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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Friday, 17 March 2023 1400 PDT  
Webinar

**Call to Order:** 1400 hours by DCO Curtis Han. COMO Han welcomed everyone and started the meeting.

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Christina Jones; BOSN2 Thomas Perez; COMO Curtis Han, DCO; Jim Losi, DCOS; COMO Dean McFarren, IPDCO; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Pete Gorenberg, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; Eddie Lam, DCDR; Bob Bain, DCDR; Dave Frisbey, DCDR; Bill Ross, DCDR; Bill Hale, 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:**

- February 2023: Bill Hale made motion to approve. Mike Thompson seconded. Minutes approved.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete reported the Div 1 BS&S class had 20 students and is now complete. OPS Report: Completed training with Air Station San Francisco. Div 1 newsletter is out, containing a summary of things going on in the Division. Pete noted upcoming events for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW), including a Water Safety Fair on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They're currently in the process of gathering PPE from inactive Boat Crew members. COMO Han asked that DCDRs gather PPE.

**DCDR 3** Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported they had a good meeting with Sea Scouts. Some Sea Scout leaders came to an AUX Meeting and they're planning some activities with Sea Scouts. Some PE classes have been held. One class had 24 students. Did local member survey with over 40% of their members responding. Conducting an event on April 1 doing training with Station Rio Vista. Will be putting on a SAREX on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Divisions 3, 5, and 10 will participate.

**DCDR 4** Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie reported working on 2023 Goals. Division held a Boat America (BA) class with students from the Sea Scouts. Division has also conducted some VEs. Eddie noted that the Pacific Sail & Boat Show is coming up and they'll have a booth at this event.

**DCDR 5** Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob thanked Jim Losi for being guest speaker at their March Meeting. They had a successful training day for PE, VE, OPS, and some Risk Management. Goals are still in progress and they're working on methods for outreach to the public.

**DCDR 6** Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave reported on the Valentines Party at Station Monterey. Have a Whale Fest on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday they'll have a booth at this event. No OPS this past month. Some members did some training, in particular Boat Crew training. Have a request from Life Guards who want

to use the 06-07 Coms Station while their station is being fixed due to damage from storms. Jim Losi noted Bard Mansager completed requirements for the Cutterman Award.

**DCDR 7** Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill thanked Carl Henning for handling things for him. Working on NSBW with several events planned. They're having a Sunday evening meeting for planning their OPTREX in Aug. Also working on Goals.

**DCDR 8** Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported the Mendocino Flotilla Point Cabrillo Lighthouse Lens Tour scheduled March 18 & 19. Lake County will be doing a Life Jacket Giveaway. Other flotillas are setting goals. The division is currently doing inventory of flotilla materials including PPE.

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

**DCDR 11** Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy was not present. Randy McCormick reported for Guy. Currently snowed in. Postponed meetings because of this. The big challenge was low lake levels but that will now change.

**DCDR 12** Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported the division has set Goals for 2023. Cooperation & collaboration continues in areas like PE, PA, VE, and MT. Actively locating PPE in possession of inactive Boat Crew.

**PPCA:** Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reported work on the AUX Memorial is going well. Unfortunately one member passed on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**IPDCO:** COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren reported he had nothing to report this month.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones noted that we are 90% budgeted now and currently developing a spend plan. Once they have input they'll share the budget plan. March 25 through 30 the DIRAUX office will be closed because of N-Train. Form 7056 (Member Transfer Form) has changed and is now on line. Both FCs must sign the form before sending it to DIRAUX. She asked that we get STTRs submitted for C-Schools. For N-Train & NACON non-C-Schools, coordinate through Order Issuing Authority not DIRAUX.

**OTO:** BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez asked that divisions please coordinate with Coast Guard Station PPE officers to get training for maintenance & inspections for PPE. Gear bags are coming back to the office. Want to recover PLBs in particular. He asked that we let him know what works and what doesn't work to get PPE located. Asking for someone to assist him logging PPE and getting it into AD2. Looking for dates for OPTREX and asked divisions to set OPTREX dates soon. Offers for Use: Please be thorough doing inspections for OPFACS. Please upload the proper photos and forms. Working with John Brandenburg who's doing trailer PQS for towing each type of trailer. BOSN2 Perez noted that he's trying to cleanup his office & decorate properly, looking for action photos from each division. If you go to the wall in DIRAUX office, there are names and dates missing on some items on the walls. If anyone has information to fill in the missing items, please send that info.

