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District 11 Northern Region**

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District 11NR Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday 20 September 2014, 1000 PDT
Coast Guard Island

Call to Order: 1012 hours by DCO Rod Collins

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: By Maryanne Collins. Present: CDR Curtis Sumrock; CWO2 Matt James;

COMO Rod Collins DCO; Richard Thomas DCOS; COMO Angelo Perata IPDCO/ DNACO; Wally Smith DCAPT William Stolz DCAPT; Simone Adair DCAPT; Richard Celia DCDR; Carl Pierce DCDR; Judy Estaban DCDR; Thomas Sarnicola DCDR; Sean Sheehan DCDR; Michael Thompson DCDR; Thomas O'Connor DCDR; Rod Rollins DCDR; Leon Borden DCDR; Gregory Fonzeno DCDR; PCA - Mary Kirkwood

A quorum was present to conduct business. Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Introduction of Guests: CAPT Michael Day, Deputy Sector Commander from Sector San Francisco on behalf of CAPT Gregory Stump of Sector San Francisco expressed Sectors' appreciation of all the Auxiliary does. ASC Vic Connell asked Captain Day about communication and he replied through the ASC then the AUXLO. When asked about the turnover of staff at Sector replied typically 1/3 turnover. CDR Curtis Sumrock asked about overnight housing to which he replied "space available only" send requests to 'Chief of Logistics'.

COMO Camryn Lynn; David Wright, ADSO-FN; Linda Haynes, ADSO-FS, Honolara Maddox, Steven Bustin, Dave Burke.

District Elections: DCO Rod Collins thanked all who have put their time and effort in running for office and those who have held an office. He turned it over to COMO Mike Maddox for election protocol. COMO Maddox read the Nomination for DCO, Richard Thomas COS. He asked for nominations from the floor three times. With no other nomination from the floor, nominations were closed, a hand role was taken and Richard Thomas was elected as DCO. The Nomination was read for COS, Wally Smith. COMO Maddox asked for nominations from the floor. Carl Pierce nominated Mary Kirkwood from the floor. After 2 subsequent calls for nomination from the floor the nominations for COS were closed. Each candidate for COS spoke to the board regarding their candidacy. The vote was conducted and the meeting was continued awaiting the results.

District Board Reports:

DCDR 1 Richard Celia – Report on file: Simone Adair reported Division 1 is doing great.

DCDR 3 Carl Pierce – Report on file: FL 3-10 in Rio Vista with Sta Rio Vista participating. FL 39 training with Sector Humboldt. Division OPTREX 17-19 October.

DCDR 4 Judy Estaban – Report on file: PA event Palo Alto Airport 28 Sep, Alviso Festival 12 Oct, COW 2 Nov in Mt. View & flyer is out. The Flotillas report ongoing potential new members.

DCDR 5 Thomas Sarnicola – Report on file: Via online reports member Bill Kinsey retired after 16 years was given a "Plaque of Merit", will be missed.

DCDR 6 Sean Sheehan – Report on file: OPTREX in Santa Cruz Harbor was huge success with 18 members attending and 18 passing. FL 64 held a BBQ with great food and fellowship, was attended by members from the Navy League, Sta. Monterey and Naval Post Graduate School. COW 8 Nov in Aptos flyer out soon.

DCDR 7 Michael Thompson – Report on File: Successful Coxswain Quals with OTO Matt James. FL 76 conducted several Safety Fairs with over 1200 people coming out. Season winding down in a couple of weeks and then off until next year.

DCDR 8 Thomas O'Connor – Report on file: FL 86 - open house ... quite an impression with 13 members. FL 87 Historical Society in Crescent City. Patrol time is minimized.

DCDR 10 Rod Rollins – Report on file: OPTREX cancelled. Have had issue with fingerprints. Participating in Veterans Day Parade in Fresno is largest west of Mississippi. Retirement party is postponed. Participating in National Clean Up Day at Pin Flat Lake. An idea was brought up at D-Train for “Professional Portfolio” with Auxiliary Logo with Certificates instead of Awards. DCO will take as a recommendation to the Board.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports that Mr. Smith has been elected COS. COMO Maddox read the Nominations for DCAPT: James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia, Judy Esteban, Carl Pierce, Sean Sheehan, William Stolz and Michael Thompson. He asked for nominations from the floor three times and hearing none closed the nomination for DCAPT. Each candidate expressed their qualification for office with Steve Bustin reading a prepared statement from Richard Celia who was not present. The vote was taken and the meeting was continued awaiting results.

