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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes

Saturday 21 September 2019 1500 PDT

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Call to Order: 1501 hours by DCO Mary Kirkwood

Pledge of Allegiance: Carrie Vandeboom

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelston; COMO Mary Kirkwood, DCO; Dean McFarren, DCOS; COMO Wally Smith, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Judy Esteban, DCAPT; Jerry Edelen, DCAPT; Nancy Marion, DCDR; Jeffrey Fite, DCDR; Alan Stanton, DCDR; Steve Johnson, DCDR; Jane Smith, DCDR; Paul Custance, DCDR; Carl Pierce, DCDR; Don Pierce, DCDR (acting); COMO Rod Collins, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: None

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

COMO Kirkwood extended a Happy Birthday to COMO Maddox.

Elections: DCAPT x 3: Conducted by COMO Maddox and COMO Perata

- COMO Maddox: Called three times for additional nominees for DCAPT – None
- Nominees: Jim Blackburn, Jerry Edelen, Judy Esteban, Jim Losi, Randy McCormick, Carrie Vandeboom
- Each nominee spoke for 2 minutes, except Jim Losi who was not present.
- Voting:
 - 1st Vote: Jerry Edelen elected
 - 2nd Vote: no result
 - 3rd Vote: Jim Losi elected
 - 4th Vote: No result
 - 5th Vote: Randy McCormick elected

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- August 2019: Paul Custance made motion to approve. Jane Smith seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Nancy Marion – Rpt on File: Nancy reported on the Flotilla 1-9 Fellowship Event with Air Station San Francisco.

DCDR 3 Jeffrey Fite– Rpt on File: Jeff reports Div 3 SO-MT with a team of AUX & Station Rio Vista Coasties provided a SAR Fundamentals Session. Aug 31 was Div 3 OPTREX. Bob Waterman, a new member, qualified as Boat Crew in 77 days. Another member with arthritis was also able to qualify for Boat Crew. Jeff recognized Nancy Holtzman who's been providing food service to Station Rio Vista.

DCDR 4 Alan Stanton– Rpt on File. Alan reports very active marine patrols. Division MT has produced new PV, TCOs, and Instructor. PA event coming on Oct 5th. Also the division is actively coordinating with Sea Scouts.

DCDR 5 Steve Johnson– Rpt on File: Steve noted additions to his report. The Sept 7th Golf Tournament went well with many Aux members and some Coasties from Bodega Bay. He also noted the Aux University Program now has 8 people working towards Aux Membership.

DCDR 6 Jane Smith– Rpt on File: Jane reported the division is doing a lot of patrols. All facilities are in operation. A good event was conducted at Station Monterey. A new air observer was qualified for the AUX Air Squadron. Tracy Schultz is working on the Diversity Award. Numerous classes have been conducted including ABS, BS&S, SS&S, and Navigation.

DCDR 7 Paul Custance – Rpt on File: Paul reports the division OPTREX was a success and he thanked his OPS officer for the work done. AUXFS handled food at the OPTREX. Members and facilities were at the Fire on the Bay event. 7-6 working on a PA event coming up. COMO Kirkwood visited the division and went out on patrol with members who appreciated her presence.

DCDR 8 Carl Pierce– Rpt on File: Carl welcomed Wayne Pero (Vice) & Bill Hale. Worked with Coast Guard teaching about safety for kayaking. At 144% for PVs. Steve Alexander a Coast Guard AUX Chaplain received an award for his work. COMO Kirkwood noted we're recruiting for chaplains.

DCDR 10 Don Pierce (acting) – Rpt on File: Don reports Div 3 hosted an OPTREX on Labor Day Weekend. It was well done and some Div 10 members requalified. Div 10 OPTREX at Don Pedro is coming up. Div 10 elections will be done at the OPTREX.

DCDR 11 Bruce Martin – Rpt on File. Bruce was excused. Bryce Leinan reported for Bruce. Bryce reports Div 11 had a very successful OPTREX. Thanked Curtis Han, COMO Maddox & Hannelore Maddox for their work at the OPTREX. Members helped at a Paddle Board Race at Lake Tahoe.

DCDR 12 Virginia Luchetti – Rpt on File. Virginia not present. Chester Bartalini (VCDR) reported for Virginia. Chester reported that Greg Olsen coordinated the Golden Gate Young Marines event at YBI. Jim Losi conducted 2 SARs during a recent patrol. Div 12 leading a Boat Crew Qualification Clinic. Jim Losi received an award for doing 100 VEs in 2018.

New DCAPTs were sworn in: CDR Paige Keenan read the preamble and COMO Kirkwood handled the officer's pledge.

PPCA: COMO Rod Collins – Rpt on File: COMO Collins reports PCA Fair is going well with 160 members present. Had some problems with on line registration and will fix this issue. He thanked Michelle Thompson for all of her work coordinating the PCA Fair. The Aux Memorial Ceremony will be in Nov. COMO Collins asked that we report any members who cross over the bar to PCA.

