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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**

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District 11NR Board Meeting Minutes

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1130 PDT Point Welcome Room, CGI - DCAPT Election

1730 PDT Point Welcome Room, CGI – District Meeting Continued

Call to Order: 1145 by Rod Collins

Roll Call: By Maryanne Collins acting as DSO-SR. A quorum was present. Attendance is reported in addendum A.

Guests and Visitors: Commanding Officer Sector San Francisco, Captain Gregory G. Stump, MST3 Blaine Meserle-Nibley. The sign in Sheets for guests and visitors are attached.

Elections Results: COMO Mike Maddox presided over the elections with COMO Gail Ramsey, head of the vote verification group. Elections results as follows. First election result was Wally Smith, DCAPT; Second election result was Simone Adair, DCAPT; Third election result was Bill Stolz, DCAPT

District Board Reports:

DCDR-1 Richard Celia - Report on file: District sent an email, their Division set a record of 59 persons attended BS&S and SS&S Classes. Wish to thank all the Instructors and members of the Auxiliary

DCDR-3 Carl Pierce - Report on file: Flotillas 35 & 3 continue with BS&S Class. 39 Kayak programs were performed on Whiskey Lake.

DCDR-4 Judy Estaban – Report on file; Flotillas 46 & 43 had a joint Potluck celebrating bringing members in. Santa Clara Park And recreation are very appreciative of the Auxiliary efforts on Lake Anderson. Alcohol related incidents are down and no deaths reported.

DCDR-5 Jim Blackburn: The Auxiliary University Program will be started at the California Maritime Academy. Blaine Meserle-Nibley attached to the Pacific Strike Team, BM2 Kathleen Flynn from CGRC San Francisco and LTJG Leigh Van Lear , Unit Leader of the Pacific Strike Team will meet to finalize and follow-up on the program. Classes offered are similar to Auxiliary classes. Applications to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be available for students. Current enrollment is 8 with possibility of 15.

DCDR-6 Sean Sheehan - Report on File: The Division's longest term member Milt Entwistle, who is 95, received the " Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Red Cross celebrating his many years in service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary among other organizations. An online video is available. Flotilla 64 celebrated Coast Guard Birthday with a BBQ. Coast Guard personnel from Sta. Monterey, Naval Postgraduate School and Auxiliary members came together for an outstanding event.

DCDR-7 Mike Thompson – Report on File: They are continuing to work with the State of Utah on call out SAR for missing persons. They are much appreciated by all Agencies involved. Members continue to work hard until their season ends at the end of September.

DCDR-8 Tom O'Connor – Report on File: Shared an example we are not infallible. A member was out checking his boat without a PFD on, was thrown overboard and sustained a concussion but is back home and safe.

DCDR-10 Philip E. Grove - Excused

DCDR-11 Bill Stolz – Report on File: SO-MT's are doing a great job working with volunteers. Members are actively working on Regatta Patrols, working with Station and at the Tahoe Maritime Museum. Social and BBQ was well attended

DCDR-12 Linda Haynes – Report on File: Really great summer. Have a lot of members attending PCA Fair today.

P-PCA Mary Kirkwood – Report on File: Want to commend all the instructors. They are the top of the crop and outstanding. Fun Run will have shore side events also. Dean LaChapelle is the POC. A low response so far. The Memorial committee of Roger Haynes, Dean LaChapelle, Mary Kirkwood, Judy Estaban and Fran Fisher are already at work on the next Memorial Service to be held on 16 November at the Elected Officer's Training.