DCDR 11 Leon Borden – Report on file: 11-4 members met at Senior Center teaching computer classes to Seniors. Meet at Sta. Lake Tahoe has a need over next several months.

DCDR 12 Gregory Fonzeno – Report on file: Doing 9/11 events with Memorials & Remembrances, ‘Parade of Heroes’ Newark. PA – Apprentice Program moving ahead. COW on 7 Dec.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports that William Stolz was re-elected DCAPT. COMO Maddox read the Nominations for DCAPT: James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia, Judy Esteban, Carl Pierce, Sean Sheehan and Michael Thompson. The vote was taken for the next DCAPT and the meeting was continued awaiting results.

PPCA: Mary Kirkwood – Report on file: 140 attended PCA Fair. Big ‘shout out’ and thank you to Instructors, Aux FS, District Store, and DIRAUX open for photos and ID’s..... FL 43.... Next PCA Fair 3rd weekend Feb, more to come. Looking for titles for classes contact her. Memorial Event 15 Nov. PCA elections at Nov District Meeting, noon timeframe, DIV CDR for 6 mos. are eligible.

IPDCO-DNACO Angelo Perata: D11NR is one of 2 Districts that hold a PCA Fair. Amazed at how far ahead our District is. One of a few Districts that have ASC’s as part of team work with Sector. Congratulations to all for a great job. AUX-MU passed by National Board. Two bands, 1 east coast, 1 west coast. CG Aux Facilities cannot have painted markers.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports a 4 way tie to remain on the list of Candidates. James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia, & Judy Esteban.

CWO2 Matthew James: Lake Powell RBS has a 25’ response boat. Button up program in October and back out in March. If interested 25’ Crew or Coxswain has minimum standards contact OTO James. DCO asked if it is still a pilot program. OTO replied yes a 2 year program participation encouraged. District is way ahead with PPE program now mandated by the Admiral. Division 6 doing an excellent job with PPE. FC’s should be setting the tone and emphasize importance for participation in program. OTO will help anytime to insure the program works at Auxiliary level. Changes forthcoming..... QE’s performance standards have increased. Thank you for all the work you do.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports the list of candidates for DCAPT are Judy Estaban, Carl Pierce, Sean Sheehan & Michael Thompson. The vote was taken and the meeting was continued awaiting results.

DIRAUX CDR Curtis Sumrock: OTO Matthew James is leader of PPE Program nationwide. He is doing the best job and D11NR is leading the pack to make us as safe on the water and set an example to others. Currently there is an Aviation Stand Down across Nation to conduct training with Aviation component and stop trend of mishaps. Good news received a trailer from Sector SF, purchased propane grill to deploy AUX-FS to provide support at events. AT NACON there was concern and frustration with New Member process and SECCEN. Fingerprint cards returned and behind 3 months. DIRAUX is screening for good fingerprint cards with no stray marks and identifying problem before being sent out. Reminder to not skip any boxes on the application. Rod Rollins asked if they are working on implementing security scan to which CDR replied “Not at this time”.

DCO Report to Board: NACON held in Orlando was well attended with representatives from Australia, Canada, Philippines as well. Highlights were getting information to members and training availability on the National Website. On “Nation Help Desk” members can get and pass down software. National is looking at electronic voting but it is not available at this time. MS ‘uninspected towing going to domestic ... by qualified officers. Still can do uninspected passenger vessels. 50 Year and 75 Year Streamer recommendation date can be found in Aux Directory.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports there was no majority vote. The remaining candidates are Carl Pierce, Sean Sheehan, and Mike Thompson. The vote was taken and the meeting was continued awaiting results.

Meeting Adjourned for Lunch: by DCO at 1142

Meeting Called to Order: by DCO at 1238

DCO Report to Board: Continued. National Elections. COMO Mark Simoni elected National Commodore, COMO Richard A. Washburn elected Vice National Commodore, COMO Kenneth L. Brown, Sr. elected Deputy National Commodore Atlantic East, COMO Larry L. King elected Deputy National Commodore Atlantic West, COMO Rodney E. Collins elected Deputy National Commodore Pacific Area. Mike Lauro asked about VE in REYR. Rod said he would discuss with Nat'l. Jim Blackburn asked about mandatory classes. Rod replied they were not official yet.

