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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Saturday 17 Jan 20145 1500 PST
Coast Guard Island

Call to Order: 1503 hours by DCO Rich Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Losi

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Curtis Sumrok; CWO2 Matt James; COMO Rich Thomas DCO; Wally Smith DCOS; COMO Rod Collins IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Bill Stolz, DCAPT; Sean Sheehan, DCAPT; Mike Thompson, DCAPT; Diana Serchia, DCDR; Carl Pierce, DCDR excused; Jane Smith, DCDR; Dean McFarren, DCDR; Will Sumner, DCDR; Carrie Vandebloom, DCDR; Ann Zocchi, DCDR; Bill Tsai, DCDR; Leon Borden, DCDR; Gregory Fonzeno, DCDR; Mary Kirkwood; A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Introduction of Guests: Stu Langs (VCDR Div 12) was introduced by Greg Fonzeno(Div 12 DCDR), Carrie Vandebloom (Div 10 DCDR) introduced Mike Rafatti (Div 10 VCDR), Ann Zocchi (Div 7 DCDR) introduced Paul Constance (Div 7 VCDR), Dean McFarren (Div 3 DCDR) introduced Tom Conley (Div 3 VCDR), Bill Tsai (Div 4 DCDR) introduced Derek Lyon-Mckeil (Div4 VCDR), Will Sumner (Div 5 DCDR) introduced Randy McCormick (Div 5 VCDR), Jane Smith (Div 6 DCDR) introduced Jerry Edelen (Div 6 VCDR)

CDR Sumrok collected the January reports and distributed to the board.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Diana Serchia – Report on file: Div 1 had their COW on 4 Jan at CGI. Capt. Michael Day, CDR Curtis Sumrok and CWO2 Matt James attended. Div 1 partnering with Vivian Mantuk at Boat Show at AT&T Park.

DCDR 3 Dean McFarren– Report on file: Div 3 COW was Dec 13th, Capt. Snyder, CDR Curtis Sumrok, and PFC Miller from Rio Vista attended. Started 2015 Goals by scheduling Boat Shows such as Sacramento Boat Show on March 15th. Several others are coming up as well.

DCDR 4 Bill Tsai – Report on file. D-Train close. Will contribute by manning the registration desk. Currently sending out info to his Div to get help for D-train. Added webinar meetings because of commutes.

DCDR 5 Will Sumner– Report on file: Will Sumner going to COW tonight. COW for the Division went well. Transitioned staff positions with 6 new staff officers. Div meeting topics focus on various areas like PA and VEs.

DCDR 6 Jane Smith– Report not on file: Div 6 COW was Nov 8th. Conducted Holiday Parties with agencies and local Station Monterey. Classes coming up including Boat Crew Academy, New Member Academy, AUXPAC. PE classes have started.

DCDR 7 Ann Zocchi – Report on File: Div 7 COW was last weekend. 4 waivers for AP status members. 10% increase goal over last year.

DCDR 8 Carl Pierce– Report on file:

DCDR 10 Carrie Vandebloom – Report on file: Div 10 COW had CWO2 Matt James present. 1st in District-wide VEs, second in Marine Dealer visits. Upcoming events include 2 classes and dock walker training. 2015 Goals: Increase PE recruitment, VE and PV. Concentrating on inland lakes.

DCDR 11 Leon Borden – Report on file: VE and patrol goals are suspect because of water problems. Training reduced and PE depends on water as well.

DCDR 12 Gregory Fonzeno – Report on file: Div 12 COW will be on Jan 31. PE classes scheduled. Div meeting this Thursday. Goals will be set at upcoming meeting.

PPCA: Mary Kirkwood – Report not on file: PCA Fair biggest in last 3 years. 180 members for this PCA coming close to 200 which is the level we use to have about 3-4 years ago. Mandatory training has attracted many

members. Encouraged flotillas to conduct these classes. Date for later PCA this year still to be set. November Memorial Ceremony kudos extended to Roger Haynes and Simone Adair. PCA elections were conducted in Nov. Still require election for president since Carl Pierce is now a Div Commander. Will have PCA elections after District Meeting is concluded.

COMO Rich Thomas: Recognized Linda Haynes and AUXCHEF crew for refreshments and meals. Thanked Mary Kirkwood for PCA Fair.

IPDCO: Rod Collins: National News – new officers getting started on new programs. Recommend members go to National website and read Strategic Plan. Dates listed for getting items done. New VE manual came out in Oct 2014. New set of programs: New e-books, e-classes coming out by end of Q2, new member PQS coming out after N-Train 22 Feb – Beta testing this item, AUX University Program going through rewrite in Q2. Everyone should get AUXINFO announcement – going through test before end of this month. If it passes test, AUXINFO keeps going. If it does not pass, likely to be shut down. Reason is concern about hacking attacks since program was originally designed to be inside a firewall. National trying find solutions, looking at other ways to run reports if AUXINFO doesn't pass test. Should know by about N-Train. Recommended running reports now in case it goes away.