DIRAUX CDR Curtis Sumrock: There are two email addresses to send information to DIRAUX. One is for ID Card Pictures and One for General. The two emails limit the information going into the system. So far it is working well. Please notify the office if you have a problem with the system. Want to thank all the outstanding candidates who are running for office. Travel orders are down due to budget constraints. There are two new Coastie trailers. The people who perform the highest number of hours will get highest priority. Enrollment applications have shown an increase in SecCen security returns for failure to select Felony/Misdemeanor box. Need to engage the applicant to read the form and provide evidence. If there is a question of drug use or trafficking be truthful. Domestic Violence is not tolerated. Mike Lauro asked the current length of time for processing. This year has been approximately 3 months compared to last year of 6 months. If you are aware of a death please run the information up the Chain of Leadership. Diraux would like to send a letter and notify PCA for the Memorial. If there are awards that are submitted directly to Sector please notify via Chain of Leadership DCDR and DIRAUX. About 3000 whistles have been ordered and will be distributed to Division Commanders. They should be given to people who have a nexus in the community.

IPDCO CDR Angelo Perata: Beginning 01 September National has changed TCT requirement from 8 hours to 4 hours. Want to Thank Division 3 Team who spent over 20 hours in helping develop this program. Linda Haynes asked about AUXFS. Those members like AUXFS working on active duty facilities are still required to take 8 hour TCT. Gail Ramsay asked about instructors for the new TCT class. Angelo replied for current coxswains and instructors could teach it. Angelo has 25' dock lines for those members who have underway hours and facilities. Given to Division 3 Carl Pierce, Division 7 Mike Thompson, and Division 11 Bill Stolz. A 100 ' dock line was presented to Tom Holtzman in Division 3.

Meeting Adjourned by DCO Rod Collins 2 at 1449.

Meeting call to order by DCO Rod Collins at 1728

Guests:

Rod introduced Commanding Officer Sector San Francisco, Captain Gregory G. Stump. He wishes to thank all the volunteers for their amazing work and to keep up the spirit to continue to keep America safe and secure. He mentioned the need for media, PA involvement. Asked about Fleet Week for the Auxiliary. He replied probably land side involvement. He is looking forward to coming back to our meeting in November where he will have more time. Rod introduced MST3 Blaine Meserle-Nibley. He is the University Program Recruiting Officer for candidates to the Coast Guard. He mentioned the need to retain the student's interest during their college years. CDR Sumrock asked what the University gets from this Program. Blaine replied a cooperative internship and a Coast Guard presence at Cal Maritime Academy. CDR asked who provides the curriculum. He replied at the National site there is a curriculum list. He was asked what involvement the Auxiliary might have. He replied that the student could join a Flotilla, pay dues and be able to take Auxiliary courses and thereby get qualified. They would go through the full application process.

DCO Report Rod Collins: Attended NACON. Our District had a good turnout and we were welcomed with great weather. The session this year were very good but attendance was down. He met with Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Rear

Admiral Karl Schultz, and Captain Thomas Boros. They were all enthusiastic. Admiral Papp talked about the budget and probability of sequestration continuing. In 2013 the Coast Guard, which took the least hit of all the services, lost about \$300,000 and will probably incur the same amount in 2014. A request from Vice Admiral Paul F. Zukunft to maintain our proficiencies with constant training and work to be ready. Discussion about the Auxiliary ability to do electronic voting in the future. The Auxiliary University Program has over 75 Universities participating across the U.S. There is a set of Standard Courses through the Coast Guard that Auxiliary members must take to be considered for deployment in the event of an emergency like Katrina. There will be new AUXMAN changes coming soon. It will address, among other things, the Flotilla voting quorum issue. Rod stressed that with the America's Cup in our backyard we in D11NR have a great opportunity to get the Photo Award next year. The recommendation for a Program Visitor Ribbon was denied. COMO Mike Maddox asked if the Civil Rights class is now online as others are. Not known.

DCAPT-Prevention Simone Adair – Report on File: Mentioned Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Aid is available to Auxiliary

Sue Fry DSO-MS - Report on File: Simone reported for Sue Fry. Message from Sector that small boaters are having difficulty with the high speed Ferries. They are intimidating. The small boats must look out for the Ferries to avoid mishaps.

James Duncan DSO-NS – Report on File: The deadline for PATONS is 30 September. 50% have reported so far. We are usually at 95%. Most Division are very good at reporting with 10 and 4 a little weaker.

