

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2022

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: October 15, 2022

Meeting Start: 1119 hours via GoToMeeting

Attendees:

Helen Mackenzie Morris, FC Glenn Funk, VFC (by phone) Lorraine Cheney
Leon Thomsen Madeleine Brink, SR

Division Attendees: None.

Station Liaison: None.

AP Status: Scott Smith, Jen Lewis

Guests:

Quorum: was met.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous meeting minutes were moved for approval by Lorraine and seconded by Leon.

Station Liaison Report: None.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

- Fuel farm: Helen said that she had a visit at the fuel farm by a man from the Navy who came to look at the Veeder-Root fluid measuring system. He checked the level in the tank and verified that it was accurate. All of the military are switching to this system which is controlled by computer from the Humboldt Bay station. He said that our system was interesting, had the right electrical system but that the shed isn't blast proof though Helen said that it has no open flames. She said that she and Glenn performed the usual recirculation last Monday.
- The lens at Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse was cleaned on Wednesday October 12th at 1300 and took about 3 hours. Helen, Jen, Steve, and Madeleine were the cleaning crew. We tried three different brass cleaners, including Brasso, but that Howard's cleaning solution worked the best. Brasso gave off a lot of fumes. We all tried to get the fingerprints off and it was suggested that we leave a note diplomatically asking the Coast Guard people to use gloves as the fingerprints are difficult to remove. Helen called the Coast Guard before we started cleaning to remind them that we would be down for maintenance. The glass was cleaned with a 50-50 solution of alcohol and water which seemed also to work well. This was Steve's recipe.
- Leadership and Flotilla 88: Leon suggested that Helen and Glenn hold a discussion with Kevin Kelley, Commander of Flotilla 88, about joining them as our numbers are so low. Leon suggested that we talk with Bill Hale, Commander, and John Felton of Division 8 to see if they could help us. Helen said that many flotillas are having difficulty with low numbers.
- Elections: Helen said that we will figure this out when we talk with Flotilla 88.
- Thanksgiving lunch: Helen said that she called Safeway, Harvest and the station to find out how much a fully cooked Thanksgiving dinner costs and how many people are coming. She hasn't heard back from them yet. Owing to the high cost of turkeys this year it was suggested that we have cold cuts for dinner instead. Madeleine gave a total of our Flotilla

credit union account. Helen proposed doing it the week before Thanksgiving on Wednesday November 16th.

- COW lunch: Helen suggested that we do a virtual lunch but we don't yet know how things will work out with Flotilla 88.
- Leon said that on our web page is an anonymous phone message from a commercial fisherman who said that his GPS equipment had failed one night and that he really appreciated seeing the lights at Pt. Arena and Pt. Cabrillo and so find his way home.
- **Vice Commander (VFC) Report:**
- Glenn said that he's been in touch with the Coast Guard to adopt an easy transition of activities at the fuel farm after he retires at the end of this year. The fuel farm is under the auspices of Humboldt Bay and the boats at Noyo station are diesel. Noyo does their own testing. Helen suggested contacting the Air Station and ask them to contact Noyo station about the duties at the fuel farm.

Other Staff Reports:

Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:

- Glenn was recognized and given an award for 15 years of dedicated membership and service.

New and Continuing Business: None.

Other Business: None

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: at 1211 hours.

- Lorraine moved to adjourn and Leon seconded.

After Meeting Notes:

Important Future Dates:

- Next meeting is on November 19th.

Web Site References

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

Flotilla 87 web site

r/s,

Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, 113-08-07