

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes November 2022

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: 19 November, 2022

Meeting Start: 1108 via GoToMeeting

Attendees:

Helen Mackenzie Morris, FC Glenn Funk, VFC Leon Thomsen
Lorraine Cheney Chris Aycock Madeleine Brink, SR

Division Attendees: Bill Hale.

Station Liaison:

AP Status: Scott Smith, Jen Lewis

Guests:

Quorum was met, 6 members.

Previous Meeting Minutes: October 2022 meeting minutes approved by everyone.

Station Liaison Report: None.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

1. Fuel farm: the fuel farm has been having problems with the filtering system; Glenn said that there has been coloration of the filter but readings on the sedimentation apparatus have been on the mark; Gabe Wender, a fuel specialist in the Civilian Component at the Coast Guard air station, brought a new Mark 3 test machine to recalibrate the machines at the fuel farm (they have to be recalibrated every week). Helen said that the Coast Guard will not use the fuel farm until the problem has been corrected because there are other problems as well; there has been rubber found at the bottom of the fuel tank which may come from the gasket on the filter apparatus. Bill Hale said that the only way to remove it is to empty the tank and clean it. Dave Wender brought 3 or 4 carboys with him and took the bad fuel back to the air station with him. Glenn said that they will test the fuel next Monday as usual.
2. Flotilla positions: elections weren't held because we may merge with Flotilla 88. Lorraine said that she will stay on as Materials Officer, Leon will stay as Communications Officer, and Madeleine will stay as Financial, Secretary of Record, and Public Education officers. Lorraine said that our materials list remains essentially unchanged every year. She asked Bill that, if we're going to have an active flotilla, can we be a detachment. Bill suggested keeping our money and materials equipment separate from Flotilla 88 and not commingled if we become a detachment. Helen said that she hasn't heard from Flotilla 88 and doesn't know how to proceed. Bill said that DIRAUX, which is located on Coast Guard Island and not Petaluma, has the procedure and said that if we become another flotilla again, it will be easier if we keep things separate. Glenn asked if other flotillas in the country have faced this situation of low enrollment, and Bill replied that low recruitment is a situation throughout the military. The Auxiliary has a lot of members who have retired and if we become a detachment we can use Flotilla 88's Human Resources person or, Bill said, he would be happy to help with the process. Regarding raising funds, Flotilla 39 used OPTREX to raise money; before covid we used the Boating Safety class held at the station to raise funds. This class now uses the Boating America text over the Internet. Every March or thereabouts, the bill arrives from Division for dues payments from members assessed in the previous July or August and is \$44 per member.
3. The lunch at the Coast Guard station last November 16th didn't go as well as Helen had hoped. The dinner wasn't attended by a lot of the Coastguardsmen because a number of the Coasties were bringing back a ship that had been repaired on Coast Guard Island, and no families were there.

Also, the food seemed hurriedly prepared and the turkey was 45 minutes late because Harvest Market had problems with their oven. But Chris Aycock had been at the station earlier in the day and the Coasties were really looking forward to it. Helen said that the men helped set up the dinner and also helped to clean up afterward. Chief Petty Officer John Gray thanked us for the dinner before we set up and said how much it was appreciated by everyone. Chief Grey said that the Coast Guard is trying to get involved more with the community and Helen said that we could use their involvement as an opportunity to recruit new members.

4. Helen said that the light at Point Cabrillo went out because of the cold. Steve repaired it and suggested that the 3rd. floor be heated. He is unable to perform more extensive repairs because Mr. Gladfalter of Sector didn't give Steve the authorization to fix it.
5. COW lunch: Helen has pretty much decided to hold it at GoTo Meeting and we could celebrate at home.
6. From Bill: If we become a detachment we still have to have a monthly meeting which needs a leader.
7. Chris Aycock said that the Coast Guard station is going to hold a Christmas dinner on December 16th at David's.

Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) Report:

Please send your end of month reports on time.

Other Staff Reports: None.

Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:

Glenn said that he couldn't praise Helen enough for the work she does at the fuel farm every Monday morning.

New and Continuing Business:

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: 1206 hours. Glenn moved and Lorraine seconded.

After Meeting Notes:

Important Future Dates:

- **Sunday Dec. 5th: at 11 on GoToMeeting.**
- **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