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District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 20 January, 2021 1900 PST
Webinar

Call to Order: 1904 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson; COMO Dean McFarren, DCO; Curtis Han, DCOS; COMO Mary Kirkwood, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Alan Stanton, DCAPT; Bruce Martin, DCAPT; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCDR; Russ Kaiser, DCDR; Michael Brown, DCDR; Lew Derfuss, DCDR; Chuck Cobery, DCDR; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; Phil Mammano, DCDR; Dock Pierce, DCDR; Bryce Leinan, DCDR; Jim Losi, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: See Below in Addendum A.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- November 2020: Russ Kaiser made motion to approve. Lew Derfuss seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale reported that Div 1 had their COW on Jan 9th. He thanked COMO McFarren, COMO Kirkwood, Randy McCormick, and CDR Keenan for attending the COW. An award was presented to Curtis Han. Dale noted that, unfortunately, a Div 1 member Dan Swett crossed the bar recently.

DCDR 3 Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ reported all flotillas have FCs in place. He thanked those who stepped forward to fill the FC positions. The division conducted a virtual COW. He thanked CDR Keenan, OTO Finkelson, COMO McFarren, COMO Kirkwood, and Curtis Han who attended the COW.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown – Rpt on File: Michael reported Jimmin Chang was requested as an interpreter for a Key West incident where there was an overdue kayaker. Michael extended a Bravo Zulu to Jimmin for his work.

DCDR 5 Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew reported flotillas are getting things set up with goals. They've had discussions on membership and encouraged people to attend the PCA classes and perform activities under Phase 2. Their COW is scheduled for Dec 5th at TRANCEN. Their OPTREX will be on 24-26 September at Bodega Bay. They're currently working on PLB expiration dates. Lew also noted that there's frustration developing because we can't meet in person.

DCDR 6 Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck reported the division is busy with COMO Wally Smith conducting 3 patrols. Conducted some boat operations with 2 boats. Craig Johnson has been attending some meetings for the Whalefest. Chuck noted that unfortunately Sean Sheehan reported that Caryl Wells crossed over the bar. The division has been in contact with the CO of Station Monterey to see if the Auxiliary can help as COVID goes away. The division is also continuing to recruit.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony reported the division had a virtual COW and it went well. They presented old pictures and recognized some members like Ann Zocchi and Pam Berger for their training efforts. Tony noted they now have a new division newsletter. 2020 produced a record for online training. The division has added 14 AUXOPS in 2020. Currently working on COVID Bubbles. Also doing more training during the winter.

DCDR 8 Phil Mammano – Rpt on File: Phil reported they now have 2 new staff officers. They're wanting to get AP members into BQ status. They also want to increase water operations. But they do have some challenges in

Crescent City and Mendocino as well. Working on finance materials which are being transferred to the new finance officer. They're currently focusing on member training, retention, and recruitment.

DCDR 10 Dock Pierce – Rpt on File: Dock reported flotilla 10-3 is doing well. Sending in stories about AUXDATA II and other activities. There's been some patrols. Also they now have 2 new members coming in. All flotillas will have one new person soon. Planning has started on National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Many members are still having some problems with AUXDATA II. IS is really helping with these issues. Currently getting ready and contacting organizations they usually work with. Their OPTREX will be in Sept. Also they're doing training.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce reported that unfortunately a Div 11 member has crossed the bar. Voted to dissolve 11-04, South Tahoe. A goal is to get good leadership in the flotillas. They're working with Sea Scouts, with 4 members from Sea Scouts putting in applications for Auxiliary membership.

DCDR 12 Greg Olsen – Rpt on File: Greg was excused. Georgie Scheuerman reported for Greg. She reported that all elections are now complete in the division and the division now has an SO-FN. One COVID Bubble has been formed and has conducted some patrols, including patrols for training and for PATON verifications. Working on setting dates for the Div 1 & Div 12 Victory OPTREX and for the Div 12 COW. Division goals will be set at the February meeting and will be doing planning for instructor training to develop skills for web delivery of PE classes.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim reported on the virtual PCA Fair which had as many 400 members online attending the classes. He noted Admiral Allen enjoyed participating. Jim thanked all of the instructors and thanked the PCA Fair team. He also thanked Bryce Leinan for his Audio/Visual Technical assistance for the Fair. COMO McFarren thanked Jim and the whole PCA Fair team.

