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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 18 November, 2020 1900 PST
Webinar

Call to Order: 1901 hours by DCO Mary Kirkwood

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson; COMO Mary Kirkwood, DCO; Dean McFarren, DCOS; COMO Wally Smith, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Jerry Edelen, DCAPT; Jim Losi, DCAPT; Nancy Marion, DCDR; Russ Kaiser, DCDR; Alan Stanton, DCDR; Lew Derfuss, DCDR; Chuck Cobery, DCDR; Paul Custance, DCDR; Bill Hale, DCDR; Don Pierce, DCDR; Greg Olsen, DCDR; COMO Rod Collins, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

COMO Kirkwood welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year.

Guests: Listed below

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- October 2020: Bill Hale made motion to approve. Nancy Marion seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Nancy Marion – Rpt on File: Nancy reported that at the last division meeting in October the budget was approved. They held a discussion on Chain Of Leadership (COL) and how to contact DIRAUX properly. Still keeping in touch with members and continuing to promote training. Went through the survey they had conducted. 69 people responded out of 137. The survey had only 10 questions. Nancy described the survey. The responses included people wanting more speakers. With this survey the division now has lots of info they will work on. The results were put into a report that was distributed. Also distributed flotilla reports to the flotillas. Some flotillas have already put some items into action.

DCDR 3 Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ reported having a general boating class on webinar this evening. Instructors for this class are from several flotilla. Russ extended a Bravo Zulu to those who did this. Flotilla elections went forward. He thanked CDR Keenan and COMO Kirkwood for their assistance with elections.

DCDR 4 Alan Stanton – Rpt on File: Alan reported the flotillas finished elections. Oct 8th Jimmin Chang did a College online session for the Coast Guard Academy. The November 6-8 radio test went forward and worked pretty well. Div 4 did an event (sent a wreath) for Veterans Day.

DCDR 5 Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew reported that the division continues to check on membership. They have an ABS class scheduled for Nov 30 to Dec 3. They're using up remaining materials for ABS. Wil Sumner verified 5 bridges. Working on getting a facility inspected for patrols. Lew congratulated those who were elected to offices this year. Submitted two members for National Awards. Some Aviation members have joined the Div. COW was cancelled. It had been scheduled at TRACEN. They will try to reschedule in spring 2021.

DCDR 6 Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck reported ramping up for surface operations with orders for this weekend. It did take some time to get orders. Working on ATONS. All elections are completed. Chuck & Cecil

Claspell (VCDR) will continue in their current positions. Chuck congratulated those who were elected. He is currently working on filling an SO-AS position. They're now ready for Phase 2 operations.

DCDR 7 Paul Custance – Rpt on File: Paul reported all elections have been completed. Have a few new members in process. Currently have 4 to 5 members working on AUXOP classes. Division COW will a webinar on Dec 5th at 1900.

DCDR 8 Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported all flotillas continue recruiting new members. One had 3 new members. Currently working on Phase 2. No virus reported so far. Scheduled a virtual COW for Dec 6th.

DCDR 10 Don Pierce – Rpt on File: Don reported they've finished all elections and are ready for Elected Officers Training (EOT). Last year a film of the Veteran's Day Parade was put together which was then shown on Veterans Day this year. Facilities are up and running and getting inspected. Did one patrol last weekend. He noted members liked the virtual classes.

DCDR 11 Bruce Martin – Rpt on File: Bruce was excused. Bryce Leinan reported for Bruce. Bryce noted they've postponed their COW. Currently coordinating with the Station Lake Tahoe on their plans going forward. Still have one flotilla that needs an election.

DCDR 12 Greg Olsen – Rpt on File: Greg reported all elections are completed. Will fill the VFC position for 12-01 in January. 12-91 ran an online Boat America course which drew from a broad geography. Currently have facilities working on inspections and building Bubbles for patrols.

PPCA: COMO Rod Collins – Rpt on File: COMO Collins reported that we held a virtual Memorial Service. He thanked those who conducted the ceremony. He noted that we missed one member who passed over the bar early in 2020. PCA held elections with Jim Losi being elected President for the PCA and Paul Custance elected Vice President.

