



MEETING MINUTES

Division: 014-07 **Meeting Date:** 1 March, 2023

Regular Business Meeting. **Attendance:** 14 In Person

Meeting at: CG Auxiliary Base, Norwalk, CT

Time called to order: 1945 **Quorum:** Yes

SECTION I: Unit Officers Present:

Voting: DCDR Cody, VCDR O'Connor, IPCDR Reidy, FCs Cassara, Alarcon, Perlman, Hamel, Wilde

Non-voting: SOs Riznyk, Tilley, Williams, Platt, Saar, Lakin

SECTION II: Guests Present:

None

SECTION III: Minutes of last meeting

Date: Not available **Approved:** n/a

SECTION IV: Financial Report

Checking account balance \$ 3588.66. **Approved:** Yes

Bank statement submitted and attached

SECTION V: Old Business

None

SECTION VI: New Business

Motion to have Change of Watch celebration at Giovannis in Stamford, April 28. Motion by Reed, seconded Perlman, 7 approved, none opposed.

SECTION VII: Unit Training Topics Presented

n/a

SECTION VIII: Reports and Motions Voted On

DCCR Cody reported: District meeting due 3 March

Quarterly District meeting 11 March

RBT 18 March, Sector New Haven

Continuing problems with obtaining PLBs. In stock, but cannot be distributed

All instructors can deliver OPS Workshop, but not TCT/RM.

VCCR O'Connell reported:

New Director effective June, CMDR Steve Koch.

Annual certification will be required for Cox'n and Crew, including certain training devolutions and eyesight requirements.

Risk Management classes will be held, early April in Norwalk, another in May, in the Spring only.

DIRAUX office expected to open early May

Mutual assistance is available to Auxiliarists as it is to Active Service, including counseling.

FC and SO reports submitted in writing recorded after Section IX.

At the meeting: Flotilla Commanders:

71 Cassara: New member

72 Alarcon: 8 possible new members, not all showing up, 3 new members in paperwork

74 Perlman: Member Al Nanai lost wife – deceased

75 : Electronic report

77 Tilley: See written report

78 Wilde: 3 new members, 1 in paperwork. VE class and PE class by Zoom

Staff Officers

FS – nothing to report

CS Reidy: Visiting flotillas re websites

OP Wilde: Reported on equipment

FN Platt: Submitted in writing. \$500 to 7-5 for CPR/AED/First Aid

NS Wolkoff: 55 PATONS, assigned to be split, and done early

IS Saar: 2 activity logs open, approval required. Auxdata classes can be held any Saturday or Sunday

MT Hamel: Saturday 4 March RM/TCT class at Mamaroneck, OPS workshop and Auxdata II.

DV Williams: See written report

SECTION IX: Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Motion Made: Tilley **Seconded:** Cassara

Next Meeting: 4 April, Norwalk

Submitted by: Peter Grunthal, based on Notes by FC Andrew Perlman

Date: 14 March, 2023

Submitted to: Division 014-07 Officers

FC and SO WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED

FROM Bob Cody, DCDR

1SR-DCDR-07-2023-01-014-2023 1ST-QRT-REPT

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 7 FIRST SOUTHERN REGION

Robert Cody, Division Commander Michael O'Connor, Vice Commander

01/2023 DIVISION 07 REPORT TO D1SR

General: The division and flotillas are continuing in person meetings.

Operations:

Last 90 days: Division and Flotilla meetings. Division and Flotillas conducted annual elections. Preparing Financial reports. Planning for 2023 Boating season activities - Public Education, Marine Partner Visits and Vessel Examinations.

Next 90 days: Continue Summer '23 Recreational Boating Safety activities. Emphasis on recruiting and retention.

Public Education: Public Education courses have begun with a course last week for a local water company.

Boating Safety: Flotillas will be conducting VE days at local marinas beginning in April.

HARPAT: Roster for Non Reimbursable Orders submitted through DCAPT SECLIS-N. **ISSUE - request a HARPAT course this spring to add qualified members.**

PATON/ATON Verifications: FC's have been tasked with getting on this early and not wait until August / September. New FSO-NS is preparing the lists and identifying verifiers and facilities to conduct operations.

ISSUE: Need to build our “bench” of ATON Verifiers.

Training: Division 7 will be hosting two AHA First Aid / CPR courses in the coming weeks.

Diversity: FC's were briefed at last meeting to prepare nominations for this year's Diversity Award.

Human Resources:

Current Strength (based on Aux Directory, as of 3 March 2023)

07-01	07-02	07-04	07-05	07-07	07-08	Division 7
22	77	34	53	22	23	231

Commander's Priorities: Recruiting / Retention, fill current SO vacancies (SO-CA and SO-PB), increase public engagement - get back to where we were pre-pandemic, get more members qualified in our core competencies. Increase what I am calling “validated” strength - members who perform at least 24 hours of participation in Aux Data II during the Calendar Year (CY).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Cody DCDR, Division 07

Distribution:

Commodore Chief of Staff DCAPT DSO-SR

CC:
VCDR

SO-SR

FROM F PICONE, SO-MS

MS REPORT

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Flotilla 78 NO REPORT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

FRANK PICONE. SO-MS

FROM J.C. DeFranco, FSO-PE, Addendum to SO-PE Report

Evan,

Actually 07-02 had 71 students from Brien McMahon High School's Marine Science Academy program plus a faculty member for a total of 72 people completing Boat America in February.

v/r

Joe DeFranco
FSO-PE 72

FROM Evan Tilley, SO-PE

From: Evan J. Tilley, SO-PE 7

To: Michael J. O'Connor, VCDR 7

CC: Charles J. O'Connor, ADSO-PE CT, R. Cody DCDR 7, Peter Grunthal, SO-RS 7, FSO-PE's 7

RE: SO-PE REPORT FOR MARCH

No flotillas in Division 7 reported boating courses in February, however 5 Flotillas have scheduled P/E course in March.

