

**Chief Petty Officer Association
Washington DC Chapter
Meeting Minutes/Newsletter – 15 JULY 2004**

Call to Order at 1144.

In attendance:

BMCM Mark Allen, president	SKCM Linda Reid
PAC Paul Rhynard	MCPO Frank Tatu
MKC Marson Kay	PAC Jeff Murphy
HSC Chuck Reich	CWO Ed Kruska
PSCM Gary Sherrill	MSTCS John Matheson
QMCM Gary Jensen	YNC Shellie Chambers, treas.
YNC Mary Fulcher, v.p.	TCC Bob Bryers, ret.

Treasurer's report: balance in chapter funds of \$3,569.91; checks for President's Outstanding Chapter Award qualifying items have been mailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flags Across America - CWO2 Ed Kruska, Chair

The Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven is donating \$375 to the program for purchase of flags. An application has also been made to the Coast Guard Foundation. CWO Kruska has an idea to expand the display of U.S. flags on the 14th Street Bridge for September 11th ... details to come.

Leadership Series – SCPO Matheson is considering taking this chairmanship.

Hope to get BMC George Pledger scheduled soon. Two CG vets who were at the National Flag Day parade are another possibility – one is a veteran on the Rum Wars!

Southwest Community House - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

We made a donation.

Remembrance - MCPO Edna Doak, Chair

Coast Guard flags were presented at the recent memorial ceremonies for CWO Tom Brooks and for Chief Duain Benson's infant son.

CCTI - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

The fall event will be on 22 October at the TISCOM Anchorage Club, with the kickoff on 15 September in room 2415. The Recognition Dinner will again be at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. YNC Fulcher suggested RADM Houck as guest speaker and will ask him.

Membership – PAC Paul Rhynard, New Chair

Working on a "Welcome to HQ" letter for incoming CPO's.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The Baltimore CPOA has challenged us to do more packing of "care packages" for deployed Coasties. Date/time TBD.
- 2) The uniform exchange in the cafeteria is wrapping up tomorrow.

- 3) OSC Graviss is hard at work on the POCA application – due tomorrow!
- 4) CG Day Picnic at TISCOM. 1100-1600. CPO Kay can always use more volunteers for the Beverages Committee.
- 5) 23-27 August – CPOA National Convention – Las Vegas, NV. MCPO Allen will be our chapter delegate. An assortment of interesting presentations is planned – Deepwater, CG Central, Mutual Assistance and a “Gold Badge Panel.” There will be a Reserve Roundtable for reserve members. Plus the great camaraderie of getting together with Chiefs from all over the country. Registration form is available at www.uscgcpoa.org.
- 6) NASCAR/Labonte-autographed shirt drawing. Our webmaster now has an on-line donation system set up. Waiting on return call from CDR Gordner, G-I, to confirm shirt is still available ... plus we need to get a picture. 3x5 card donations will be accepted at the Coast Guard Festival and CPOA Convention.
- 7) Professional Development Day for enlisted personnel – would be good to have another one this summer. Might be a chance to get a CGEA Branch started.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Multicultural Day at James Creek Marina is 29 July. CPO Ross Brown needs chiefs to set up and take down tents.
- 2) YNC Fulcher has a printing quote for Coast Guard Chief bumper stickers; will research other sources to compare quotes.
- 3) BMCM Allen is ordering the poinsettias for the December sale. Will order 35 large, 30 medium, 35 small. YNC Fulcher is looking into getting some kind of bag or other means of making them easier to carry.
- 4) MSTCS Matheson would like to organize another CPO picnic in the fall, with the PCPO's doing the cooking. Will work with the COTM on details.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- ❖ MCPO Doak has been RELAD and is looking for a new assignment.
- ❖ Welcome to HQ, PAC Murphy!
- ❖ Hope to invite CSM Greer, senior enlisted advisor for the Military District of Washington to a future meeting. Also SCPO Mike Behrle, president of the Navy CPOA chapter.

Moment of Silence

Next meeting – 19 August 2004, 1130-1230, CPO Dining Area

Meeting Adjourned 1252