



The meeting was called to order at 1910 with 9 members and 3 guests present. Gary Stapleford led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for all those who have crossed the bar and who serve in harms way.

Members: John Merrill, FC; Dick Muir, VFC, NS, VE; Noreen Delorey, PE; Sheryl James, SR; Jeff James, Mike Delorey, Fred Murphy, Gary Stapleford, Peg & Ken Chace.

Guests: Alan Gould, FC 37, and Ed Glick.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the February & March meetings were accepted as distributed.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Absent. Report accepted as stated.

STAFF REPORTS:

NS: Two bridges inspected with photos and submitted to the web site. These were the # 155 Blackwater River in Seabrook and the # 903 Deer Island in the Merrimack River.

CM: Absent. There will be a telecommunication class held in the Newburyport area TBD soon. Divisions 3, 4, and 12 have on-going radio nets Sunday mornings between 9:30 to 1100 on the narrowband frequencies. Channel E3A is also included. Check out the 1st Northern Division Net on Wednesday night at 2000 also on the narrowband frequencies and channel E3A.

CS: Absent.

IS: Not filled.

MA: Absent, no report.

MS: Absent. Five members are currently working Sea Partners. We will also be working America's Waterway Watch (AWW) for MST2 Aurea Vasquez who will be our link at Sector for June through September. In order for her to track the activity for Sea Partners and AWW she is requesting all VE's and members passing out information at booths/ shows to keep a headcount of the number of people contacted. This information can be sent via e-mail to Aurea.E.Vasquez@uscg.mil. Simply identify yourself by name and Flotilla. Jeff James elaborated on Sea Partners and AWW to report a presentation to the seniors at E. Boston YMCA and an Inky the Whale presentation to the Girl Scout troop in Littleton, MA.

MT: Absent, no report.

MV: Not filled.

OP: Not filled.

PA: Not filled.

PB: Not filled.

PE: The B.S.&S. class at PCYC began 4/11/09 and has 23 students, including 3 teenagers. The final exam will be given on 4/25/09.

- The fall class at NECC will run from 9/21/09 to 11/16/09.
- Salem NH will be an 8 week class from 6:30-9:00 TBD.

PS: Absent, no report.

VE: Have sent out the latest information on non-operational facilities from District to all VE's and trainees. Carol Falcone is the new DSO-VE.

- Copied all VE's memos from SO-VE Bud Kuran on goals and a report from CWO Boardman at DIRAUX which stated that after he had inspected an operational facility and found the facility not ready for patrols (the shrink wrap was still on it) the facility was not approved. **No late fall OPFAC inspections will be accepted until further notice. They should be made from January of current year.** Needless to say this generated a great deal of discussion, especially by those who are planning to use their facilities for member training and Sail Boston 2009.
- CG Unit Ball Caps – Per the Chief Director on 11/10/09 no one shall wear a CG cap when public intervention is involved; **i.e. an Auxiliarist may not wear a Coast Guard unit ball cap when performing VSC's.**
- Ken Chace plans on taking his VE exam at the April Conference.

VFC REPORT: No report.

FC REPORT:

- No Coast Guard Unit ball caps shall be worn when doing VSC's or when interacting with the public while in the Auxiliary uniform. To wear a CG unit ball the Base Commander must approve cap while working with a Coast Guard unit or while backfilling at the Station. Civilian wear is authorized.
- Ken Chace is ready to take his VE exam.
- **Operations Workshop** on 4/25/09 at 0900 with TCT session.
- Boston Light Tour Program is looking for interested volunteers. Contact Sally Snowman.
- A fruit basket was sent to Joanne Bernstein after her hospital stay.
- Under New Business the subject of new member dues will be discussed and how we wish to handle the situation
- ? Of the amount to be collected
- ? Of when to collect them
- ? Of how to handle the money
- Dues bills for 2010 will be mailed out shortly. The late fee of \$1.00 in effect after July 1st. Disenrollment proceedings to begin after October 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion made by Fred Murphy and seconded by Dick Muir for the Flotilla portion of the dues to be \$6.00. Motion carried.
- Motion made and seconded for the new member dues to be collected up front, with their application, and deposited in the Flotilla account until such time as their security check is completed. At which point a check in the total amount of the dues owed to Division and District will be issued and mailed or the full amount of the applicants check will be returned if they are not accepted as a member. The motion carried.
- A committee was formed to set up a plan for the Flotilla finances consisting of John Merrill, Gary Stapleford, and Jeff James.

GOOD OF AUXILIARY:

- **Awards:** None.
- **Ill members:** As above. Alan Gould brought everyone up to date on John Swenson and how appreciative he would be to hear from everyone.
- **MT sessions at meetings** – Noreen Delorey discussed the possibility of having training sessions included in our meetings and that she would be willing to do one on 1st Aid Kits. She also stated that she is qualified to do Heart Saver/ CPR re-certifications on external defibrillators. Everyone present was in agreement so we will be doing the **First Aid Kits at our May meeting**.
- **Sail Boston** – still no firm commitment. Full explanation of plans to date at the April Conference by the “Gold Side”.
- **Kayak Shows** - Flotilla 37 is doing a show at the Ipswich YMCA on April 23 from 6:30-8:00. They will present another show at the Umana School in East Boston in the Olympic sized pool on May 16th. TBD. Flotilla 31 will be assisting.
- **Haverhill** – The Kiwanis Club will be having a rubber duck race as a fundraiser and may be looking for help from the Auxiliary. They are also contemplating a boat race. TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2050.

Our next meeting will be May 21, 2009 at the Chelmsford Police Station.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl James, FSO-SR

Note: Items italicized indicate information not originally in the minutes.