CAPT Prevention: Wally Smith – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO's in attendance.

Sue Fry DSO-MS - Nothing to report. Rod asked if there were new programs for next year and personnel to support them. Sue replied there was nothing new. In Oct 2015 Commercial Fishing Inspections open for Auxiliaries to participate in exam portion.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Report on File: 7030 submission down with only 29% submitted. DCDR's get word out to submit 7030's.

Jerry Edelen DSO-PA - Excused, Report on File: Sen. Bill Monning introduced Bill SB941 'Vessel Operator Card' implementation to start Jan 2018 through 2025.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports there was no majority vote. Ballot 7 the remaining candidates are Sean Sheehan and Mike Thompson. The vote was taken and the meeting continued awaiting results.

Roger Haynes DSO-PE – Report not on File: Information not reaching to Flotilla level from National. Basic BS&S course to deemphasize, Advanced BS&S course to be emphasized. Safety Courses can still be taught. Online material only available.....

Jim Goff DSO-PV Report on File:

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Report on File: VE's for D11N 30% in REYR by end of year. Urge VE's to take the workshop. Wally expressed his thanks to the board. It's been a great month.

DCAPT Support & Planning: Simone Adair – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO's in attendance.

Jimmin Chang DSO-CS – Report on File: Security policy information sent out. OPTREX info On website can be published. Monitor Website for violations. Training at PCA went very well. CS online training expected in Oct.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Report on File: Diversity Presentation would like to take to Flotillas, pass along info. He has visited all Division except Div8.

Ann Zocchi DSO-HR – Report on File: Streamers 50,60,70 years can back date to last year. Division growth awards should be in. Diraux stopping fingerprint card errors before sending to SECCEN. Will have fingerprint training at PCA.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports Sean Sheehan elected DCAPT. Ballot 8 Candidates for remaining DCAPT position are James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia, Judy Estaban, Carl Pierce, Michael Thompson. The vote was taken and the meeting continued awaiting results.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Report on File:

George Rogers DSO-MA - Report on File: Inventory should be counted & collated next month. Online Store expected to be up and running in October.

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT - Report on File: Let her know the results of DIV & FL elections for EOT on 15 Nov. Website page has new software, new section for presentations. Mandatory courses can be an addition to Flotilla meetings especially "Flu". Cannot be done by webinar at this time.

Curtis Han DSO-PB – Report on File: Last newsletter for year to be out mid October.

Simone mentioned Fleet Week, a District wide event still needs volunteers for shoreside activities. After elections get 7007 report in.

DCAPT Response: William Stolz – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO's in attendance.

Larry Olson DSO-AV –

COMO Michael Williams DSO-CM – Report on File

COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OPS - Report on File: Response Report to include ASC, land Mobile, Air, OTO report. There have been a lot of changes necessary to have 1 consolidated report, set standard to go to every member. For AOM submit EFT to AOM, takes minimum of 8 days for EFT to get in AOM. AUXLO at Sector doing a great job. Need legible receipts for reimbursement, land mobile mileage only accepted. Neil Nevesny asked if Interpreter Core and International Info be included in report. Gail will discuss with DCO. Roger Haynes trailering is \$0.56/mile, include cost for fuel, max 100 miles is reimbursable.

William Stolz mentioned there were 100 standup paddle boarders. Aviation really helps.....

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports there was no majority vote. Ballot 9 tie to remain as candidates are James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia. The vote was taken and the meeting continued awaiting results.

DCOS: Richard Thomas – Called for comments from those in attendance.

COMO Victor Connell DSO-ASC – Report on File: Rescue 21 migration this Monday. AUXLO still in process working with Bodega Bay & Tahoe. Fleet Week shore side support good, Linda Vetter working on Coms support. He is working with Sector for guests invited on Cutters for Fleet Week. For COW's send information or letters with venue & time to ASC. He will inform Sector. Rod mentioned individual invitations from Stations should be sent directly to Station. Travel is still an issue regarding the COW's.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports there was no majority vote. Ballot 10 tie to remain as candidates are James Blackburn, Leon Borden, Richard Celia. The vote was taken and the meeting continued awaiting results.