DIRAUX: CDR Curtis Sumrok : CDR Sumrok reported that Tina noted people stopped by even though they are still in AP status, [Photos are OK. Can get them taken but not issue ID cards until background check done.] Attended D-Train south last weekend. (Will mail out brochure on our D-Train soon.) D11 south have a unique program – Dive Accident Program – Auxiliaries participated in investigations and send out info to communities about the learnings from investigations. Concerned about serious accidents. If anybody has skills in this area, please let DIRAUX know. Program available for internal affairs to conduct internal investigation – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny will conduct training for this. If you have nominees, please send to DIRAUX. Invited members to visit DIRAUX Office – pictures from each Division are posted. Please send in pictures for DIV. Congress approved change so legal aliens can apply for membership in the auxiliary. However, procedure for this not yet approved.

OTO: CWO2 Matthew James: Report on File: Asked that DIV Commanders work with FCs to stay within the chain of leadership when seeking help. People are coming into DIRAUX without prior contact for an appointment. This can cause delays since DIRAUX has a small staff. Minimize walk in traffic to handle requests efficiently. Much can be done through e-mail without coming into DIRAUX office. People came in even though they could have gotten what they needed at the Flotilla level. Applications can be dropped off or mailed in with some security. QE season - 118 coming up for check rides – busy season – could pull on dollar resources for QEs. Make sure people are ready. Please maintain PPE logs properly – go to D-train for training. HR has two new checklists for new member applications – Please use updated forms. DIRAUX – help wanted for staff assistant. PPE program – FC should check on inspections – want to see this from Div Commander's reports.

DCO Report to Board: COMO Rich Thomas welcomed 7 new DIV Commanders. EXCOM met with DIV Commanders earlier in the day. Welcomed new DSO- staff. 60 people signed up for Tuesday Night Live this week – running well. COMO Collins mention AUXINFO – COMO Thomas said it will impact our plans – if anyone knows about AUX and family sick, let him know. Also people with outstanding hours should be reported to COMO Thomas so he can recognize them. Make plans for D-Train. New entity - Deputy DSO program – if current DSO can't be present, Deputy can fill in if trained. If DSO can't make meeting, the deputy DSO will get orders if needed. Ask DSOs to utilize deputy appropriately. Special thanks to Jim Losi – RBS meeting – PVs, VEs. Patrols important – please beef them up. Irene Wetzels working hard on website. Send Irene info on any issues with websites. She can take care of this. District calendar filled up –very busy. If you have things for district calendar, please send to Wally Smith. Make sure to sign up for D-train. N-Train coming up. 3 items for voting – Adjusting AUX Manual information on shoes for ODUs [specify when boat shoes can be used with ODUs and what colors.], Aux Manual AUXOP leadership training – CG would allow auxiliary into these classes with credit, Recommendation that Nation dues be raised \$1/month (\$12 per year to National). COMO Thomas asked Div Commanders to talk with FCs on how to vote on this item.

Break: 1612

Reconvene: 1625

Wally Smith: DSO Reports

DCAPT Prevention Bill Stolz DCAPT– Report on file: Happy with Prevention. Commandant said RBS is one of our most important missions. Try to get everyone into at least ONE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Sue Fry DSO-MS – Rpt submitted. Busy at Cal Maritime Academy proctoring tests. Latest water sampling in Bay looks very good.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Report on File: Jim reported – NS good & bad news: Good News completed all tasks for 5th year in a row, Bad News that 38 people did work but did not submit their 7030s. All PATON and bridge sheets for 2015 mailed out.

COMO Rich Thomas recognized Tina Perry.

Jerry Edelen DSO-PA - Report on File: Navigator Magazine had much in the Annual Edition.

Jim Losi DSO-PE – Report on File: Jim presented a plan. Will present an executive summary next month – measure PE classes and instructors, then look at boat safety statistics to see if more classes help. Schedule for District PE classes – ABS and GPS class. Introduced Gary Kaplan who is helping.

Phil Grove DSO-PV - Report on File: Phil is teaching class so not present at meeting.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Report on File: Has nothing to add. Thanked Mary Kirkwood for good class at PCA. His goals have been posted on website. Will send to board.

DCAPT Response Mike Thompson DCAPT – Report on file:

Larry Olsen DSO-AV – Report on File: Not present.

Mike Williams DSO-CM - Report on File: 13 potential candidates for TCO.

Gail Ramsey DSO-OPS - Report on File – Gail reports Carl Pierce AUX Section Coordinator for Humboldt Bay. Busy QE season coming– please have candidates ready. Thanked Mary Kirkwood for PCA.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Not present. Report on file. Incident Management going to N-Train for training.

DCAPT Support & Planning Sean Sheehan DCAPT – Report on file: Sean looking forward to good year.

Irene Wetzel DSO-CS – Report on File: Thanked DSOs for webpages. Can put photos on webpages.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Report on File: Not much to add. Div Commanders can invite Tim to meetings at Division and Flotillas. Thanked Mary Kirkwood for DV class.

Simone Adair DSO-HR – Report on File: Simone not present. Deputy Ann Zocchi reported that Tuesday Night Live going national starting with the one coming up. Recognized Commodore Thomas for this.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Report on File: Anita not present. Please turn in hours.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Report on File: George reports that we've sold much of apparel from last year, compiling list of fast selling items and slow selling items.

