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District 11 Northern Region
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Saturday 8 September 2018 1500 PDT
CGI

Call to Order: 1504 hours by DCO Wally Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: George Rogers

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: BOSN4 Doug Leavell; COMO Wally Smith DCO; Mary Kirkwood DCOS; COMO Rich Thomas IPDCO; Dean McFarren, DCAPT; Wil Sumner, DCAPT; Ann Zocchi, DCAPT; Michael Mitchell, DCDR; Jeffrey Fite, DCDR; Michael Brown, DCDR; Randy McCormick, DCDR; Jerry Edelen, DCDR; Lana Visser, DCDR; Billy Ray, DCDR; Carl Pierce, DCDR; Linda Haynes, DCDR; Virginia Luchetti, DCDR; Mike Thompson, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: DNACO Linda Merryman, Ensign Sarah Davis, DCOS Mary Kirkwood's Family Members (Mother, Sister, and Brother)

D11NR District Elections: District Elections were started after the introduction of guests and throughout the meeting until all District 11NR Elected Offices were filled. COMO Mike Maddox acted as election moderator. He conducted the elections with the other members of the D11NR Election Committee (COMO Connell, COMO Perata, and Curtis Han) DNACO Linda Merryman was present to observe the election process. Elections proceeded as recorded below.

- **District Commodore (DCO):** Only one candidate was nominated (Mary Kirkwood). COMO Maddox called 3 times for additional nominations. When no more nominations were made COMO Maddox called for a vote by acclamation. There was unanimous acclamation with no nays. **Mary Kirkwood was elected D11NR District Commodore.**
- **District Chief Of Staff (DCOS):** 3 nominees: Dean McFarren, Wil Sumner, and Ann Zocchi. COMO Maddox called 3 times for additional nominations. No more nominations were made. Each candidate made brief comments before the election was conducted. **Dean McFarren was elected D11NR DCOS.**
- **DCO & DCOS (Elect) Frocking Ceremony:** Prior to conducting the District Captain Elections, Frocking for the new D11NR DCO and DCOS was conducted. Mary Kirkwood's Mother assisted in the ceremony with Auxiliary and Coast Guard representatives.
- **District Captains:** Nominees: Michael Brown, Jerry Edelen, Jim Losi, Michael Mitchell, Billy Ray, and Bill Tsai. COMO Maddox called 3 times for more nominations. Judy Esteban was nominated. Each candidate made a few comments before the election was conducted.
- After 8 Ballots the **new District Captains elected are: Jerry Edelen, Jim Losi, and Judy Esteban.**
- **Post-Election Comments:** DCOS Mary Kirkwood (DCO Elect) thanked everyone who put their names into the election process.
- **Frocking Ceremony for District Captains (elect)** conducted for Jerry Edelen, Jim Losi, and Judy Esteban by Auxiliary and Coast Guard personnel.

- **New District Officers Sworn In:** CWO4 Doug Leavell and COMO Smith conducted a Swearing In Ceremony for the new D11NR DCO, DCOS, and District Captains.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- August 2018: Randy McCormick made motion to approve. Michael Brown seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Michael Mitchell –: Michael noted his report is not on file. COW will be on Jan 6th 2019 at the Irish Cultural Center in SF, and Division 1 Elections will be on Sept 26th at Station Golden Gate.

DCDR 3 Jeffrey Fite– Rpt on File: Jeff reported on a heat mishap early this year and noted the division continues to follow up on the incident. Flotillas are doing outreach to local CERT Team and doing more emergency preparation. Jeff extended a Bravo Zulu to a member working with Naval Sea Cadets.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown– Rpt on File. Michael reports Division 3 COW will be on Nov 4th in Mountain View.

DCDR 5 Randy McCormick– Rpt on File: Randy reports on operations. SARs have been hot and heavy recently. Station Vallejo moved to an area near Cal Maritime. 5-1 is doing a Diversity Event. 5-5 OPTREX is coming up. Division Election will be on Oct 4. Steve Johnson is handling the Division 5 COW.

DCDR 6 Jerry Edelen– Rpt on File: Jerry reports the division trained all its crews on Labor Day for Excellence with good success. At the Aug 24th Awards Ceremony with the Coast Guard FC Craig Johnson received an award.

DCDR 7 Lana Visser – Rpt on File: Lana reports the Boating Season is coming to an end. Commended and thanked the crews who did an outstanding job this year. Dec 8th will be the Division 7 COW.

DCDR 8 Carl Pierce– Rpt on File: Carl reports the Division 8 Election will be on Oct 13. Division 8 COW will be on Dec 2nd. Put an Aux patrol boat on Whiskey Lake to assist with clearing the lake during the close-by fire.

DCDR 10 Billy Ray – Rpt on File: Billy reported their OPTREX will be 21-23 Oct and October 27th will be the Division 10 COW.

DCDR 11 Linda Haynes – Rpt on File. Linda reports the Division 11 Election will be on Sept 24th. Their COW will be at Sparks. At the Division 11 OPTREX all 4 members passed. Sept 15th will be the Stand Up Paddle Board Race on Lake Tahoe.

