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District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 15 February 2023 1900 PST
Webinar

Call to Order: 1901 hours by DCO Curtis Han

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Christina Jones; BOSN2 Thomas Perez; COMO Curtis Han, DCO; Jim Losi, DCOS; COMO Dean McFarren, IPDCO; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Pete Gorenberg, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; Dave Frisbey, DCDR; Bill Hale, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Guy Chism, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR; Mike Thompson, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: (Also See Addendum A.)

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- January 2023: Bill Hale made motion to approve. Michael Brown seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete reviewed goals. Noted they're currently conducting BS&S and doing Dock Walker Training. OPTREX is still to be determined. Doing some surface patrols with Air Station San Francisco. Also doing boat training. Next large event – Water Safety Fair May 20 at Station Golden Gate. May help with Mavericks. Conducted DIV 1 COW on Feb 4th. Nancy Marion was the primary organizer.

DCDR 3 Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported they had a great COW in January with good attendance. John Hardin was called out in January to retrieve boats that were loose on the water. Will be at the Sacramento Boat Show. Jeff Fite is now UPV qualified. Meeting with the Chief at Station Rio Vista to do planning for a joint training day in April and a SAREX in July.

DCDR 4 Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie was excused. Michael Brown reported for Eddie. Michael noted they're aligned with other divisions on focused items like fellowship & training for members.

DCDR 5 Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob was not present.

DCDR 6 Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave reported on the Valentines Party for Station Monterey this Saturday where they'll be providing a meal for the Coast Guard. They're also active with the Sea Scouts. BS&S was started in Jan. Patrols were cancelled due to weather so they conducted MT instead. Currently working on the NACO 3 Star Award.

DCDR 7 Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill was excused. Carl Henning reported for Bill. Carl noted January was a slow month. Currently planning for training. Participated in the Bear Lake Monster Winterfest on JAN 28th. 7-3, 6, 8 were at the Utah Boat Show on 9-12 FEB. Now planning for their OPTREX in AUG.

DCDR 8 Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported that Mendocino is planning a recruitment event. 08-08 is developing ways to reengage members. Crescent City is working on Core Training. 08-39 have their first major event, NORCAL Boat Show, coming up.

DCDR 10 Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported 10-2 processing 2 members with 3 prospects. Also there's another 2 prospective members. They have a total of 7 prospective members being moved through the new member process.

DCDR 11 Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy reported on an event coming up in March. Flotillas are coming back on line. Guy is planning to meet with all members.

DCDR 12 Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported on some joint missions conducted by the flotillas working together. This included PE, VE, and MT. Core Training via Zoom started on March 1 and will be completed on April 5. Division Goals are now set.

PPCA: Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reported the PCA Fair went well. 112 members attended. There were also some walk ins. Many people helped make it a success. Memorial Ceremony will be in September during the PCA Fair. Base beautification will be doing some work on the memorial. PCA is providing funds for this. Mike noted that at the end of the PCA Report there's a list of those who've crossed the bar. He asked that DCDRs look at the list and make sure it's correct. He also noted that when a member passes we should send the info to the main DIRAUX email.

IPDCO: COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren noted he had nothing to report. He did remind members to sign up for D-Train. It's essentially the District COW. It's also a great way to meet AUX and Active Duty Coast Guard.

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones reported that so far all TDYs have been approved. Asked that TDYs for D-Train be submitted by the 16th (30 days in advance). She also noted that the Unit AUX Integration Award deadline is coming up. Only one nomination is in so far. Submissions for other awards at D-Train must be in on the 16th (30 days ahead). Southwest Border has stood down any more requests at this time. Questions on COVID should be sent to the DIRAUX email.

OTO: BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez reported on the new Crew/Coxswain handbooks. If people have questions, they can contact BOSN2 Perez. For PPE issues and maintenance – call with questions to help make this work. He also noted that we should make sure we're wearing proper PPE for the weather. Facilities – a few entries in AUXDATA II for facilities have been sent back for review. We need to make sure we have correct forms and proper pictures. For any questions contact our OTO.

Jim Losi: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT– Dale was excused.