IPDCO: Wally Smith: COMO Smith reported he was speaking as DNACO PACAREA. He noted that we need to raise the bar on safety for surface operations. At NACON there was a QE seminar discussing raising the bar. Emphasized Coxswains doing good pre-patrol briefings and during surface operations crew must identify issues they see. QEs will be looking at pre underway briefings and making sure the crew is aware of any disabilities before going on patrol so this can be dealt with.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan thanked everyone for work on patrols, especially when called out on short notice. As Holidays approach she asked we lookout for Aux and Coasties. Appreciated help with recent parades. Closing out this year's finances. Next year's finances not certain yet. Keeping an eye out for a possible shutdown. Asked that we pay attention to e-mails coming out if there's a shutdown. DO & DI clearances may take some time. These are different from the initial clearances which go much more quickly. DO & DIs take 12 to 18 months.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelston: OTO Finkelston reports he felt there was great work on the Webinars. He did his first OPTREX with Div 6. COWs are coming up and he should be able to attend all but one. CDR Keenan noted the Accounting Stream will not be active until Oct 1.

Dean McFarren: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention Judy Esteban DCAPT–

Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Wil reported that it's been a busy month. Marine Safety is picking up doing Crab Fleet Inspections. Still inspecting UPVs. Conducted a UPV class at Lake Tahoe. Still working on getting the Ferry Audit Program going. Getting 6 new MS program ribbons and awards with 4 for Trident.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Jim reports we're coming to the end of the PATON verification time. Still have some PATONS that need to be done before the end of the month.

Doug Manifold DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Doug reports a great program this year with 3 to 10 PA specialists. Two more completed PQS and working to complete qualifications this year. Mentors are helping. Emphasized that we should send people to C-School who are really committed to PA and make a commitment to serve as a PA officer for a year. Thanked Gail Giacomini for her work on PA Events. Also thanked Roger Bazeley for the class he put together for photography. If we're doing a social media, radio, or television event, we want DIRAUX to be aware of this. PA people were pleased with the Sea Scout program.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reports at NACON there were some new PE seminars. Sean notes there are many classes available for use. He's most willing to help flotillas identify classes to use.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reports that Div 8 is doing very good at 177% of goal and Div 12 is at 518% of goal. Asked DCDRs to make sure PVs are reported.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike noted he has nothing to add to his report.

DCAPT Response Jerry Edelen DCAPT – Jerry did a shout out to Johnmichael Zimmerle (7-3) who did good job on Safety at Sea.

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry not present. Jerry reported Aux Air has an updated website. Aux Air participated in the Delta Blitz. They've continued doing 4 to 6 missions each week, handling a variety of things.

Robert Vanderhyde DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Jerry reported that Aux helped with the repeater on Mount Diablo. Received a letter for the work done. Robert noted the VTS is still using the Mount Diablo repeater. Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV) is getting some work done. Several HF stations have been tracking communications related to storms. Currently working on 7004s. Robert noted that the FCC is looking into LED lights interfering with radios. The suggestion is to do a test on vessels to see if LEDs are giving any problems. Robert also noted Sector San Diego did a recent COOP exercise.

Bill Stolz DSO-OPS - Rpt on File: Bill reports coming to the end of OPTREX season. Last OPTREX will be at Bodega Bay on Oct 19th. Bill congratulated those who qualified for crew, coxswain, and PWC in Aug.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Rpt on File: Bruce was excused. Alan Stanton reported for Bruce. Alan reports said the Auxiliary was asked to fill some ICS positions.

DCAPT Support & Planning Jim Losi DCAPT – Jim was excused. Dean filled in for Jim.

Mart Gardner DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Mart not present.

Tracy Schultz DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Tracy reported on the NACO 3 Star Award of Excellence for Diversity. He noted D11NR could be doing more on this.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reports FS has been working hard for the Coast Guard this summer and has done some OPTREX. Several people have been working at Station Rio Vista.

Robert Schabert DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Robert reports doing an HR class on Sunday at PCA. Planning to get out an HR document in about a month.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Anita not present. Rob Firehock reported for Anita. Rob noted many problems currently with AUXDATA. National is working on this. 7028 forms – there's much work to get these cleared quickly. D11NR has highest clearance rate. Linda Haynes asked if an AUXINFO Class could be provided at a future PCA Fair.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Rpt on File: George not present. Alfred Wootten reported for George. Have already sold \$2000 of materials. Currently looking for some new ADSOs. New hats will be available for use with ODUs.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reports the Elected Officers Training is coming in November. Asked DCDR to send elected officer's names to COMO Kirkwood and Ann. Core Training is being offered on Sunday at PCA Fair.

Reminded everyone there are 5 year updates for Core Training for many members this year. New Members – goal is to have 50% complete Core and BQCII in 6 months. It's important to get members a mentor and get them out doing things. Getting this going quickly really helps.

Andrea Cuppoletti DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Andrea was excused. He's soliciting articles for the OCT Northwind.

Break: 5 minutes.

