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District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 18 May, 2022 1900 PDT
Webinar

Call to Order: 1903 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

COMO McFarren welcomed our new DIRAUX (CDR Christina Jones), all Board & Staff attending, and D11NR members attending by YouTube.

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Christina Jones; BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson; COMO Dean McFarren, DCO; Curtis Han, DCOS; COMO Mary Kirkwood, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Bruce Martin, DCAPT; Alan Stanton, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; COMO Wally Smith, DCDR; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; John Felton, DCDR; Bryce Leinan, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR;

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: CDR Paige Keenan, For other guests See Addendum A below.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- April 2022: Bryce Leinan made motion to approve. COMO Dale Fajardo seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale reported new FCs in flotillas 01-07 and 01-09 are in place. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW): Dale reported on events for NSBW including a Fair at Station Golden Gate on May 21st. Div 1 OPTREX is scheduled for July 9th & 16th, 9JUL for Training & 16JUL for Checkrides with QEs. 8 are registered for check rides. Will have the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV) at the OPTREX.

DCDR 3 Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported on an event at Station Rio Vista on April 9th. Division 3 instructors helped at a Div 5 class. Conducted an Awards Banquet for those who got awards at D-Train. NSBW: Sacramento River Cats will conduct a “Salute to Armed Forces” game on May 21st. The Sacramento Yacht Club Opening Day Parade was successful. Working with Station Rio Vista for SAR scenarios on Wed 20th of July.

DCDR 4 Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie not present. Michael Brown (IPDCDR) reported that flotilla 04-09 held elections. Conducting a water patrol on Wednesday night at Redwood City for Sail Boat Races. Have 3 locations supporting NSBW. TCO classes will be conducted on Saturdays in June, 4 conducted at Redwood City.

DCDR 5 Randy McCormick– Rpt not on File: Randy was not present.

DCDR 6 COMO Wally Smith – Rpt on File: Wally reported that an ASOC class was conducted at Coast Guard Island (CGI). He thanked Bryce Leinan for his help with this class. NSBW: Events will be at Santa Cruz and at Monterey with Sea Scouts. An opportunity arose in April: 2 people from the Defense Language Institute wanted to join the Auxiliary. Then many others (29) also wanted to join. The division and district looked at this opportunity and decided that it wouldn't work for the students or the Auxiliary for a variety of reasons. But Div 6 will get at least one new member. COMO McFarren thanked everyone who handled this opportunity carefully.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony reported having 2 new members. Flotilla 7-8 hosted a Safety Fair which went well. Coming up is a June 18th Race. Water situation is bleak. Location for OPTREX is at 50% normal water level. Many lakes are low but some are OK right now.

DCDR 8 John Felton – Rpt on File: John reported there's a lot going on. Negative first: Having an issue in flotilla 08-11 – Had a patrol boat from the Coast Guard (CG) but had some maintenance issues and the CG took it away. They now have no OPFAC. Flotilla is now down 25% because of facility loss. Don't have a VFC and are working on that. Now have someone getting prepared to be VFC. Positive: OPTREX was held and was very successful. Had a Communications Exercise and it went well. Dues: Had some issues – Couple of flotillas had members fined but things are getting straighten out. Health Fair was conducted last week on Clear Lake – Issued over 180 Life Jackets to children. 5 more patrols are coming up next week and Memorial Day weekend. Have agreement with State Park to train people on life jackets.

DCDR 10 Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas was not present.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce reported Reno Flotilla will pass a facility over to Utah. Finalizing event with Lake Lahontan. A Pyramid Lake event is scheduled in July. Lake Tahoe level is low and some launch ramps are closed. Have 5 Sea Scouts joining. There was a fatality at Lake Topaz. Trying to get a life jacket stand there.

DCDR 12 Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported on 2 events with the Sea Scouts and a Beach Cleanup on May 7th in cooperation with the City of Berkeley. She extended a Bravo Zulu to OTO Finkelson for attending the 2 flotilla meetings this past month. Plans are in place for NSBW with the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival as the main event for the division.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim Losi was excused since he's on a patrol on the CG Cutter Waesche. COMO Rod Collins reported for Jim. He noted Jim is working with the D11SR PCA, helping them get things going in their district. Starting to plan for the Sept PCA Fair. PCA is still working on getting names on the Auxiliary Memorial. PCA Election will be Tuesday 15 NOV. He reminded/encouraged DCDRs to join the PCA.

IPDCO: COMO Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood reported on National items: Aug 14th NACON will be in Orlando. She noted the request for help at the Southwest Boarder. Described the request and the need for assistance. This request should go to every member. 144 slots needed. Sending 1st CA team out on May 26th. This is a good request but the logistics are complicated. Members should contact AUXIMACC@CGAUXNET.US if interested with a title on the communication of "Volunteer for Southwest Boarder". COMO McFarren noted members need to be current in Core Training and still need to be vaccinated to participate in this effort.