IPDCO: Wally Smith: COMO Smith noted he has little to report. He noted this is his last meeting as member of the board. He said it's been his pleasure to be part of the board. He also noted that he will be DSO-OP in 2021.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reported that D11NR started Phase 2. She also noted there's much changing in California. Things are getting tight for Active Duty. She emphasized that we must be careful in Phase 2. Things may be a little slow. DIRAUX office will stay the same. She asked that we email items/questions/etc. to the shared DIRAUX email box. COMO Kirkwood thanked DIRAUX for allowing orders. She also noted we're still in continuing resolution for the budget.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson reported that last week Sector SF was in Phase 2 but is now back in Phase 1. Some patrols going forward will be looked at more carefully. OTO described the process for creating a Bubble, requesting orders, and then approving orders. He noted we should get requests in early. Asked DCDRs to let members know that he will help with facility inspections and requesting orders.

Dean McFarren: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention Randy McCormick DCAPT– Randy thanked the Prevention Team for their great work during the challenging year of the Pandemic. He felt it was a privilege and acknowledged Div 1, 6, and 12 for their great work.

Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Wil commended (extended a Bravo Zulu) to those who completed the MSAM class. Noted members can complete a PQS for MSAM online. Wil did a Shout Out to Div 8 for their work as well as Div 3. Operation Crab Safe was limited this year. But trying to get it going with the Auxiliary. Did some virtual exams. There are a lot of new training programs underway. COMO Kirkwood commented on the Training and Commercial Fishing Vessel exams during Phase 1.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported PA is the voice of our District. She'd like reports from flotillas if there's no SO-PA, asking that we get photos to her. Members should send their reports and photos from patrols. With photos we need captions so we acknowledge members. Jane needs to know who our Facebook owner is. Bryce Leinan will find out and report to Jane.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported there's not a lot to report this month. He did get some reports but none had any activities to report. Encouraged members to go out with literature safely and to get a stock of materials for distribution.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Randy noted this will be the last report from Jim. Jim's been doing this for about 45 years. Jim thanked Randy for his support, and the Aid Verifiers, Coxswains, and Crew who helped with NS.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported that his report has new categories for our classes. ABS is phased out as a NASBLA approved course but will still be around. He noted we cannot require students to purchase books. We can allow students to purchase ABS books for Boat America. If members have questions about virtual classes, they can talk with Greg Olsen. Sean wants to know who will be the SO-PEs in 2021.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported it's been a pleasure to know and work with Jim Duncan. He has nothing to add to his report. VE decals will be allocated next month, using the same method as last year. Decals will go to FCs then be given to FSO-VEs. Decal allocation is based on 2019. DCDR will get decals that should go to SO-VEs. Mike's new email is now in the Auxiliary system.

Dean McFarren thanked the Prevention Team and especially thanked Jim Duncan for his many years of service to our District.

DCAPT Response Jerry Edelen DCAPT – Jerry thanked DCDRs and the Response Team. He noted it's been very busy and varied.

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry not present. Jerry noted Doug Kerr did a virtual inspection. Aux Air had a meeting with National. Aux Air members are flying to keep qualifications but are not under orders.

Virginia Luchetti DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Virginia reported she's happy to see COMO Smith coming into DSO-OP next year. In Phase 2 we're working on putting together Bubbles to start doing patrols. She reminds members that PPE must be inspected. Another Reminder: We are not using the old crew training materials any more. She thanked Operations ADSOs for their service this year.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported the radio exercise with the Coast Guard which took 8 months to get set up went well. Now working towards next year's test. He noted Auxiliary CM members were working on a hot microphone on law enforcement channels and Aux members found that hot microphone.

Bruce Martin DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Bruce was excused. Alan Stanton had nothing to add to Bruce's report.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS – John-Michael not present. Jerry noted there was not much to report this month.

Dean McFarren thanked everyone in Response.

DCAPT Support & Planning Jim Losi DCAPT – Jim thanked the Support Team for their work, especially the large amount of online work for training, websites, etc. Jim felt it was an honor to be DCAPT.