DCDR 12 Virginia Luchetti – Rpt on File. Virginia reports Randy Parent crossed the bar. Division 12 Election will be on Sept 22nd. Their COW will be on Dec 8th. She extended a Thank You to Tim Kahn for attending the Div Meeting. She also extended a Bravo Zulu to Greg Olsen for an ABS Class on YBI for the Golden Gate Young Marines. Semper Paratus Club efforts going ahead very strong, now with 2 Programs.

PPCA: Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reports PCA Fair going on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. 140 people are registered. He thanked Mary Kirkwood for being an awesome PCA Fair Coordinator. The PCA Coordinator position will be filled now that Mary is DCO. The new Coordinator will be announced in Nov. The AUX Memorial Ceremony will be on Nov 17th. Memorial Coordinator is Judy Esteban. PCA Fair Dinner will be conducted after the Board Meeting.

IPDCO: Rich Thomas: COMO Thomas had no items to report.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan was not present due to attending the D11SR Elections.

OTO: BOSN4 Doug Leavell: Rpt on File: OTO Leavell reported the push is for the GAR 2.0. Jan 1st is the auxiliary deadline to get the on line portion of this program completed. Working to get the full program in place. COMO Smith noted we should have more info on this in the next few weeks. The new classroom course will be offered at the next PCA Fair and at D-Train.

Mary Kirkwood: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention Ann Zocchi DCAPT–

Sue Fry DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Sue reports nothing else to add. Currently working on Dock Walker Program.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Jim reports all PATONs must be completed by the end of Sept. Currently at 70% complete.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane noted she's looking for info on the Aug 11th Wear It Event. Also noted an opportunity for another PA Class.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean was on line. Sean had nothing to add to his report. Mary Kirkwood noted his efforts to get PE data into the system. Still don't have all data in the system.

Richard Saber DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Richard reports that unfortunately some clients were lost in the fires.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike excused.

DCAPT Response Dean McFarren DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry notes that a Celebration of Life will be conducted for Randy Parent on Sunday Oct 14th 1 PM at Hayward Airport.

Robert Vanderhyde DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Robert reports weekly VHF testing continuing. Kevin Sellstrom is Comms for Fleet Week. The COOP Exercise on Sept 5th was a good success for Auxiliary participation. The Aux Communication system worked well. He extended a Bravo Zulu to Kevin Sellstrom and Peter Todebush for this.

Bill Stolz DSO-OPS - Rpt on File: Bill reported on the new Risk Management system. With some challenges he was able to complete the on line courses. Noted a report about possible interference between LED lights and radios.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Rpt on File: Bruce not present. Alan Stanton reported the Everbridge System is in place and testing is continuing.

Break at 16:23

Return from Break at 16:34

DCAPT Support & Planning Wil Sumner DCAPT –

Mart Gardner DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Mart was not present. ADSO Mike Thompson asked DCDRs to please get results from elections into Mart as well as DIRAUX.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Tim has nothing to add to his report.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda noted if units have members who want to do FS for Coast Guard or AUX, the members must have their physicals and other qualifications for FS before they do Food Service. PCA Dinner starts after the Board Meeting.

Robert Schabert DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Robert reports 34.3% of people who put in for info found the Auxiliarist that replied didn't know enough to help. HR Retention Info and Application Process is detailed in his report. Robert conducted a demonstration of Leadership versus Management at the meeting.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Anita excused.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Rpt on File: George reports the District Store is in Point Welcome 0730 to 1300 on Sunday.

Curtis Han DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Curtis asked that elections get completed and results reported to him as well as others. Noted reminder about Elected Officer Training on Nov 17th & 18th. Mary Kirkwood emphasized that results from elections should be reported to Curtis, DIRAUX, District Leadership, and Mart Gardner.

Andrea Cuppoletti DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Andrea reports October is the target for publishing the next Northwind, with Prevention as the theme.

ASC- SF: COMO Vic Connell: Rpt on File. COMO Connell reported on a great Sector SF COOP. Fleet Week: our Coordinator is working with CG on this event. Michael Brown working on shore side efforts. There may be AUX guest rides on Coast Guard Vessels for Fleet Week. COMO Connell will send out an e-mail with specifics on this and collect requests. An Auxiliarist can bring one guest with them. If it's a small child, they will need to bring a Life Jacket for the child. The 23rd of September is the date for requests. There may be berthing at CGI for people with facilities coming a long distance. Get requests in. He noted Capt. Ceraolo is trying to attend all COWs except Div 8.

ASC- Humboldt: Carl Pierce: Rpt on File. Carl reports one addition item CWO Moore has left and CWO Canepa is in place.

Georgie Scheurman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Nothing to add.

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran not present. David Wright reported we should be at end of dues cycle.

Noted disenrollment paperwork should be in quickly. Unit leaders should check.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna not present. Robert Firehock reminded people to submit contracts to Joanna before signing anything.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

COMO Smith thanked the election committee.