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT - Report not yet on File: New webmaster working on MT website. Starting quarterly Webinar for MTs. Worked with National on AUXOP classes to come out this year. For this PCA Fair had to cancel several classes this weekend. DIV Commanders should get FCs to encourage people to sign up early. Some folks showed up for cancelled classes. Fall PCA class date not set yet but will be out soon. Looking for classes and instructors. D-Train – Flier almost ready – need to get info in for the fliers – looking for opportunities for new members – let her know if you have any ideas. AUXLAM course – Class offered locally with one class in Alameda and Utah.

Cecil Claspell DSO-PB – Report on File: Next North Wind items in, reviewed with EXCOM and coming out soon (10-12 days).

ASC COMO Vic Connell: Report on file. Asked for DIV officers & FC to please read report. Rescue 21 maintenance going OK. Maverick Surfing event – request for VE program there.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR - requested that attendance sheet be circulated to get accurate attendance.

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Report on File: Excused: COMO Rod Collins asked everyone to read her report and go over the Budget. Closing out reports on 2014. Thanks from COMO Rich Thomas.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Report on File. Noted there is nothing to report. CDR Sumrok noted that if you need to conduct an investigation, please contact Joanna.

Neal Nevesny_Civil Rights – No incidents recently, just getting calls for advice. Interpreter Corp in Navigator issue – Commandant mentioned the Corp did a great job and saved money.

Phil Grove DSO-PV – No report submitted yet - Conducted class with 8 attending. 7 passed. Another 6 in process. Introduce Craig Johnson Deputy. Craig reported we had 5 PVs who are very strong. Increases in 2014 very good. For 2015 encouraging to get more members into the PV program.

DCOS Wally Smith – Joyce working on District Calendar. Being updated regularly. Send info to Wally for posting. D-Train coming soon - lots of training and some special training. Spread the word on D-Train.

Old Business:

- D11NR – District Store Update: Look at report.
- AP –Status: CDR Sumrok reports continuing challenges on AP. Please read memo with form for waivers– use this for action after 90 days – responsibility of leadership that everyone is vetted before form is sent in. Once waiver in place they can get uniform and get really involved. (Interact with the person. Only sign form when you are comfortable.) If people have waiver – can wear uniform. PPE issued to Flotilla for their use. AP members can serve as staff officers with waiver. If FC and Div Commanders want to ask question, please go through chain of leadership for advice.

New Business:

- Approval of Minutes.
- PCA Election – Voting after meeting.
- D-Train – CDR Sumrok – New - We are giving TDY orders to people (every member) outside 30 miles. Money for travel only. MAX 200 miles reimbursement. Must register by Feb 21st. Details coming. For DSO inside 50 mile limit. – TDY if eligible.
- EXCOM – Memorial ceremony has been in Nov. – Looking at other options on timing. Will discuss with memorial group. Currently thinking about Sept meeting coordination. Mary Kirkwood made some suggestions on possible dates.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- COMO Rod Collins asked that members please remember AWWW is still very important given the events of the last few months in the world. Please get the info out.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, DCO Thomas adjourned the meeting at 17:34.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18 Feb, Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Curtis Sumrok; OTO CWO2 Matt James

COMO Rich Thomas DCO

COMO Rod Collins IPDCO

Chief of Staff Wally Smith

DCAPT Prevention: Bill Stoltz

DCAPT Response: Mike Thompson

DCAPT Support & Planning: Sean Sheehan

DCDR 1 – Diana Serchia; DCDR 3 – Dean McFarren

DCDR 4 – Bill Tsai; DCDR 5 – Will Sumner

DCDR 6 – Jane Smith; DCDR 7 – Ann Zocchi

DCDR 8 – ; DCDR 10 – Carrie Vandebloom

DCDR 11 - Leon Borden DCDR 12 - Gregory Fonzeno

PCA - Mary Kirkwood

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV –

DSO-CM – Michael Williams

DSO-CS – Irene Wetzel

DSO-DV – Tim Kahn

DSO-FN –
DSO-HR –
DSO-IM- Bruce Martin
DSO-IS –
DSO-LP – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny
DSO-MA- George Rogers
DSO-MS – Sue Fry
DSO-MT – Mary Kirkwood
DSO-NS – Jim Duncan
DSO-OP, DSO-SL – COMO Gail Ramsey
DSO-PA – Jerry Edelen
DSO-PB – Cecil Claspell
DSO-PE – Jim Losi
DSO-PV –
DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman
DSO-VE - Mike Lauro
ASC – COMO Vic Connell
CRC - Neil Nevesny
DFSO –
Guests: Craig Johnson deputy DSO, COMO Mike Maddox, Rob Firehock deputy DSO, Stu Langs VCDR, Mike Rafatti VCDR, Paul Constance VCDR, Tom Conley VCDR, Derek Lyon-Mckeil VCDR, Randy McCormick VCDR, Jerry Edelen VCDR, Gary Kaplan deputy DSO