Jerry Edelen DSO-PA – Report on File: Want to have “One Stop Shop” for activities in the District. Propose to use the District portal where the DCDR can look at the activities and send a short synopsis if interested. Asked if Simone could get a picture of the new Bay Bridge.

Roger Haynes DSO-PE – Report on File: There is an interest in the breakdown of the number of students in the PE classes. It appears that some have not been reported. A source for new students is in the Flotilla relationship with High Schools. A Fresno high school elected to offer a 2 week class. 60% of high school students said they would like to make boating part of their lives. A two week program two times a year could be offered at no charge.

James Goff DSO-VP – Report on File: He reports that every Marine Dealer has had a good year.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE – Report on File: Thank You for having the class at PCA this year. It was a great class. He asked about the whistles and missing lanyards. CDR Sumrock said DIRAUX can provide them. Rod asked about VSC's numbers decreasing this year. Mike mentioned reporting issues and to have people get caught up in VE's and reporting hours. Simone mentioned AWW this week. Mike mentioned partnering with the Dock Walker Program and Vessel Safety Checks. Hope to be back on track this coming year.

DCAPT-Response Wallace A. Smith – Report on File: Div 7 and Div 11 Optex in August were well done and organized. Kudos to those participating in America's Cup it was a monumental effort. Linda Vetter on the Silver Charm was out every day. Want to call out accolades to OTO Matt James for the huge effort cataloging PPE. It was a job well done. Now it is almost time for the 6 month review in the Flotillas. CDR Sumrock said delinquency orders are sent out if the PPE is not inspected. It is a safety thing. OPS and MA are responsible for the subsequent process. Gail said there is a little confusion at the Flotilla level. Could DIRAUX put out documentation regarding the process? Patrol Area Coordinators monitor and receive delinquency the list.

Larry Olson DSO-AV

Jeff Price DSO-CM: Excused

COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OP - Report on File: Pulled great reports for hours but had problem with the October hours. Interpreter Corps is under Operations. COMO Mike Maddox said the Coxswains get monthly checks and they need to go to POB. CDR Sumrock said to ask the OTO. Rod added that EXCOM does a lot to keep things going. Rod has a special recognition for Wally Smith who received a special award from Sector San Francisco for “Auxiliarist of The Quarter”.

DCAPT-Support Curtis Han (By Rich Thomas)

Jimmin Chang DSO-CS - Report on File: Two classes coming up Website Management and Website Internet Resources. Several ADSO's have been working on guidelines for website maintenance and review of technical content.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV - : Two Flotillas qualified for the CACO 3 Star Award. The first Diversity workshop will be presented at the PCA Fair. Want to encourage more members to get involved.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS – Report on File: She is online. Encourage members to submit their hours. Members interested in IS are being trained by mentors.

DSO-MA - Open

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT – Report on File: Did webinar at NACON for first time for 4 hour TCT. “Elected Officer Training” will be Nov. 16-17. Let her know ASAP who the elected officers are. Mike Maddox mentioned that AUX-NAV class is now online. It will be on Saturday & Sunday for 2 hrs. Steve Salmon mentioned the “Awards” seminar, 23 September 1900 hrs. It is on the calendar and will be more on team rather than individual awards. Please ask your Flotillas and Divisions to attend.

Ann Zocchi DSO-HR – Report on File: All disenrollments submitted so far have been turned into DIRAUX. HR webinar is very popular. AT last week’s online session the FC’s were invited to join in as well. National is doing an HR webinar 2nd Tuesday of each month which she attends.

Curtis Hahn DSO-PB: Rich Thomas reported for Curtis. Please send articles in.