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones has officially relieved CDR Keenan as DIRAUX. She noted it's encouraging to hear about recruiting and all the activities, and thanked us for our work. She noted she's still learning her job. CDR Keenan is retiring in June and OTO BOSN2 Finkelson and YN2 Maele are moving on. Office staff will be a little tight during the summer. Encouraged members to get requests submitted in a timely fashion so DIRAUX can respond in the time frame required. Must have Aux COVID High Risk Assessment Forms, Assignment To Duty (ATD), and Mass Gathering Forms submitted for events.

CDR Keenan: Thanked everyone and noted she appreciates what we do. Thanked us for being out there working with the public. She noted it's often hard to quantify what we do.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson reported there's some great events he's heard about. However, he doesn't think he approved all the events. He'll be in the office through Tuesday (24 May). He feels it's a pleasure to have worked with us over the last few years. COMO McFarren and others present all thanked BOSN2 Finkelson for his work with us.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis noted looking forward to working with CDR Jones and wished CDR Keenan & OTO Finkelson Good Luck as they move on.

DCAPT Prevention Bruce Martin DCAPT–

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph reported on some urgent issues for the Coast Guard (CG). In April received a few urgent requests for assistance from the CG. He communicated these to appropriate people in D11NR. He noted a Commercial Fishing Vessel had a fatality in Bodega Bay area. The CG would like some Aux patrols in that area. Also would like some qualified Aux Navigation personnel to help assess Nav Aides. He extended a Bravo Zulu to Jeff Fite as a new ADSO. He also noted MS will conduct a workshop on UPV.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane thanked CDR Keenan & OTO Finkelson for their service to us. She also welcomed CDR Jones. Jane didn't have much to report. She did ask that if we're having an event, we should take photos and send them in with captions. She'll be sending out a message about NSBW. She noted we should send NSBW info to Kit Galvin.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported Div 5 is outstanding. Out of 531 PVs done in D11NR so far this year, 335 were done by Div 5. Mike also extended a Bravo Zulu to everyone doing PVs.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported we've got 12% of PATONS done so far. Bridges are due at the end of May. 54% are done so far with Divisions 1, 3, 4, and 6 at 100% now. 5 more charts will be deactivated in June. Thanked CDR Keenan and OTO Finkelson, and welcomed CDR Jones.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported his goals are set. New feature in report – Goals snapshot for every division and flotilla. Goal to have a PE officer for each unit and each flotilla having at least one instructor (IT) and offering a PE class. Would like every flotilla to offer a Paddlers Guide to Safety. He has materials available to help members become ITs and offer PE classes.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported our VE Workshop (WS) is at 66% completion. 47 out of 136 VEs have not completed the WS. Encouraged FSO and SO-VEs to encourage VEs to complete the WS. VE website was put in place 15 years ago and is doing really well. Jan Jewel has updated it. Now closing in on the 50,000 mark on hits.

DCAPT Response Alan Stanton DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported that an Aux helicopter will be at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival. Squadron Dinner is scheduled for 31st of May, with the speaker being the CO of Air Station San Francisco. Hal Seibert is putting together a WS on Saturday, June 4th.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported that the Antlers OPTREX was a great success. Workshops are due by June 30th. The QE Quarter has info on line handling commands and trailering. He thanked CDR Keenan and OTO Finkelson, and welcomed CDR Jones.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported CM did a Comms Exercise which went very well. The CG was pleased with this event. Larry also noted some new TCOs are coming online.

Vinicio Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicio reported they continue to work with Emergency Management in San Francisco. Will meet with Sector but the date has not been set yet.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt not on File: John-Michael was not present.

DCAPT Support & Planning Chuck Cobery DCAPT – Chuck welcomed CDR Jones.

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported Div 1 had submitted their website for National approval and National IT found it in compliance with national standards. Still trying to resolve the Square (old) account issue.

Linda Haynes DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Linda reported that CA is busier than ever, with events at Station Rio Vista, Station Golden Gate, and a retirement at Air Station San Francisco. She noted they love being busy.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported several WSs are due at end of June. IS offers to enter this into AD2. The self-attestation form is not for the OPS WS. It should not be used.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported there are some C-School classes during the summer. Also have TCT Refresher classes being taught and a couple more are coming. These sessions are filling up quickly. She asked that we let her know about WSs being offered.

