

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes May 2021

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: 15 May, 2021

Meeting Start: 1104 via GoToMeeting

Attendees:

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| Steve Nilson, FC | Glenn Funk, IPFC | Helen Mackenzie Morris, VFC |
| Lorraine Cheney | Leon Thomsen | Madeleine Brink, SR |

Division Attendees: None.

Station Liaison:

AP Status: Scott Smith, Jen Lewis

Guests: Robert Haugh, Chris Aycock (membership paperwork in progress)

Quorum was met, 6 members or 20% of our total.

Previous Meeting Minutes: April 2021 meeting minutes approved by Glenn Funk, seconded by Helen Mackenzie Morris.

Station Liaison Report: Change of Watch invitations for June 11th have been sent out electronically. RSVP is by link on the invitation.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report: The Division meeting was held last Wednesday May 12th. The following topics were discussed:

- 1. The coxswain and crew paperwork has been delayed until next year due to the overwhelming number of requests.
- 2. Glenn: Safe Boating Weekend is on May 29th and 30th. There is a maximum of 3 VSE's allowed with 1/2 hour for each and each is to be scheduled ahead of time. The water level in Lake Mendocino is very low and may be dry by the end of the summer.
- 3. The Auxiliary is in Phase 3 of Covid but it's possible for the Flotilla to meet in person if we submit Form 7101, Personal Covid Assessment, as well as the Risk Assessment for a Gathering, and a meeting place to gather. To meet on the base we need a current ID (CG ID card). If your card is expired you need to get a photo taken at Coast Guard Island but you can't get onto the island without a photo ID. It's a Catch-22. Glenn moved to hold Flotilla meetings over GoToMeeting on a month-by-month basis. Steve agreed.
- 4. The following is a repeat from last month: Regarding the core courses (a reminder): A course will be offered the hour prior to Division meetings for all Auxiliarists who want to attend. This is a good way to get your courses completed as anyone who joins the Zoom (not GoTo Meeting) class will get credit for the course and they will take care of the paperwork. Another method of completing the courses is to take it by PowerPoint and then check on LMS (Learning Management Systems) available through the Auxiliary webpage to make sure that you completed it. Be sure to take a screenshot of completion and send it in. Some people can't do PowerPoint so look on Microsoft Office. Glenn is our training officer. At last Wednesday's (May 12th) meeting, Phil Mammano, the Division Commander, had a door prize related to the number of the position a member checked in to the meeting.
- 5. The Dockwalker class was mentioned again.
- 6. At the Division meeting Nancy Marion mentioned not to send any proof of having had the Covid vaccination but just to check 'Yes' or 'No' on a form if requested. In October we will need a RealID to get on the base. This appears on your Driver License in the upper corner and is a bear with a star.
- 7. The Division COW lunch is at the Benbow Inn on Dec. 5th (the 1st Sunday in December) and the Flotilla COW lunch is on December 12th (the 2nd Sunday in December). Helen said that she would reserve the room at Silver's which can be cancelled should we have a resurgence of the virus. Please wear your tropes or business attire to any meeting.

Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) Report:

- Steve would like Flotilla staff officers to get back to sending their once-a-month report to Helen and that she can put it in any form she would like. Leon suggested that Helen send a reminder for these reports a few days before they are needed. Steve suggested they be sent as a PDF file.
- Member training: Take the opportunity offered by the Division monthly meeting to take the Core courses and get them out of the way. One is offered one hour before each meeting (at 6pm).

Other Staff Reports: None.

Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition: Steve received his 15-year Certificate. Go Steve!

New and Continuing Business:

A reminder: Wear your uniform properly when you can. Either don't wear it or wear it properly especially at the Change of Command ceremony. Glenn suggested that we work with Mark to make sure that we're not overlooking something.

- The July BBQ shows promise of being held but there may be problems with Auxiliary rules. It was suggested that August may be a better time but Steve said that July is good. It's a pot luck BBQ with the Flotilla providing the meat and buns and everyone is requested to bring a dish of something. We will include people from the station but Helen said that the only consideration is people who haven't been vaccinated. Steve said that the CDC announced that people who have been vaccinated don't need to wear a mask but the State, County and the Park Service haven't agreed. The vaccine so far prevents you from dying or being hospitalized, but Glenn said that those who are taking immunosuppression meds are at risk. Helen said that we can segregate those who haven't been fully vaccinated. Steve pointed out that there are always those people who refuse to wear a mask that need to be taken into consideration.
- All meetings will be on a month-by-month basis and will be conducted through GoToMeeting. (The following is a repeat.) Steve reminded us that he is retiring at the end of this year. Glenn said that we're getting so small that we are in danger of becoming an Attachment. We need a public affairs event, such as a letter to the local newspaper or radio station.

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: 1155 hours. Helen moved and Lorraine seconded.

After Meeting Notes:**Important Future Dates:**

- **Next flotilla meeting: June 19th at 11 on GoToMeeting.**
- **July 11th: Change of Command at the station.**
- **BBQ: July 17th at 11. Serving lunch at 12.**
- **October: Deadline to obtain your RealID.**
- **Sunday Dec. 5th: Division COW lunch at the Benbow Inn.**
- **Sunday Dec. 12th: Flotilla COW lunch at Silver's at 11am.**

Web Site References

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=113-08-07>

Flotilla 87 web site

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Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, Flotilla 87