### **Jim Losi: DSO Reports:**

**DCAPT Prevention** COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT–

**Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS** – Rpt not on File. Joseph was not present. Jeff Fite reported for Joseph. They've submitted revisions for the webpage. Commercial Fishing Vessel examines went well last year and will continue this year. He noted there's a website to find a Method to get Marine Flares disposed properly. Large training plans at Station Rio Vista and other training as well. UPV new online training program is now available.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane thanked those who sent in reports. Noted there are C-Schools available for PA. Also online training is available. NSBW – Zoom Meeting coming. Asked that Division POCs send in possible plans at this time. Photo releases – get a release at a situation where privacy might be expected for an adult. MUST have a release for children. She asked that we inform members about this situation. If you have an idea for an article, please send it to Roger Bazeley.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported we're doing really well. Div 3 added PV to the group. He asked everyone to promote PV with members.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael was not present. Bob Bain reported for Michael. NS is always looking for people. Bridges due at the end of May. PATONs due in SEPT. Have a few PATON reports so far. Doing entries from home, don't need to go to DIRAUX.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported he had nothing to add.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported on one item. Workshop Status – currently at 41% completion.

### **DCAPT Response** Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry was not present. He's attending some Aviation classes.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported that in SEPT 2022 there were 234 Boat Crew & Coxswain who needed Checkrides. On 11 March 2023 members needing Checkrides dropped from 234 to 136 because those who last qualified in 2017 or 2018 are past the extensions granted due to COVID have been deleted from the list. For those who requalified in 2019 there are 14 now needing Checkrides. Still important to do OPTREX even with few needing requals. Will be putting a presentation online for new sign offs. Glad to hear we're tracking down PPE. Meeting with QEs tomorrow (Saturday, 18 March). They will be looking at how we do OPTREX for night and day. Wally also noted that the Salmon Season has been cancelled for California this year.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported on efforts to put in a new repeater on Mount Diablo. Asked SO-CMs to join meetings for Communications. He noted there's a new ADSO Jude Flores. Currently doing training prep.

Nikolay Zherebnekov DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Nikolay was not present.

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

**DCAPT Support & Planning** Randy McCormick DCAPT – Randy extended a Bravo Zulu to Carl Henning for the District website for D-Train.

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported CS did a lot of work for D-Train. If anyone hasn't gotten their refund, let Carl know. Did some WOW training for DIV 5. Created all the PDF files for storage.

Vicki Hudson DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Vicki was not present. Randy noted that CA supported a Master Chief retirement.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported a task tracker for surface operations is available online. Don't submit until it's completed and then submitted to DIRAUX. Randy thanked Pamela for getting the data needed for awards.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported 3 RM/TCT sessions in Feb were all full. March sessions full and 2 for April full. C-Schools are listed online. Randy thanked Ann for D-Train planning.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie was excused. Nancy Peterson reported for Winnie. Nancy reported flotillas and divisions are submitting paperwork for the NACO 3 Star Award. DV trying to help divisions and flotillas on how to submit the paperwork. National Directorate has a town hall meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. Also, AUX has a Facebook page for DV. She also noted there are a number of FEMA courses for DV. March 8 was International Women's Day.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou thanked Jim Losi for his D11NR membership profile work. Of 10 divisions 8 have SO-HR. Sent the SOs documents for HR. Form 7001 is one of these forms. Statistics still

too early to see real trends. But it looks like we're trending in the right direction in terms of new members.

John Brandenburg DSO-MA - Rpt on File: John was not present.

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported putting training articles in Northwind. Made some changes to make some corrections to the Q1 Northwind. Collaborating with Jane Smith. Next issue will have something on Tommy Holtzman's Ice Sculpture work.

### **Jim Losi - DCOS**

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan was not present. Jim Losi noted Morgan's been busy with refunds for D-Train.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported that we've deployed an interpreter to a cutter. Currently working to get 12 interpreters for a big project.