Steven Hilt DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Steven not present. Winnie Zhou (ADSO-DV) reported that Div 1 explained the 3 Star Award in the Northwind. Div 5 has worked on DV. Winnie reported she did a presentation at a China Town Event for Asian Youth.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim was excused. Lou Sarto (ADSO-HR) reported we now have 1090 members, versus 1150 pre-COVID. 47 new members with an attrition of 26 this year. Thanked Flotilla 1-4 for their recruiting. Lou noted the vectors are trending very positive.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry reported on the district rolling stock where John Brandenburg is doing repair work on trailers. He extended a Bravo Zulu to him. He knows what we need for trailers and is getting some funds for this. A ZOOM meeting is planned for MT officers.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg was not present.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran was not present. Curtis asked members to please submit requests for reimbursement in a timely fashion. He also noted we're looking for a new DSO-FN. Units should check roster in AD2 to be sure it's correct. National has a new FN SOP and Fran will have a meeting with National soon. Curtis noted that, in particular, we need to keep FN records for 8 years. We must also keep cleared checks in our records.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported supporting an event to identify new interpreters. Prospects might come from the Defense Language Institute.

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

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported Sector is very busy. She had nothing to add. She noted she has info for Don Anderson and will contact him.

Curtis noted the ASOC Class was a great class. He thanked COMO Wally Smith and LT Kenney for arranging a tour at Sector SF.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported an update: CG Cutter Barracuda will be working in Div 8 area for a Water Safety Day.

COMO McFarren thanked DSOs for their work.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

i. **D11 Request for Forces Update**

1. **Total of 66 requests up-to-date**
2. **Total of 41 requests closed; 4 in progress; 21 remains open.**
3. Two more request since last meeting. Base Alameda is looking for someone to do clerical work/scheduling for the Auto Hobby Shop on Base. This is a facility where AD, Reservists, Retirees or AUX can work on their personal vehicles. The shop provides tools and the user provides parts and pays a fee to use the facility. It has lifts and other auto shop equipment. They are seeking volunteer(s) with some background in auto repairs, and be available a few hours two or three times a week, usually in the afternoon or early evening. The volunteer would collect fees and possibly schedule visits. The training for this would only be a couple of hours for most volunteers. CAPT Leverich points out that the shop will be closed if they cannot find a volunteer.
4. Someone to monitor swimming pool activity for a few hours around lunchtime. Does not need to be a lifeguard, just watches people swimming alone. The current rule on Base is that people cannot swim solo, but must be in pairs or have someone watching a solo swimmer. No training required.
5. Someone to organize and monitor their aquatic program, involving re-building the program which allowed rental of paddle craft and boats at the Tanney Pier. CAPT Leverich is an avid rower and she would like to rebuild this program. The volunteer would likely do some scheduling and collection of fees to use the facilities.

ii. **Risk Management Initial Training and Refresher Training Reports**

1. **Initial RM Training** – 3 members are non-compliant, no change since last month
Members and their respective FCs and FSO-MTs were notified

D11NR	113-03-10	ZARICH, VICTOR I	TCO
D11NR	113-04-03	FISHER, FRANCES L	IT
D11NR	113-05-02	FRANCIS, BETH C	VE

2. As of April 2022, RM Refresher Training – 178 of 179 (99.4%) members are compliant. 1 member is overdue. Curtis notes this is great!

iii. **Core Training:**

1. As of May, 2022, we are currently sitting at 58% compliance for core training (634 of 1088). 2 members completed Core Training workshop since last month. National average is 63%. Ranked fourth of five in PACAREA.

iv. **AP/IQ Status:**

1. We are sitting at 109 members in AP status.
2. We currently have 81 members in IQ status.
3. AUXOP – we currently have 173 of 1088 members (15.9%) with AX/AX2 designation.

v. **National Safety Update:**

1. No additional update since last month but there were some incidents that may be incorporated into training.

vi. **Required Safety Workshops coming due**

1. Surface Operations – Due 30JUN
 - a. 137 of 416 (33%) members completed Ops workshop
2. Telecommunications – Due 30JUN
 - a. 36 of 68 (53%) members completed TCO workshop
3. Instructor – Due 30JUN
 - a. 75 of 148 (55%) members completed IT workshop as of 15MAYR22 – 54 members completed since last month

4. Aviation – Due as part of annual Safety workshop - unknown
5. Vessel Examination – Due 30JUN
 - a. 91 of 148 (61.4%) members completed the VE workshop as of 15MAY2022 – 25 member completed the workshop since last month.
6. Food Sanitation - unknown

REYR – IS officer has to update in AD2 but DIRAUX office must clear REYR.

