

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes September 2021

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: 18 September, 2021

Meeting Start: 1103 via GoToMeeting

Attendees:

Steve Nilson, FC Glenn Funk, IPFC Chris Aycock Leon Thomsen
Lorraine Cheney Madeleine Brink, SR

Division Attendees: None.

Station Liaison:

AP Status: Scott Smith

Guests:

Quorum was met, 6 members.

Previous Meeting Minutes: August 2021 meeting minutes approved by Lorraine Cheney, seconded by Chris Aycock.

Station Liaison Report: None.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

1. The Financial Officer, Madeleine Brink, said that the checkbook is reconciled with the bank balance.
2. Glenn Funk said that the fuel team, which consists of himself and Helen Mackenzie, was presented with a "challenge coin" by Vice Admiral McAllister. This was to be given last week during a helicopter stopover but the landing site and Pt. Arena Lighthouse were so fogged in that a landing wasn't possible. Vice Admiral McAllister is the Commander of the Pacific Region.
3. Steve received his official notice of retirement.
4. The members technically qualified to be on the list for next year's Flotilla Commander are Glenn Funk, Bob Gerbi, Chris Jewell, Helen Mackenzie, and Leon Thomsen. Chris Jewell and Bob Gerbi are unavailable, and Leon said that he is out of town a lot of the time so is unable to do it. Glenn said that he would volunteer to be Flotilla Commander with Helen as his Vice Commander.
5. Glenn said that we are very close to being absorbed by another flotilla because of our low numbers. Several of our primary jobs, such as lens cleaning, the pyro team, and meetings at the station have been suspended because of the virus. The safe boating class can be taken online, as almost everyone does now. And vessel safety checks are very low because of the low water levels at most lakes due to the drought. Steve said that our mission is to improve boating safety but we can't do a VE blitz because of the low lake levels. Three VE's per day is our maximum.
6. Steve said that the delta variant of the virus now accounts for about 99% of covid cases. Numbers are up in Mendocino County. The Coast Guard is mandating vaccinations of all of its members. It was suggested that someone contact the station to see if we can get involved with interactive training.
7. We may need to investigate combining our flotilla with another, which would reduce the number of flotillas within the Division .from 4 to 3
8. Steve said he was going to go into the member database (AUXDATA II) to look at member capabilities but was unable to pull up anything but names. He said that we're all current on our CORE training but that Jen still needs to complete the boating safety course.
9. Steve said that PCLK (Point Cabrillo Lighthouse Keepers), which runs Pt. Cabrillo, has a policy of requiring that everyone has the covid vaccination, a copy of the vaccination certificate, or is tested weekly. All staff at Pt. Arena have opted to be vaccinated. The military is going to be required to get everyone vaccinated. Almost everyone is vaccinated at the station.
10. Madeleine Brink is going to request a PSA (public service announcement) at the local radio station advertising for new members. The *Beacon* newspaper has been purchased by a conglomerate and has moved offices to Ukiah. The *Independent Observer* in Pt. Arena will be contacted to see if we

can place a PSA with them. Glenn said he has a copy of a previous announcement that he can send to Madeleine.

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Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) Report:

Other Staff Reports: None.

Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition: None.

New and Continuing Business: meeting closed due to an hour's limitation on GoToMeeting.

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: 1202 hours. Steve moved and Chris seconded. (Please check this.)

After Meeting Notes:

Important Future Dates:

- **Next flotilla meeting: October 16th at 11 on GoToMeeting.**
- **October: Deadline to obtain your RealID.**
- **Sunday Dec. 5th: Division COW lunch online.**
- **Sunday Dec. 12th: Flotilla COW lunch online.**

Web Site References

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

Flotilla 87 web site

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Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, Flotilla 87