

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes January 2023

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: 21 January, 2023

Meeting Start: 1140 via GoToMeeting; due to the change by Google to Chrome, we all had difficulty getting on which delayed the start until 11:40.

Attendees:

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

Division Attendees: None.

Station Liaison:

AP Status: Scott Smith

Guests: None.

Quorum: was met (5).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Station Liaison Report: None.

Officers are: Commander - Helen Mackenzie Morris; Vice Flotilla Commander - Lorraine Cheney; Human Resources - Bill Hale; Finance and Secretary - Madeleine Brink; Jan Lewis still hasn't fulfilled the requirement to take the Boating Safety Class to become Navigational Aid due to flooding problems at the lighthouse and a large workload.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

- The Point Cabrillo Lighthouse was badly damaged during the past storms as seawater and high winds broke down the west doors from their hinges and flooded the first floor. The merchandise isn't insured and we lost about \$10,000-worth of items. Jen is holding a fire sale. Also, the light still isn't working because of the motor and clutch. Leon said that his brother-in-law, Jack Guloti, rebuilt the motor in the 1960's. He started his company, Fidelity Technologies located in Pennsylvania, with his first government contract to complete the work on this motor which has serial number 001. Helen will pass this information on to Steve. Leon lives nearby so he has many connections here.
- Helen said that the fuel farm is due to be handled by Coast Guard personnel from the Noyo station when they have time. They are short-staffed at the moment so she has continued to do the necessary weekly check. Helen asked if they can send one person to help, but she is having difficulty reaching Mr. Hoigaard at the station. We can no longer contact personnel at the station by phone but instead must send an email message.
- Recruitment: We need to recruit more members as we are very short-staffed. Kevin Keeley of Flotilla 88 in Clearlake has offered to come here to set up a table with recruitment information. Suggestions were given by the members to check the event calendar at the Chamber of Commerce as to the events where we could do this. The following were suggested: during the Whale Festival in March, Paul Bunyan Day, the Salmon BBQ, the Police Activities League (PAL) Bike Rodeo in June and their Fishing Clinic at Morris Pond on July 8, and the August 26 half Marathon possibly on the Coastal Trail. Helen will ask Jen if she knows a reporter who can write an article on the flotilla for recruitment. Madeleine said we may need to order more materials which are currently stored in the Oil House.
- We need an inventory of our materials to accompany Form 7025, Financial Report of an Auxiliary Unit.

- Helen said that she will ask Bill Hale of Division about how we can get on Zoom for our monthly meeting.

Vice Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

- Lorraine is stuck in Florida after having health problems for the past several several weeks.

Other Staff Reports:

- FN: Lorraine asked about how much we sent last year to Division from our dues collected from members. A check for \$792 (#1483) was sent to the Division on May 15. The flotilla can keep \$6 from each dues check. Madeleine will recalculate this amount for the check we send about March or April for last year's dues.

Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:

- Helen suggested that we purchase a \$50 gift certificate at the feed store for Steve Nilson for all of the help that he gave us in clearing the lighthouse of debris after the storms and in helping with the broken light.

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New and Continuing Business:

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: 1210 hours.

After Meeting Notes:

Important Future Dates:

Saturday February 18 next meeting.

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