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph reported 2022 MS increased and met goals. Added a new course. 2023 Goals are in his report. There are increases over last year. Dock Walker Training info was sent to MSs and they should forward the info to members. Doing UPV training.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane thanked everyone for trying to get reports out. Reports were very good. PAs are trying to get the word out on what is being done. Encouraging members to get trained for PA. There's a C-School in San Diego in April. Asked DCDRs to let her know who's the division rep (chairman) for NSBW. Will be sending out request for the names by FEB 20th.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported we're starting well. Already got started with 102 PVs done.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported all PATON sheets are out. Bridges need to be done by the end of May. There will be late July C-Schools.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported last week there was a quarterly National Meeting. More info coming on PE.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported tracking Workshop (WS) completion. 39 out of 122 completed the WS so far. Asked DCDRs to encourage VEs to complete the WS.

DCAPT Response Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported D11S working on getting Aviation online and D11NR is helping them. AUX 17 Course – trying to get it scheduled – difficulty getting instructors scheduled for March 18 & 19. But it looks like it will happen.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported OPFAC Servant is back running. Lots of info in his report on handbook and guide. Any new certification needs night OPS. Everyone who's Boat Crew needs a sheet signed off each year. All of this is to keep everyone safe. Check ride documents are also new. Tasks completed before the new documents can be transferred to new documents. Needs to know who will not continue as Boat Crew and where their PPE is located. Important for retention of PPE. OPTREX Calendar needs to be set up. Wally did a Shout Out to BOSN2 Perez for all of his help. He noted he enjoyed working with BOSN2 Perez.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported Mount Diablo repeater will be installed soon. Want to expand VHF exercise. Will expand exercises, including EM. Meeting with BOSN2 Perez to update info in AUXDATA II. Will be doing a summary of programs at D-Train.

Nikolay Zhrebnekov DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Nikolay reported there was nothing new for this month.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael thanked units working with the Sea Scouts.

Jim Losi mentioned D-Train, noting Randy McCormick is doing a lot of work on D-Train.

DCAPT Support & Planning Randy McCormick DCAPT –

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported they updated the OPS page. Also updated the DCOS webpage. Removing some old websites that were requested to be removed. Also cleaning out old files.

Vicki Hudson DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Vicki was not present. Randy noted CA is working on several events. Currently looking for CA1s. Will be conducting a class at D-Train.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported REYR processing is complete. 177 competencies went into REYR. For REYRs due to Core Training and Workshops, they should be completed and then entered into AUXDATA II. Then this should be reported to DIRAUX to remove the REYR.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported a lot of C-Schools are being offered. Need to submit forms for C-Schools. She thanked the instructors for the Elected Officers Training. D-Train – She has a list of classes and has added more. Also she has some TCTs scheduled. 3 sessions in FEB are full. In March there are 3 slots still open. She will schedule more TCT sessions.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie reported working on the NACO 3 Star Award for Div 12. Will be participating with Unit DV events and meetings.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou reported Form 7101 is not required but recommended. He had nothing to add to his report.

John Brandenburg DSO-MA - Rpt on File: John was excused.

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger was excused. Northwind Q1 will come out in February.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan thanked those who submitted 7025s. He asked that we please use the current 7025.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo was excused. 2 interpreters are deployed. Interpreters are having a big positive impact. Jim Losi asked DCDRs to see if we have any members with language skills.
COMO Michael Williams DSO-SL – Michael was not present.
Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she will be conducting some training for SRs in the District. She had nothing to add beyond this.

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported she was asking for Entry Gate support for Sector and galley support at Sector. AUX for these don't need to do the High Risk Form. It's not required. But Core Training is required.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported that 08-07 trained Active Duty Coast Guard who are now handling the Fuel Farm.

DCO Han: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Jim Losi:

- i. **D11 Request for Forces Update:** Now more than ever getting requests. Some recent requests include: YBI Security Gate, Linguists, and Admin Request at CGI which requires ALAC.
- ii. **Member Retention Plan Update:** 992 members at beginning of Feb. Now have 13 more since Feb 1. But 16 members were disenrolled via late processing for 2022. 988 currently. Have roughly 16 prospective members in the pipeline.