Awards - COMO Smith:

- Coast Guard AUX Commendation Metal - Terry Blanchard, Michael Brown, Mary Kirkwood, and Virginia Luchetti received this award for their efforts on a patrol. They recovered a Kite Boarder in severe condition and delivered him to medical personnel who took over his care.

DNACO: COMO Merryman:

- Thanked those who ran for office.
- AUXDATA Update: This is designated as a high priority by the Commandant. Target is to get new system going by June 2019.
- MyCGAux Update: New server infrastructure. More efficient and less expensive.
- Help Desk Update: The help desk can answer questions often in less than 12 hours. The person who is having a problem should be the person submitting the question.

AUXLO – Ensign Davis thanked the AUX for the COOP Event on Sept 5th. She extended a Thank You from Sector for this.

DCOS Comments - Mary Kirkwood:

- New Aux National Leadership:
 - National COMO: Larry King
 - V National COMO: Alex Malewski
 - IP National COM: Richard Washburn
- D-Train: March 24 – 26: Grand Sierra in Reno. Did an extensive search for a place that respects the government rates and could handle our needs. Few places could do this and provide the resources needed.
- Div COWs: Now working on GoldSide attendance. Need the details on COWs reported to Mary promptly.
- Division Election Meetings:
 - EXCOM Representatives will be at elections.
- Dist. Staff who would like to continue should please let Mary know.

COMO Corner - Wally Smith:

- ACV: It was available for people to visit during PCA Fair. Unfortunately only one person visited.
- COMO Smith now has newly elected position: DNACO Pacific Area and Operations. 2 months overlap for COMO Smith for D11NR DCO and DNACO. He thanked EXCOM for their work and thanked Dist Capts.
- He also thanked the DIRAUX he worked with and CWO4 Doug Leavell for their excellent partnership with the auxiliary.

OLD BUS:

- Amend the District Standing Rules, Appendix G, Awards – Wil Sumner: Will not do the voting at this meeting. Still need to do more editing. Will have a vote in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Updates from NACON: COMO Smith and DCOS Kirkwood:

COMO Smith and DCOS Kirkwood noted the following:

- Admiral Charlie Ray said we (Auxiliary) are part of the fabric of the greatest Coast Guard in the world.
- Commandant Karl Schultz Watchwords are:
 - Ready
 - Relevant
 - Responsive
- PE, PV, VSC efforts avoid SARS.
- National COMO Larry King (elect) said the only thing you can make auxiliaries do is quit.
- Quorum change was approved.
- Electronic transfer of funds was approved.
- Lost 6500 members in 3 years.
- 2019 Emphasis is Recruiting and Retention in the 2019-2024 National Strategic Plan.
- In Division and Flotilla elections please keep those not elected involved.
- Aux Manual Chapter 3 is being rewritten.
- 3 Star Award is growing quickly which is great to see.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Sea Scouts authorized. MOA signed 25 August. Sea Scouts will be the official youth program of the auxiliary.
- Paddlecraft is an area developing rapidly due to increased incidents and fatalities.
- Encouraging Aux Clergy now known as “Chaplains”.
- UDC is back on line.
- Some changes coming for uniforms, particularly ODUs.

Dinner Break: 17:32

Return: 18:44

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- Robert Vanderhyde – Delta Fire now 37,000 acres. With the other fires this could cause problems on the water in the winter and spring.
- Question asked about BS&S books – It was noted that they are less expensive at Amazon.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Ann Zocchi made a motion to adjourn and Wil Sumner seconded. DCO Smith adjourned the meeting at 1922.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018 1900 PDT Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: BOSN4 Doug Leavell

COMO Wally Smith DCO

COMO Rich Thomas IPDCO

Chief of Staff Mary Kirkwood

DCAPT Prevention: Dean McFarren

DCAPT Response: Wil Sumner

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DCDR 11 – Linda Haynes; DCDR 12 – Virginia Luchetti

PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CM – Robert Vanderhyde

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV – Tim Kahn

DSO-FN –

DSO-HR – Robert Schabert

DSO-IM -

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA- George Rogers

DSO-MS – Sue Fry

DSO-MT – Curtis Han

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP – Bill Stolz

DSO-PA – Jane Smith

DSO-PB – Andrea Cuppoletti

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Richard Saber

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE –

DSO-FS – Linda Haynes

CRC -

ASC SF: COMO Vic Connell

ASC H: Carl Pierce

Guests: DNACO Linda Merryman, Ensign Sarah Davis, COMO Mike Maddox, HannaLora Maddox, COMO Perata, Judy Esteban, Denis and Monica Eaton, Tom Temkin, Judy Esteban, Doug Beckstein, Quindy Sammler, Steven Johnson, Alex Bennet, Robert Firehock, Robin Stewart, William Burns, Wayne Grace, Chris Armbrust, Michelle Thompson, Tony Zocchi, Bobbi Kamil, Robert Jackson, David Wright, Phil Grove, Ken Craft, Peter Todebush, Joseph Chavoen, B. Fowler, Mike Goldberg, Karl G. Keller