Neil Nevesny CRC – Nothing to Report. No calls this year. There were two conferences where Auxiliarists were used from the Interpreter Core and the International Core. They hosted an Australian visitor.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports. Ballot 10 candidates for DCAPT are Leon Borden, Judy Estaban, Carl Pierce and Michael Thompson. The vote was taken and the meeting continued awaiting results.

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Report on File: Reminder disenrollments due in 1 ½ weeks. New updates for 2015 Audits to go out.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP – Report on File: Remind Flotillas to send their COW contracts to Joanna. DSO-SR

Richard Thomas COS thanked all those on the Board for their leadership. A special thanks to COMO Maddox, Denis & Monica Eaton, Linda Haynes and her staff. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your COS.

Old Business:

D-Train 2015 – Will be at the Marriott Hotel in San Jose. Flyers are out and moving forward.

Elected Officer Training - In November please let your FC's know. Send info to Diraux.

New Business:

Laptops misplaced, a reminder will be put together for procedures to follow. Should not have PII information on it and it should be backed up. Uniform Protocol is in process. Ann Zocchi will put together a program for Flotilla level of what to buy and how to wear it.

District Elections Continued: COMO Maddox reports that Michael Thompson was elected as DCAPT. This completes the Election process.

Frocking Ceremony: The newly elected Board were frocked.

Awards: Jane Smith received the National Award for PA for Division 6. Jerry Edelen received the National Award for District PA. Fran Fisher was awarded a "Certificate of Merit" from 2011 – 2014. Joanna Leighton-Nevesny received an award as Attorney Advisor from 2010 – 2014.

Good of the Auxiliary: COMO Maddox pointed out that 7 National Commodores of D11NR are present at today's meeting. DCO Collins thanked the election committee and the newly elected Board.

Adjourn: There being no further comment or discussion, DCO Collins adjourned the meeting at 1410.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 1900 hrs. Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Maryanne Collins for Carrie Vandebloom, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers, Guests Present

SECTOR SF: CAPT Michael Day

DIRAUX: CDR Curtis Sumrock; CWO2 Matt James
 COMO Rod Collins DCO
 Richard Thomas DCOS
 COMO Angelo Perata IPDCO/ DNACO
 DCAPT Prevention: Wally Smith DCAPT
 DCAPT Response: William Stolz DCAPT
 DCAPT Support & Planning: Simone Adair DCAPT
 DIV 1 - Richard Celia DCDR
 DIV 3 - Carl Pierce DCDR
 DIV 4 - Judy Estaban DCDR
 DIV 5 – Thomas Sarnicola DCDR
 DIV 6 - Sean Sheehan DCDR
 DIV 7 - Michael Thompson DCDR
 DIV 8 - Thomas O'Connor DCDR
 DIV 10 - Rod Rollins DCDR
 DIV 11 - Leon Borden DCDR
 DIV 12 - Gregory Fonzeno DCDR
 Mary Kirkwood PCA
 COMO Victor Connell ASC
 Neil Nevesny CRC

DSO's In Attendance: Neil Nevesny CRC, Jimmin Chang DSO-CS, Tim Kahn DSO-DV; Fran Fisher DSO-FN, Ann Zocchi DSO-HR; Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS, George Rogers, DSO-MA, Sue Fry DSO-MS, Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT, James Duncan, DSO-NS; COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OP, Jerry Edelen DSO-PA; Curtis Han DSO-PB, Roger Haynes DSO-PE, James Goff, DSO-PV; Mike Lauro, DSO-VE;

Guests Present: COMO Mike Maddox ADSO-CS-MT, COMO Cameron Linn PDCO, Jim Blackburn IPDCDR, Maryanne Collins ADSO-FN, Rob Firehock DSO-LP, David Wright FSO-FN, Michelle Thompson, Tony Zocchi, Phil Grove ADSO-PA, Dave Kirk VFC, Marlene Phifer SO-HR, Dan Tinney FSO-CM, Robin Stewart SO-HR, William Burns SO-OP, Peter Kyril, Denis Eaton, Monica Eaton, Hannelore Maddox, Linda Haynes D-AD-H