COMO Michael Williams DSO-SL – Michael reported he received an update from Doug Leavell. New Boating Law Administrator (BLA) in UTAH. Waiting on confirmation for CAL BLA.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she'll 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 had nothing to add. There's a suggestion for PA pictures when Auxiliaries are working at the Entry Gate and the Galley at Sector San Francisco.

**ASC- Humboldt:** Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported there's a request from Sector Humboldt for assistance at their galley. Currently only have 2 CA1 in this sector. Bill will start helping.

### **DCO Han: DSO Reports:**

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

COMO Han thanked all DSOs for their work.

### **Leadership Reports:**

#### **DCOS – Jim Losi:**

##### **i. D11 Request for Forces Update:**

1. This is a big effort. Noted Interpreter requests. 2 Mandarin and 1 Russian. Thanked CDR Jones for her help.
2. Still have requests for CA help. COMO Thomas will be teaching CAs so they can help.
3. PAC AREA Cutters continue to look for CA and IT support. Galley at CGI going through some change.
4. HS support requested.

##### **ii. Restarting an AUX of the Quarter Award at Sector SF.**

#### **DCO – Curtis Han:**

- **D-Train Update/Debrief:** On Monday had an emergency meeting for the D-Train Planning Team and looked at the weather reports. Did risk assessments and decided to cancel D-Train. There's a cancellation clause in the contract. Joanna helped notifying the hotel. Received a letter from

Admiral Sugimoto concurring with the cancellation. Hope to have only minimal financial impact due to the cancellation.

- **Meeting yesterday on D-Train Cancellation:** Looking to our June in-person meeting as a meeting with orders with a smaller D-Train event. Looking to see if facilities at CGI will be available. Also looking at locations in California for future D-Trains.
- **D-Train:** Thanked everyone who helped with D-Train planning. Many members sent thank you notes for cancelling the event.
- **N-Train:** Jim Losi attending and COMO Han. Some DSOs are also going. Updated schedule just sent out.
- **Membership:** 993 is our latest membership level. Since the last report 9 new members and 9 prospective. 3 members disenrolled or passed the bar.
- **AUXCT and Risk Management** will continue to be offered. Intro to RM also being worked on. Will send spreadsheet to DCDRs on RM/TCT status.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- NSBW work is starting. Get NSBW Chairs for Divisions and Flotillas. Want to make sure reports are submitted up the chain after NSBW. Events from all of May can often be reported. Add photos.

#### **For the Good of the Auxiliary:**

- 2022 D-Train Awards: Will save program awards until next in-person meeting.
- Several Awards were mentioned and will be presented at an appropriate time:
  - Navy League AUX of Year Award
  - District Commanders Trophy
  - Director Trophy: Best Division
  - COMO Trophy. AUX of the Year D11NR:
  - COMO Ramsey Award:
- Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award: (Not same as DIST Commanders Trophy): Encouraged DCDRs to submit nominations next year. Will be announced soon.

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, COMO Dale Fajardo made a motion to adjourn and Jim Losi seconded. Board approved. DCO Han adjourned the meeting at 1600. COMO Han thanked everyone for all of their work.

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2023 at 1900 PDT, 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

DCAPT Response: Chuck Cobery

DCAPT Support & Planning: Randy McCormick

DCDR 1 – Pete Gorenberg;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – Eddie Lam;

DCDR 5 – Bob Bain

DCDR 6 – Dave Frisbey;

DCDR 7 – Bill Ross

DCDR 8 – Bill Hale;

DCDR 10 –

DCDR 11 – ;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS –

DSO-AV –

DSO-CA –

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS – Carl Henning

DSO-DV –

DSO-EM –

DSO-FN –

DSO-HR – Louis Sarto

DSO-IS – Pamela Berger

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA –

DSO-MS –

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS –

DSO-OP – COMO Wally Smith

DSO-PA – Jane Smith

DSO-PB – Roger Bazeley

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Mike Thompson

DSO-SL – COMO Michael Williams

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H: Bill Hale

Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: Jeff Fite, Alex Bennett, Nancy Marion, Nancy Peterson, John Hardin, Paul Custance, Tony Zocchi