IPDCO: Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood reported on things from National. N-Train was cancelled. Everyone received an invite to the OPCOM meeting this Saturday (Jan 23). Feb 20th is the National Board Meeting. COMO Kirkwood encouraged members to attend these online meetings. The links are U-tube links. Admiral Fagan will be the Key Note Speaker on Saturday January 23rd.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reported AUXDATA II is causing some issues in the DIRAUX office as well. Some items are in error. If you notice errors, report these through your IS officers. One recent AUXDATA II issue concerns many people who are coming up on their 5 year Core Training date. AUXDATA II is not current on all Core Training which can cause some issues for patrols and auxiliary officers. COVID update: Active Duty is still working from home and in the office. Currently starting to administer the vaccine to Active Duty personnel. But there are no changes to rules related to masks and social distancing, etc. Majority are under Shelter in Place orders. Vaccines will not be administered to civilian employees, Auxiliary, or relatives. Aux Members need to get vaccines through their private sources. In Phase 2 we must obey local rules and may not get orders depending on the activity. Bryce Leinan asked about the Blood Borne Pathogens class. CDR Keenan said there are no other options but to wait until it's available online again. COMO McFarren noted an item – members have asked if we are considered first responders. COMO McFarren noted that we are not considered first responders. Members should not represent themselves as first responders when filling out requests for the COVID-19 vaccine unless they are first responders based on other work or volunteer activities.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson reported the Blood Borne Pathogens class may be available in late Feb or in March. He noted we now have some flight crews going. He noted that at this time patrols and facility inspections are working well in AUXDATA II. He also noted that he's willing to assist those who need help with AUXDATA II.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis reminded staff that reports should be in 1 week ahead of the District Board & Staff Meeting. He welcomed new staff members. He also noted that DCAPT's are willing to help staff.

DCAPT Prevention Alan Stanton DCAPT–

Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Wil reported good news, extending a Bravo Zulu to Tom Stead in Moro Bay for completing his work for the TRIDENT. He also noted sad news that we only had 12 Trident due to the loss of Dan Swett who was a Trident. He introduced new staff members in MS: Quindy Sammler, Cecil Claspell, and Joseph

Chavoen, Wil did a Shout Out to John Hardin who found more abandon vessels in 3 weeks than were found all of last year. Wil noted he has the training calendar for Dock Walkers.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported PA is moving right along. She thanked those who attended the PCA Fair presentation. This month she received 4 reports. Things seem to be moving along as more patrols get going. Jane congratulated John-Michael Zimmerle as a PA1. Jane's trying to get the PA website updated. She is getting some info on patrols and she asked that we send reports as a Word document not as a PDF. NSBW – Jane needs to hear from Div Coordinators for NSBW.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported that COVID-19 reduced items in PV. Div 5 had 234 visits. Div 6 had 118 visits. And Div 8 had 128 visits. PV had great attendance at PCA. This year's goal is to be 2% better than 2019.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael congratulated Jim Duncan for his service over many years. Michael noted that Jim will stay on as an ADSO. There's also a new ADSO Robert Bain from 5-7. He noted we're still hampered in 2021. He also noted that Bridges and Class 1 & 2 PATONs are the priority.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported National approved ABS as NASBLA approved through Jun30th 2021. Sean noted many flotillas have resisted online PE classes but online teaching is now here to stay. Online classes have worked well in Florida this past year. He noted National has established a National online PE blog. This has a lot of information available.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported that Billy Ray and Jan Jewell are ADSOs this year. Next year Mike will be looking for an ADSO. Mike had a session at the PCA Fair. He thanked Michelle Thompson and Ann Zocchi for their work on PCA. Mike noted the VE District website has been updated. He thanked DCDRs for giving him the election results. This helped Mike with getting DECALS distributed.

DCAPT Response OPEN DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported 2 items. They are back in the air with two flights already approved. 3 more are in the pipeline. He thanked CDR Keenan and OTO Finkelson for their help. Currently working around Monterey Bay and working with a new person at NOAA.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: COMO Smith reported he does not have a lot to add to his report. He thanked the PCA for the OP's slot at the PCA Fair. He noted we'll be challenged this year for check rides, having both 2020 and 2021 members needing check rides. This means there'll be 152 needing check rides. Antlers has been moved to 2022. Next month he'll have a report on needed check rides in each division. Curtis Han reminded DCDRs to send in OPTREX dates to Curtis and COMO Smith. CDR Keenan noted AUXDATA II may incorrectly put people into REYR. COMO Smith noted that COMO Perata is the Chief QE Coordinator.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported Vessel Traffic recently used the Aux Repeater. CM will have a meeting in February to set up training for 2021.

Vinicino Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinny reported he's keeping ADSOs the same as last year. He noted he's still in a learning mode and will have goals next month.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS – John-Michael noted he doesn't have much to report. Scouting is also in Lock Down. He likes to hear about scouting members starting to become Auxiliary members. He asked that we continue to do outreach to Sea Scouts. We could offer training to them.

DCAPT Support & Planning Bruce Martin DCAPT –

BK Barr DSO-CS – Rpt on File: BK reported it's best to send in reports a week before the meeting. He noted each DSO has a website. They are responsible for the content on the website. While CS will help with putting things on the website.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reported she emailed AUXDATA II Training Records to every FS. She found 4 people who aren't in our district anymore. She put together a flyer to go out to Coast Guard Stations.

Robert Aston DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Robert reported that he asked DCDRs to please check their officers to be sure they are correct. He noted AUXDATA II is easy for basic items. If you need help, Robert is willing to help. If you have a request for reports or hours, please send him an email. He particularly noted he wants to see hours put into AUXDATA II.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported we will have a TCT Refresher in February. Elected Officer Training (EOT) had 2 sessions in December. She thanked the instructors. There was also a session on Jan 12th and another

will be conducted on Jan 26th. She'll be getting a training calendar out soon. She asked all DSOs to put together a short class about their work.