DCOS - Richard Thomas

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Report on File: Excused

Randy Parent DFSO - :

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP – Report on File: Excused

Neil Nevesny CRC - Excused

DSO-SR – Open

COMO Vic Connell ASC: It is a pleasure to serve under the COS. America’ Cup people have been a pleasure to work with. Linda Vetter wrote a very nice article regarding the America’s Cup that is in the running for the cover. Sector is looking for more Auxiliary logistical support from Auxiliary Procurement Support and IT Support at Sector. It would be accessing CG website for updates and maintenance. More information to follow. CDR Sumrock suggested use of the website would be for a specific request like a job listing. Gail mentioned other Districts have a secure member sign in. It will be looked into further by District.

Awards: Rod presented an award from NACON to Linda Vetter and Charles Duncan.

“Membership Dedicated Service Awards” were given in 12-91 to George Nease for 30 years; 11-01 to Richard B. Reeves for 40 years; 04-06 to Daryl B. Redford and Wendy A. Redford for 45 years; and in DIV 10 to Dorothy L Flyoire for 55 years. “Achievement Medal” for Interpreter Corps was presented to Steven Wang and Elsie Lamb; for Fleet Week Coordinator to Sonia Foster.

Richard Thomas gave a special presentation to COMO Mike Maddox and Mrs. Maddox from FL 03-09 for their 50th Anniversary.

COMO Mike Maddox gave a “Special Proclamation” “The Golden Chef’s Hat” from 03-09 to DNACO Angelo Perata for his excellent spaghetti sauce.

Old Business:

Rod thanked Mary Kirkwood, Dean LaChapelle, Mike Maddox and Denis Eaton for all their work.

All Staff Members are invited to join the District Webinars. Please pass along to membership.

DTRAIN: At the Hyatt in Sacramento 3rd weekend in March 2014. Should have a response to a few questions from Hotel next week. Division 3 will be asked to help with the event.

District Store: Rod apologized for the unforeseen situation with the District Store. Simone Adair will be conducting an inventory. If anyone is interested in running the store or helping out contact Simone or Rich Thomas.

New Business:

New Officer Training: – new signups: Orders will be issued to new Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders, Division Commanders and Vice Division commanders who have not taken the course before.

Changes of Watch:

Sector & DIRAUX request COW information be sent to staff at Sector & DIRAUX. Como Connell said technically there is no funding to attend but will get the information out as soon as possible.

Awards to COMO Steve Salmon to be sent no later than 30 Sept for COW. CDR Sumrock said he is very good at writing up awards and will work with you so deserving members can be recognized.

TBA information for COW need to be updated on District Calendar.

Final Comments:

Gail Ramsey mentioned the Library, is a great resource and is available in DIRAUX office. Management books are available to sign out and can be sent also.

Mary Kirkwood mentioned a U-Tube video "The Great Boat Lift" that shows the power of people to come together in a crisis in memory of 911.

Adjournment:

DCO Rod Collins called for adjournment. Mary Kirkwood mad a motion to adjourn and Wally smith seconded. There being no further comments or discussion, DCO Rod Collins adjourned the meeting at 1857

Next Meeting 16 October 2013 1900 - Webinar

Addendum A

Board Members in Attendance

DCO Rod Collins	CDR Curtis Sumrock	Angelo Perata IPDCO
Richard Thomas DCOS	James Blackburn DCDR-5	Linda Haynes DCDR-12
Richard Celia DCDR-1	Sean Sheehan DCDR-6	Mary Kirkwood P-PCA
Carl Pierce DCDR-3	Mike Thompson DCDR-7	Simone Adair DCAPT
Judy Estaban VCDR-4	Tom O'Connor DCDR-8	Wally Smith DCAPT
James Blackburn DCD-5	Bill Stolz DCDR-11	Curtis Han DCAPT

Staff Members in Attendance

COMO Vic Connell ASC	COMO Mike Maddox ADSO-CS	COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OP
Jimmin Chang DSO-CS	Tim Kahn DSO-DV	Ann Zocchi DSO-HR
Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS	Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT	James Duncan DSO-NS
Jerry Edelen DSO-PA	Curtis Han DSO-PB	Roger Haynes DSO-PE
Mike Lauro DSO-VE		

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryanne Collins