DCO – Curtis Han:

- i. **COVID-19 Reconstitution Guidance Ver 5 – Commander Jones covered this in her report**
 1. The temporary restriction that requires all Auxiliarists to be fully vaccinated prior to volunteering for an assignment to duty (ATD), has been suspended
 2. Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUXs) and Order Issuing Authorities (OIAs) should follow the CDC guidance and recommendations applicable to their AOR's current CDC COVID-19 Community Level.
 3. Auxiliarists, regardless of vaccination status, may apply for and attend mission-critical Auxiliary C-schools. Full COVID-19 vaccination is still required to apply for and attend non-mission-critical C-schools
- ii. **National Award Deadlines:**
 1. Greenoff Award – 2/17
 - a. We received 1 nomination from Division 6 – Bruce Krogstad (113-06-10)
 2. Flotilla of the Year – 3/1
 3. Auxiliarist of the Year – 2/27
 4. Maxim – 2/28
- iii. **DTRAIN Update:**
 1. There was a delay in distributing/releasing DTRAIN registration and hotel reservation. Intended release date was 1/1/2023, however due to communication difficulties and lack of responses from the venue (Nugget Resort and Casino), we could not secure the cost of

the food. Thank you to Randy McCormick for diligently working with the hotel to secure the cost. The registration RSVP was released 3.5 weeks late.

2. The hotel group reservation rate deadline was extended from 2/13/23 to 2/20/23. After the deadline, the cost of the hotel will increase.
3. As of 2/13/23, we had 169 room nights reserved (out of minimum required 261 room nights) to meet the contract requirements. Another push of flyer and announcement was sent out on Sunday, to encourage the members to sign up and attend DTRAIN. Incentive for registering between 2/15 and 2/20, includes mystery gift bag and a chance to win free 2-night hotel certificates. Those registered since the beginning of hotel reservation will now have the second chance to win along with this group.
4. Please encourage your Flotilla members to attend the DTRAIN, to help support members, enjoy the fellowship, and take classes and workshops.
5. Opportunity to meet both Auxiliarists and Active Duty Coast Guard. We're expecting Admiral Sugimoto and Captain Lam, as well as some other Active Duty. We also expect Doug Leavell to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Auxiliary Southwest Border Assistance Update:** Two members, Doug Twitchell and Mike Mitchell, are currently deployed and will return on 2/22/23. The CBP has put a hold on request for assistance, as conditions have changed. Should the need arise in the future, they will resume request for assistance. CDR Jones and COMO Han have successfully vetted 11 members from our District who submitted their wishes to volunteer.
- 2) **Annual Unit Finance Report:**
 - a. District's 7025 will be sent out tonight. We received the final documentation along with the final signature.
 - b. Please submit your unit's 7025 to Morgan Swiggett, DSO-FN

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tom Witt** asked a question about Zoom Meetings. Can we have 2 meetings at the same time on a Zoom Account? This cannot be done. A suggestion was made to block a little longer time for meetings so you don't run into another meeting.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

Jim Losi noted the following:

- EXCOM is discussing how to recognize Elected & Staff officers.
- June Meeting: All DSOs in attendance & DCDRs will have a lunch on a Cutter.
- PCA Sept – Lunch on Cutter and a tour, if Cutters are available.
- Working to get AUX Day on the Bay on a Cutter.
- Looking for fellowship opportunities with Active Duty – doing missions and then have a fellowship event. Active Duty thinking about an S-Train (Sector Training)

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Jim Losi made a motion to adjourn and Dave Frisbey seconded. Board approved. DCO Han adjourned the meeting at 2051.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2023 at 1400 PDT, At D-Train in Sparks, NV and Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Thomas Perez

COMO Curtis Han DCO

COMO Dean McFarren IPDCO

Chief of Staff: Jim Losi

DCAPT Prevention: COMO Dale Fajardo (joined meeting after the roll call)

DCAPT Response: Chuck Cobery

DCAPT Support & Planning: Randy McCormick

DCDR 1 – Pete Gorenberg;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – ;

DCDR 5 –

DCDR 6 – Dave Frisbey;

DCDR 7 –

DCDR 8 – Bill Hale;

DCDR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCDR 11 – Guy Chism;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CA –

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS – Carl Henning

DSO-DV – Winnie Zhou

DSO-EM – Nikolay Zherebnenkov

DSO-FN – Morgan Swiggett

DSO-HR – Louis Sarto

DSO-IS – Pamela Berger

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA –

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-SL –

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H: Bill Hale

Int Rel –

Guests: Alex Bennett, John Hardin, Michael Brown, Paul Custance