David Wright DSO-FN – Rpt on File: David reported there was a finance course today. District has a positive cash flow. Everyone should have paid dues by now. Oct 1 we must start filling out disenrollment forms. Contact those who are overdue paying dues. Staff Officer Reimbursement budget will be prepared and presented at a future District Meeting. David asked that we let him know if we have a new finance officer. Awards Budget has been depleted. We'll need to increase the awards budget.

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

Ricardo Moreno Interpreter Corp: On Webinar – Ricardo noted he's been working as an interpreter for a few years and will be working to have a good corps.

DCO Kirkwood: ASC & DSO Reports:

ASC- SF: COMO Vic Connell: Rpt on File. COMO Connell not present. COMO Kirkwood noted that COMO Connell has asked to step down from this position. She also noted a new AUXLO is coming in.

ASC- Humboldt: Carl Pierce: Rpt on File. Carl reports Div 8 COW is Dec 3rd. Election is coming up.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna not present. Rob Firehock noted a reminder about having contracts reviewed by legal before they are signed.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Dean McFarren:

- Elections: Thanked DCDRs for replying on details for elections and COWs. EXCOM will be at elections. He also noted there are specifics for the on line voting system.
- COWs: Thanked DCDRs for details on COWs. Will have EXCOM at COWs.
- AUXDATA revision contract: Signed: This is a Coast Guard project. Expecting a roll out late 2020. Will run current system and new system in parallel for a while. There will be training associated with it.
- Mutual Assistance is available to Coast Guard and AUX. It helped many during the shutdown.
- If we receive a request for documents from an outside group, we should send them to DIRAUX. Let DIRAUX and legal know about this immediately.

DCO – Mary Kirkwood:

- Trip to Utah: This was great over the Labor Day Weekend. She noted the great integration with Park Rangers. Interaction with boaters was also great.
- Greanoff Award: Time urgent. Need to submit applications quickly by Nov 1. COMO Collins noted this is an important award. Encouraged DCDRs to put in an application.
- Boating Accidents: Showed information on this. Most accidents are associated with collisions where there's a lack of proper lookout.
- District Progress towards Goals: Membership growth - We're now flat but losing some members due to people dropping out.
- Why we do what we do: 2018 Boating Accident Stats show a major reason why we do what we do.
- C-School Funding: Reducing the funding. Looking to present this training in a different way.

OLD BUS:

- Recruiting & Retention Plan: Bob Schabert made a presentation. He noted that it's important that we show pride and enthusiasm. He'll be presenting a class on recruiting at PCA.
- Sea Scouts (Jerry Edelen): Safety at Sea was conducted at YBI with over 200 Sea Scouts last weekend. Active Duty Coast Guard and Aux were there helping. The event went very well. Reminder that we should be completing the Boy Scout Youth Protection Program. COMO Kirkwood showed some slides from the Sea Scout event.
- D-Train 2020: Phil Sanchez noted D-Train will be at the Nugget March 27-29, 2020. Can reserve rooms on line.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- Awards and Recognition:
 - Rick & Georgie Scheuerman received a Certificate of Appreciation for work on a new youth boating education program.
 - Roger Bazeley received an award for photography.
 - Diversity Awards:
 - Div 6
 - Flotillas:
 - 6-4
 - 6-7
 - 6-10
 - 8-8
 - 11-1
 - 12-1
 - Wil Sumner and Randy McCormick presented a quilt to CDR Keenan.
 - Ray David received the Trident Device.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, COMO Smith made a motion to adjourn and Steve Johnson seconded. Board approved. DCO Kirkwood adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2019 1900 PDT Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan
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 COMO Mary Kirkwood DCO
 COMO Wally Smith IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA
 Chief of Staff Dean McFarren
 DCAPT Prevention: Judy Esteban
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 DCAPT Support & Planning:
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 DCDR 4 – Alan Stanton; DCDR 5 – Steve Johnson
 DCDR 6 – Jane Smith DCDR 7 – Paul Custance
 DCDR 8 – Carl Pierce; DCDR 10 – Don Pierce (acting)
 DCDR 11 – ; DCDR 12 –
 P-PCA – COMO Rod Collins

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV –

DSO-CM – Robert Vanderhyde

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV – Tracy Schultz

DSO-FN – David Wright

DSO-FS – Linda Haynes

DSO-HR – Robert Schabert

DSO-IM –

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA-

DSO-MS – Wil Sumner

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP – Bill Stolz

DSO-PA – Doug Manifold

DSO-PB –

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Mike Thompson

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF:

ASC H: Carl Pierce

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Angelo Perata, Chester Bartalini, Robert Firehock, Bryce Leinan, Jim Blackburn, Michael Brown, William Hale, Wayne Pero, Monica Eaton, Denis Eaton, Kim Huynh, Peter Todebush, Alfred Wootten, Curtis Han, Terry Blanchard, Karl Keller, Robin Stewart, William Burns, Sherry Lyn Custance, John Brandenburg, Brian Barton, Randy McCormick, BK Barr, Michelle Thompson, Ray David, Tyler Phelps, Roger Bazeley, Rick Scheuerman