DCO – Dean McFarren:

i. Recent Awards

a. Secretary of Homeland Security Ribbon

- i. Status on sending to members
- ii. Order of precedence has not been determined at this time so please do not add it to your ribbon bar until the information is communicated to us.

b. CG Special Operations Service Ribbon

- i. Sponsored by Sector San Fran for 70 members that participated in Fleet Week 2021 activities
- ii. Ribbons and associated paperwork being forwarded to DIRAUX for input into ADII and send out to FC's to present locally.
- iii. Order of precedence
 1. Higher than the CGAUX Recruiting ribbon and Lower than the Transportation 9/11 ribbon
 2. For most members, it will be higher than the Specialty Training Ribbon

ii. Membership Status:

- a. As of 12MAY, our membership is at 1090. That is up from 1073 at the end of 2021, or a 1.56% increase in membership.
- b. We've attracted 47 new members this year (4% new member run rate) however we've also lost 30 (including two members passing away)
- c. There have not been any significant advances or decline in membership since the last meeting. As we are coming up on Nat. Safe Boating Week, we hope we can recruit at least several members through our PA events.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Planning for National Safe Boating Week

1. It looks like most of our divisions are preparing for activities during NSBW with a lot of good events.
2. We've seen very few recent requests for assignment to duty coming through for NSBW activities.
 - a. Please make sure that your event organizers submit their Assignment to Duty requests ASAP. As CDR has pointed out, OTO and YN2 are transferring and there will be limited people available to process your request.
3. Also, we are still under COVID Guidance at this time.
 - a. All members participating must have an Aux COVID-19 High Risk Assessment for on file at DIRAUX.
 - b. All members participating in public or auxiliary facing events must be fully vaccinated AND have a completed COVID vaccination attestation form with them. (photos of completed form are acceptable)

- c. Additionally, if your event is going to be held indoors, please submit a Coast Guard Enclosed Space Mass Gatherings Risk Assessment form
- d. All of these forms are accessible on our District Web Page on the “D11N Covid 19 Info tab.

b. Cancellation of one of our four GoToMeeting sites – Update

1. We currently hold four GoToMeeting licenses 1-Annual, 3-Monthly
2. We secured the monthly sites to address COVID related needs and training at a cost of \$15/mo per site. (\$180/yr.)
3. There has been no opposition to canceling one of the licenses so we will be moving forward.
 - a. Affected Divisions and Program leads will be notified in advance of the alternate sites and passwords prior to cancellation.
 - b. Additionally, COMO McFarren has been talking to Bryce Leinan about application options and costs and he is looking into the Zoom platform as an easier and more cost-effective alternative to Go to Meeting. More to come. Bryce noted we’ll use ZOOM for June Meeting and asked B&S to make sure they have ZOOM on their computer before the meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- COMO McFarren noted that the Southwest Boarder request is a good opportunity but you must submit an offer to volunteer. It’s not a self-assignment.
- Curtis Han reminded Board & Staff that we have reservations at the Executive Inn for the meeting on June 18 at 0900 at CGI.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- Coast Guard Island 200 mile relay event is a non-stop team run 04-05JUN – Alan Stanton noted looking for runners, cooks, and other volunteers. Alan will be sending out details soon. Camping will be allowed on the base for this.
- COMO McFarren extended a Thank You to CDR Keenan, BOSN2 Finkelson, and YN2 Maele.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Bryce Leinan made a motion to adjourn and COMO Smith seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2113.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2022 at 0900 PDT, Gresham Hall, Coast Guard Island: **As this is a “no-orders” meeting, a Zoom link will be set up for those who cannot attend in person**

STATS & DATA

As of 12MAY2022

2020 Year End # of Members	2021 Year End # of Members	2022 Membership Inflows and Outflows					NET* MEMBERS	2022 B/(W) 2021	2022 Vs. 202100.00% % Change
		New	Retired or Left	Members Crost ***The Bar	**TXFR				
1,132	1,073	47	-28	-2	0	1,090	17	1.56%	

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson

COMO Dean McFarren DCO

COMO Mary Kirkwood IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA

Chief of Staff: Curtis Han

DCAPT Prevention: Bruce Martin

DCAPT Response: Alan Stanton

DCAPT Support & Planning: Chuck Cobery

DCDR 1 – COMO Dale Fajardo; DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – ; DCDR 5 –

DCDR 6 – COMO Wally Smith; DCDR 7 – Tony Zocchi

DCDR 8 – John Felton; DCDR 10 –

DCDR 11 – Bryce Leinan; DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA –

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS –

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CA – Linda Haynes

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS – Carl Henning

DSO-DV –

DSO-EM – Vinicio Mata

DSO-FN –

DSO-HR –

DSO-IS – Pamela Berger

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA – Jerry Edelen

DSO-MS – Joseph Chavoen

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS – Michael Hay

DSO-OP – COMO Wally Smith

DSO-PA – Jane Smith

DSO-PB –

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: CDR Paige Keenan, COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Rod Collins, Michael Brown, Lou Sarto, Winnie Zhou, Carol Paz, James Stephens, Morgan Swiggett, Joseph Heap, Robert Firehock, Douglas Hammer, Jeff Fite, and 14 others online (names not displayed) on YouTube.