Flotilla 77 did conduct a Boat America course with the staff at the Aquarion Water Company in Easton, CT with 6 members receiving certificates and 14 members simply auditing this course who already possessed a safe boating certificate.

The new password for entering data into the CT boating class registration roster has expired and a new password will be emailed to me by Charles J. O'Connor, ADSO-PE.

END OF REPORT

Respectfully, Evan Tilley

FROM Andrew Perlman, FC 74

Feb meeting passed operating budget for 2023

Planned flotilla CPR course for early April at 7-4 base

Members report difficulty logging on to Aux LMs

New members completing mandatory training for bq

Two upcoming Boat America courses on schedule with confirmed students.

End of report

FROM Linda Lakin, SO-PA

Division 7 Decals -

- The previous Division 7 decal made in 2007, was used to place on the rear window of a car - however, there as Mike O'Connor pointed out, there were only 5 stars

-representing each Flotilla in Division 7. The number of Flotillas has grown back again to 6.

I asked Jason Farrow (FL72) and ADSO-PB to try to rework the image to add the extra star.

In the process, he also came up with a few other options for decals.

See below for bridge discussion - I will bring the images on a thumb drive to show on the screen.

{Decals submitted}

FROM Frank Picone, SO-MS

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FROM Mike Reidy, SO-CS

As of this week, 3 of the 6 flotillas in the division have appointed FSO-CS staff officers. I started on a plan to review each flotilla's web site looking for errors like outdated information and dead links. Last month, I reviewed 71's webpage and have been trying to connect with Judy Cassara to share my findings. While Judy does not hold the FSO-CS staff position, by virtue of being flotilla commander, she has the ability to make changes to the flotilla website. This month I reviewed 72's website and will be contacting the CS officer to discuss my recommendations.

Mike Reidy, SO-CS

FROM Ezra Williams, SO-DV

This Month's Report is very important, This is About the Application For The NACO 3 Star Award For Excellence In Diversity and Inclusion. Now As I reported at last meeting is that able to meet once again after past 2 yrs. Too speak freely on how we can improve our relationship amongst members.....E.O.R.

V/R

E. Williams

SO-DV

D1SR

FROM Sherrye Dawn Platt, SO-FN

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
D1SR DIVISION 07, WESTERN CONNECTICUT
MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

01 March 2023

I. Previous balance as of 01 February 2023: \$ 4088.66

II. Receipts:

Total Receipts: \$0

III. Disbursements:

a. Flotilla 75 (for CPR course costs) \$500

Total Disbursements: \$500

NEW BALANCE (CURRENT BALANCE) \$3588.66

Upcoming Expenses (to be paid this month)

None Noted

Upcoming deposits (to be deposited this month)

None noted

NOTE: *** Denotes transactions made that have not yet cleared.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrye Platt
Flotilla Staff Officer – Finance
D1SR Division 07

FROM Ray Birnbaum, SO-HR

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 7
SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT**

Date: 01 MARCH 2023

From: Raymond Birnbaum, SO-HR 7

To: Michael O'Connor, VCDR 7

Subj: SO-HR 7 Report

1. Flotilla 7-1: No report.
2. Flotilla 7-2: George Kollitides,, Donnalisa Persiani, Ilya Korisch,, Richard Allin, Mercedes Motz, Steven Mazzola and Michael Babich can be sworn in at the next meeting they attend. Luca Mikkola-Patel has requested disenrollment. I have submitted application packages to the DIRAUX office for two new members Brendan and James Cannon. I am still pursuing one other potential new member..
3. Flotilla 7-4 Working on membership with Prabir Datta, Ishani Ray-Datta, L. Cesiro, Christopher Nutt, Andrew D'Alessandro and F. Russo. Followed up on SN Eckhart's application status. Finally received notice of his completed membership.
4. Flotilla 7-5 Submitted packages for Steve Kornspun , Dave Saabye and Carmine Torchetti to DIRAUX. Continued working with new candidates: Ed Hinkey and Nicole Tenner. Received an emplid for Carmine Torchetti.
5. Flotilla 7-7: Carmelo Mendez attended our last Flotilla meeting and was given introductory material about the missions of the Auxiliary and a 7001 form. Hope to get him to fill them out soon. Michael Cowenhaven is a Norwich University graduate and no longer wishes a military career. He is considering joining the Auxiliary. The FC and I are trying to get him to join.
6. Flotilla 7-8: We have two new potential members in Jeremy Broderick and William Roberts. We have completed their packages and they were emailed to DIRAUX. Received emplids for Marilyn Corzo-Araoz , Madelyn Contreras, and Jim Hoffman. Donald Scanlon, Demetrios "Jimmy" Frazis, Yannick Passemart and Will Roberts are in AP status and are working on Core Training. Jake Williams is course complete and waiting for clearance as a member. I am working with an additional prospect in Adam Monaim.
7. Remember that membership recruiting is everyone's job.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond C. Birnbaum
R.C. Birnbaum

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