BK Barr DSO-CS – Rpt on File: BK not present.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reported she's still trying to find out if the Blood Borne Pathogen class is required for FS.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Anita not present.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported the District Calendar is out with 3 TCT Refresher sessions available. Working on EOT. It will be quiet in December. Planning to get back to online training in January.

Tracy Schultz DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Tracy encouraged all levels of leadership to read the DV reports. There's some changes to be aware of. The report contains info from Aux National and the Coast Guard.

Robert Schabert DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Robert reminded all DCDRs to please get all 7035s in. So far, unfortunately 6 members have passed over the bar and 21 have resigned.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Rpt on File: George not present. Jim noted there's not much to report at this time.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg reported he has nothing to add to his report. Asked members to submit articles and pictures on new activities in Phase 2.

Dean McFarren thanked the Support Team.

Dean McFarren - DCOS

David Wright DSO-FN – Rpt not on File: David not present.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on file: Ricardo reported he had nothing to add to his report. He noted he's continuing to communicate capabilities.

Georgie Scheurman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she had nothing to add.

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported the biggest change was Sector SF returning to Phase 1.

ASC- Humboldt: Carl Pierce: Rpt on File: Carl reported there hasn't been a lot going on during Phase 1. Things may pick up in Phase 2.

DCO Kirkwood: DSO Reports:

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna not present.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Dean McFarren:

- Asked that Board and Staff submit reports a week before the meeting.
- All reports should be non-political. Stay professional and non-partisan.
- Glad to see requests for orders.
- Need to be watchful during Phase 2 that we follow the rules.
- All elections are completed. He extended congratulations to DCDRs, VCDRs, FCs, and VFCs.
- A few flotillas didn't have a quorum and a few flotillas wanted to do appointments for FC or VFC. Suggested running a separate meeting for elections. Or temporarily change the flotilla meeting to get a quorum.
- Virtual EOT is scheduled for Dec 1 and 8. There will also be more at the virtual PCA Fair in January. Encouraged new and returning officers to participate.
- Great idea to have virtual COWs. He asked we send info to COMO Kirkwood and to appropriate DCAPT so they know when the COW is scheduled.

DCO – Mary Kirkwood:

- Coronavirus (COVID-19):
 - Health and Safety of our members: A few members (about 6 members) have gotten COVID.
 - Safely returning to AUX Missions: Phase 2 – Timing is a little tricky. Asked that we make sure people are following rules. Asked DCDRs to keep an eye on this.
- REYR Status: Email came out. If members have questions, they should go up through our COL.
- Membership recruitment/retention: Currently 1170 members. This will go down a bit more. We did do several things to retain members, including training and helping members with dues.
- A new survey was done in AUXDATA II to see if elected officers also held MA or FN office. Several were found in our District. This must be corrected.

OLD BUSINESS:

- COMO Kirkwood thanked everyone for their work over the last 2 years. She's sorry that she has not been able to see everyone over the last year. Thanked EXCOM and DCDRs for their work during the Pandemic and the DSOs for all their work over the last 2 years. She said it was an honor and privilege to serve as DCO. She extended congratulations to the new 2021 D11NR Board and Staff.
- Elected Officers Training (EOT): Ann Zocchi noted EOT classes are scheduled for Dec 1 and 8 and more would be conducted in January. Will be sending out invitations. This will come out in the next week.
- PCA Fair: Will be trying to do a Virtual PCA Fair in January. Not allowed on the Base. Asked Michelle Thompson and COMO Rod Collins to see if classes can be offered virtually.

P-PCA – COMO Rod Collins

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS –

DSO-AV –

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV – Tracy Schultz

DSO-EM –

DSO-FN –

DSO-FS – Linda Haynes

DSO-HR – Robert Schabert

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA -

DSO-MS – Wil Sumner

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP – Virginia Luchetti

DSO-PA – Jane Smith

DSO-PB – Greg Schaefer

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Mike Thompson

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H: Carl Pierce

Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, Bryce Leinan, Terry Blanchard, COMO Dale Fajardo, Curtis Han, Kit Galvin, Anthony King, Michael Brown, Steve Johnson, Tony Zocchi