

# Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes June, 2023

**Unit:** 113-08-07, Mendocino County

**Date:** 17 June, 2023

**Meeting Start:** 1102 via Zoom

**Attendees:** Helen Mackenzie Morris, FC      Lorraine Cheney, VFC      Leon Thomsen  
Madeleine Brink, SR

**Division Attendees:** Commander Bill Hale.

**Station Liaison:**

**AP Status:** Scott Smith

**Guests:** None.

**Quorum:** was met.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Lorraine moved to approve the minutes and Leon seconded.

**Station Liaison Report:** None.

## Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:

- Lens tours:** were held on 5/13 and 5/28; the flotilla received a check for \$246.50 from Point Cabrillo Lighthouse Keepers (PCLK) which was deposited to our checking account on 6/13. Leon requested a copy of the lens tour schedule to put on our website; Madeleine will mail it to him on Monday.
- Lens cleaning:** Jen hasn't scheduled a cleaning because of illness; the lens is still not operational. Tanya has tried to get the Coast Guard (CG) to move on repairing it and Helen said that it might not be a priority. Also, they are short-handed. Steve Nilson bought a motor and told the CG that he could modify it but they declined his idea. Helen asked Bill if he could talk to them. He said that Mr. Gladfelter, the surface operations supervisor at the CG, was replaced by Mr. Dayton. It takes a while for the new person in a position to get up to readiness and the CG is reticent to ask the predecessor for assistance. Bill said that he would talk to Mr. Dayton on Monday.
- Fuel farm:** Helen said that she hasn't been there for some time but Glenn Funk went by there and he said that it's a shambles. The doors and tank are secured but the shed for the large portable fire extinguisher are broken. He noticed that the landing light was on but Bill said that they might have a reason for this. Helen has offered to help the CG. Helen said that if they have a SAR anytime soon it will take them an hour to recirculate the fuel. Bill said that the CG was looking into obtaining a contract with the local fire department. From last month's minutes: The Coast Guard isn't going to get a fuel delivery anytime soon, Helen said. Bill said that the Fire Department has recirculated the fuel and Helen asked if the FD knew how to do the recirculation and said that she'd be happy to train anyone as it's a complicated procedure. Bill said that it's a good idea if Helen was along when they did the fueling and recirculation. A 5-year contract was mentioned but Bill said that it's only guaranteed for a year and the next 4 years is optional. We all agreed that we need more members to train. The Coast Guard is going to have a difficult time with their SAR operations as the summer is coming up.
- Joining Flotilla 88 as a Detachment:** We haven't progressed anywhere with increasing our numbers. Helen doesn't believe that we're going to have enough people to fill the officer positions. She said that Rich Thomas will be a lot of help if we vote to decide to join Flotilla 88 as he knows a lot about the procedure. Leon thinks it's a good idea, but Bill said that it's a lot like getting married as you want to be careful who you marry. We have a completion rate of 77% on our core training with

two people who haven't finished, Scott and Marie, though Scott is close. Flotilla 88 is 67% completed. We have 50+ years of history which will be wiped out if we join them. We need someone to step up to be officers. Our FC (Helen) and FVC (Lorraine) have been in their positions for 2 years, the maximum time allowed for officers. Also, our money will go to Division and then given to Flotilla 88. We discussed with Bill about joining another flotilla besides Flotilla 88, but both Flotilla 8-11 and Flotilla 39 are too far away. We will need to fill out Form 7025, disenrollment or transfer. Helen said that we will postpone our decision. Bill said that we could call everyone but Helen said that she already has. Bill suggested an in-person meeting but Helen said we have a difficult enough time over Zoom to get members to show up for the meetings. Bill said that we could take a vote of all of the people who show up about what route to take.

5. **July 4th Picnic:** Helen said that we have so few members that a 4th of July picnic at the Light Station doesn't seem feasible. Rich Thomas has invited us to a picnic on July 12th (a Wednesday) at the CG station. He doesn't have a time yet. Helen asked those of us who would go to wear our ODU's. Lorraine offered to call all of our dues-paying members, and said that a call from Ireland to do this costs 2 cents per minute. Bill said that there used to be 32,000 Auxiliary members nationwide but it's now down to 20,000 - 22,000. Lorraine said she would talk to our dues-paying members about joining a detachment and about the picnic. Marie needs the boater safety class and has completed the core courses. Scott needs the basic qualification (BQ) course. Bill said that he would help with Boater Safety, now Boat America, the basic qualification course (BQC) and would give the flotilla credit at the Division for teaching it. Lorraine needs a new badge as hers expired during covid. Bill said that she needs a new application form, a photo in tropical blue blouse, with her hair above the collar line, on a red background and no flag.. Bill will send the form as a PDF since it's not online
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#### **Vice Flotilla Commander's (VFC) Report**

1. Lorraine asked about life vests. Helen said that they're in the oil house and that those that aren't useable will be destroyed. Jen and Helen will check the name, date and manufacturer.

#### **Other Staff Reports:**

#### **Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:**

1. Bill thanked Helen for all of her hard work.

#### **New and Continuing Business:**

1. Madeleine asked about sending out dues notices as July is the month when they are usually sent. The amount will be \$50 as before.

#### **Good of Order/Fellowship:**

**Meeting adjourned:** 1215 hours. Leon moved to adjourn and Lorraine seconded.

#### **After Meeting Notes:**

#### **Important Future Dates:**

Next meeting - Saturday July 15th at 1100, but the July 4th picnic on Wednesday July 12th may supersede this.

#### **Web Site References**

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

Flotilla 87 web site

r/s,  
Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, Flotilla 87