Randy McCormick DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Randy alerted DCDRs that there's going to be a Town Hall on Jan 26th. He's scheduling a webinar to present the plan for 2021. He's also putting together a blue print for the 3 Star Award.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim reported on 4 items: Drafted the HR plan for 2021. Created the recruiter quick start plan. Now getting feedback. He will try to get this to DCDRs quickly. Found Lou Sarto who runs a recruiting firm who is now working as an ADSO.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry thanked Ann Zocchi for setting up a webinar for MA. An ADSO for MA Bard Mansager will be coming in. MA is working on a number of items: Providing MA info on a webinar, Working on the rolling fleet, Managing AV equipment for the district, and Working with flotilla officers and Michael Brown on PPE.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg reported the Northwind just went out.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran was excused. She wants to remind DCDRs to send info to her to close the 2020 books.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Ricardo reported on goals for 2021. Glad to see goals in the district plans. He wants to increase the district number to 18 interpreters. He's educating flotillas and divisions about the Interpreter Corp. , and also educating Coast Guard Stations.

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

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported on some Changes of Command that are coming up, including Capt. Wright and Capt. Byrd who are retiring in March and June.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill noted 08-07 continues to maintain the fuel farm. Resumed cleaning the light house and met with the Coast Guard about the closing of the Coast Guard Station at Crescent City.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

- Elected Officer Training (EOT): Jan 26th is the next EOT session. Curtis thanked Ann Zocchi and the instructors.
- COWs schedule: DCDRs should get dates for COW set and reported to Curtis for approval and posting on the District Calendar.

DCO – Dean McFarren:

- Virtual PCA Fair Feedback: Got great feedback. Thanked everyone on the team. He noted we're probably in the virtual world for a while, inside the Auxiliary and outside with PE.
- Core Training: It's up to each of us to keep track of our Core Training.
- Goal Setting: Some goals have already come in. Try to align with the District Goals where possible. But if they don't align, it's OK. DCDRs should set attainable goals and should check with VCDR and FCs.
- OPCOM 23Jan: Noted above.

OLD BUSINESS:

- D-Train: We will have to cancel D-Train for 2021. But do plan to get set up for 2022.
 - Wednesday the 17th of March at 1900 we'll have a webinar Board & Staff Meeting.

- Thinking about running a virtual Awards Meeting, covering 2019 awards and some items from 2020.
- Won't have most of the regular awards for 2020 due to the Pandemic.
- Hoping to have awards for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Special Election will be conducted to Fill Vacant DCAPT position. The election will be on the 16th of February at 1800: Encouraged those qualified to consider running for DCAPT.
- D11 Request For Forces: We've received a Memo asking for Auxiliary members to fill some active duty slots. Curtis Han noted trying to set up a way to get good skill banks so we can identify individuals who have the skills for the slots at Coast Guard Stations. DCDRs should ask members to update their skill bank. They will look at the Coast Guard request and the skill bank info to match up members with the needed slots. This would be done through our Auxiliary Unit Coordinators. COMO McFarren noted that we have a good list from the request we received. It's a great opportunity for the Auxiliary to get more integrated with the Active Duty. COMO McFarren also noted that he'll publish the list so we are aware of the needs and send this to the DCDRs.
- COMO Maddox has been running testing for electronic voting.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- 3 Awards: COMO McFarren congratulated the following flotillas:
 - National Commodore Achievement Awards are going to:
 - Flotilla 1-7 for 60 years
 - Flotilla 5-3 for 60 years
 - Flotilla 10-2 for 50 years
- Bryce Leinan commented on AUXDATA II issues. He noted that members should be careful to check reports when they run reports in AUXDATA II. It's important to check that the reports are correct.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Lew Derfuss made a motion to adjourn and Bruce Martin seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2127.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021 at 1900 PST, 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 Dean McFarren DCO
 COMO Mary Kirkwood IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA
 Chief of Staff Curtis Han
 DCAPT Prevention: Alan Stanton
 DCAPT Response:
 DCAPT Support & Planning: Bruce Martin
 DCDR 1 – COMO Dale Fajardo; DCDR 3 – Russ Kaiser
 DCDR 4 – Michael Brown; DCDR 5 – Lew Derfuss
 DCDR 6 – Chuck Cobery; DCDR 7 – Tony Zocchi
 DCDR 8 – Phil Mammano; DCDR 10 – Dock Pierce
 DCDR 11 – Bryce Leinan; DCDR 12 –
 P-PCA – Jim Losi

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle
DSO-AV – Larry Olson
DSO-CM – Larry Stanton
DSO-CS – BK Barr
DSO-DV – Randy McCormick
DSO-EM – Vinicino Mata
DSO-FN –
DSO-FS – Linda Haynes
DSO-HR – Jim Losi
DSO-IS – Robert Aston
DSO-LP –
DSO-MA – Jerry Edelen
DSO-MS – Wil Sumner
DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi
DSO-NS – Michael Hay
DSO-OP – COMO Wally Smith
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: Bill Hale
Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, Jim Duncan, Anthony King, Terry Blanchard, Pierre Burnier, Lou Sarto