

Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes March, 2023

Unit: 113-08-07, Mendocino County

Date: 18 March, 2023

Meeting Start: 1116 via Zoom

Attendees:

Helen Mackenzie Morris, FC

Lorraine Cheney, VFC

Madeleine Brink, SR

Division Attendees: Commander Bill Hale.

Station Liaison:

AP Status: Scott Smith

Guests: None.

Quorum: was not met; 3 members.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Previous Meeting Minutes: Not voted upon.

Station Liaison Report: None.

Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

- Rack card:** Jen and Helen came up with a design about the Lighthouse and they are currently being printed. We have ordered a 1,000 to start and when they arrive Madeleine is going to deliver them around town: Coast Guard Station, Harvest and Mendoza's, the Chamber of Commerce (and request their distribution at the Farmer's Market), hotels, Gallery Books, Dolphin Isle Marina and restaurant, Little River Inn, Heritage House, Post Office, Harbor Master and Noyo dock and parking lot, Slack Tide Cafe, and the Noyo Center for Marine Science. No booths were set up during Whale Walk (March 18) as there was no room. Bill said that the sight of a member in uniform gives a suggestion of legitimacy to our recruitment activities.
- Status of Pt. Cabrillo lens:** The Coast Guard is in charge of the lens and will try to make parts to repair it.
- Lens tours:** Started today. Jen sent a list of the dates and Madeleine will post them at her school. The Flotilla gets \$25 of the proceeds from each shift of lens tours if a member is there in uniform.
- St. Patrick's Day:** Helen tried several times to reach our liaison and the Chief at the Coast Guard Station so that she could drop off the corned beef and vegetables for their dinner but she didn't purchase these items because there were no return phone calls. The station is short-handed at the moment and busy so this isn't surprising. They may also not be receiving her messages as she has called in someone to repair her computer, though Bill received her messages to himself and the station liaison. Helen wanted to talk with liaison about holding Flotilla meetings again at the station. Helen said it would be a good idea to get a relationship going again with the station since the Covid restrictions so as to improve recruitment, but we already have a relationship with them as Chris Aycock is their chaplain. Helen said that she would call them first.
- New members:** Bill said that two members, Scott Smith and Marie-Elena Simpson, are qualified and suggested that new members be assigned a mentor to help them. He volunteered to be a mentor. Madeleine will try to get in touch with both people as she knows them. Maria-Elena works on Saturdays and Bill said that we could change the time of the meetings so that she could attend. Richard Hambright has been a volunteer at the lighthouse for about 5 or 6 years and has mentioned joining us. We are going to ask Jen to mention this to him and get a copy of the paperwork to him if he continues to express his interest. New members fill out the paperwork, complete the Core Cour-

ses, and then are charged pro-rated dues when all is complete. If anyone is having difficulty with paying dues, Bill said that we are empowered to pay them for the member.

Vice Flotilla Commander's (VFC) Report

Other Staff Reports:

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Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:

New and Continuing Business:

Good of Order/Fellowship:

Meeting adjourned: 1158 hours. Lorraine moved to adjourn and Madeleine seconded.

After Meeting Notes:

Important Future Dates:

Next meeting - Saturday April 15th at 1100.

Web Site References

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

Flotilla 87 web site

r/s,

Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, Flotilla 87