilla activities within the Division.

- 2011 Education Courses planned at this time include:

- ABS at Shoreview and Brooklyn Center. Possibility of adding another in the Anoka - Hennepin District through Community Ed.

- GPS for Mariners with the help of Phil Kircher.

- We may be interested in having an ABS Course for women but this has not yet be worked out. Also in discussion is holding a Sailing and Seamanship Course with the help of Dennis Sando and perhaps a Paddle Sport Course. These courses will need a commitment from people outside of our Flotilla. We will continue to examine their efficacy.

- The ABS class in Brooklyn Center will be held April 9, 2011. We must get this date to Brooklyn Center in order to be included in their Winter Catalog.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports

FSO) NS - Timm Hammond reported that the ATON Familiarization Patrol held on 4 September, 2010, was successful. The Patrol began upriver from Red Wing and then went down river towards Lake Pepin. Markings, Lights and ATONs were identified and the light list was cross referenced and verified. Good feedback from Patrol Members.

(FSO) PA, PV, - No report submitted

(FSO) FN - Janet Heinz reported that dues had been collected from attending members. A letter will go out to any remaining members who have not yet paid. Members must pay their dues by November 1st or they will be disenrolled.

(FSO) CS - No report submitted

(FSO) CM - Scott Gamble reported that he is looking for more hours to fulfill his Boat Crew Requirements. Bill Harris does have some September dates available. He has gear from Gary and Caryl Jones for return to the Flotilla. A 538 form needs to be matched with the items for inventory.

(FSO) PE - Jeff Carlson reported that the courses planned for 2011 include About Boating Safely (ABS) at the Shoreview Community Center and the Brooklyn Park Community Center. He has also petitioned the Anoka - Hennepin Community Education Program to have a class taught in that district as well. There has been discussion to also include an ABS Course for Women. This has been successful in other areas and has been requested. As we do not have enough women to offer this program ourselves, this option was opened up to the District Level with no movement at this time. There was a request to add a Sailing Safely Course and Paddle Sport Class. In order to offer these courses we need a commitment from the Certified Instructors with the experience needed to offer these courses. As of now we do not have that commitment and the courses will not be pursued.

(FSO) MA - Bob Muldoon reported that Communications Training Information has been ordered for Shane Duffy.

(FSO) PB - No report submitted

(FSO)--SR - No report submitted

FSO (IS)--No report submitted.

FSO OP/HS – Bob Heinz reported that there were three Patrols last month including the ATON Patrol. The facility will be stored on 21 September.

FSO MT – Bob Heinz reported that the ICS Exercise is scheduled for Sunday, 19 September, 2010. Information regarding this exercise was distributed. HR received an email from a prospective member. Bob Heinz will be transferring to Flotilla 2 as his grandson is joining that Flotilla as it is geographically most convenient.

FSO VE– Burt Bigelow reported that three organized meetings were successful. There were not less than 15 per date. One sailing safety check was performed. In 2009 there were 59 exams performed.

FSO (PS)– No report submitted.

The meeting was adjourned and fellowship commenced.