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District 11 Northern Region**

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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 19 April 2023 1900 PDT
Webinar

Call to Order: 1900 hours by DCO Curtis Han

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: BOSN2 Thomas Perez; COMO Curtis Han, DCO; Jim Losi, DCOS; COMO Dean McFarren, IPDCO; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Pete Gorenberg, DCDR; Bob Bain, DCDR; Dave Frisbey, DCDR; Bill Ross, 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:

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

Request For Forces - Report on IPERMs: LCDR William Rapoza – D11 Admin Officer. Made presentation on the Interactive Personnel Records Management System (iPERMS). Looking for help from the Auxiliary with this. Those who are willing to work on this need an ALAC card and some data processing background.

Jim Losi: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT–

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph thanked Jeff Fite for filling in for him over the last 2 months. Joseph reports he has ongoing meetings with CDR Allegretti at YBI. Working with LT Kenney as well. He notes there are new opportunities for work with the Active Duty Coast Guard. MS classes will be conducted on June 10th at Station Rio Vista. He also noted new classes are becoming available. MS is currently meeting goals.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: (It was noted that Jane recently attained PA-1 Status) Jane noted she's received good reports. She also noted getting qualified in PA really helps our PA efforts. We have some members going to C-Schools. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) efforts can be for the whole month. At the time of the meeting she'd received almost all reports. She encouraged everyone to get some photos at NSBW events.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported we're on track to reach goals.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported on the charts going away. As of this summer 50% of paper charts will be gone. In about 2 years all will be gone. NOAA had a webinar on custom charts. Verification of Bridges and PATONS are proceeding.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported National released a new version of the Paddle Craft Safety Class. Sean may do a short training class in June. Don Anderson is looking for members able to teach a BS&S Class for Sea Cadets. Sea Cadets also looking for on-the-water training. Sean's looking for help on this issue.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike noted he has nothing additional to report.

DCAPT Response Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported he has nothing to add to his report. But he noted that they work with other agencies – for example - Marine Life Studies in Monterey which is looking for entangled whales. They asked for some help with this but we couldn't help due to weather. NOAA has also asked for some help.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported LT Kenney's April 1 report says we can now do 4 patrols per month up from the previous limit of 2 patrols per month. Wally notes we must make patrol requests at least 7 days ahead of the patrol and close out the patrol within 2 weeks after the patrol. He noted our district is doing OPTREX and some mini-OPTREX. He also noted that Bard Mansager received the Cutterman Device.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry thanked Carl Henning for updating the CM Webpage. He noted that they still need cable for installing the repeater on Mount Diablo. Looking for money to replace batteries. D11SR D-Train was last weekend. We're looking towards some work with D11SR later this year. Having some issues with the 7004 Form because the form isn't always filled out correctly. We received a request for RDF search that unfortunately we couldn't respond to.

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

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael noted he had nothing major to report. He also noted that if you're doing work with Sea Scouts, make sure you're getting the required training.

DCAPT Support & Planning Randy McCormick DCAPT –

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt not on File: Carl reported working on some service fees that came up. He's working on this with Fran Fisher. Updated some webpages. Also resolved some other issues related to backups.

Vicki Hudson DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Vicki was not present. John-Michael Zimmerle reported for Vicki. He noted we're getting more requests from Active Duty. He said we need some cooperation from AUX and Active Duty. He asked that requests go through our Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM). Requests need to go through DSO-CA before orders are cut by DIRAUX. Let CA know if you have needs. Jim Losi noted that some AUX from other districts may not be following these instructions. Sue Fry noted that the galley at YBI needs assistance from a CA-1. She noted that at this time only Bard Mansager has volunteered for some time at the galley.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela was excused. Robert Aston reported for Pamela. He noted April REYR processing is not completed yet. C-School is starting in May. April 17 was the first of monthly IS Meetings.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann thanked instructors who are doing the RM/TCT Workshop. Other districts are asking for help with this. Ann noted the June Mini-D-Train planning is now underway.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie reported on helping with the 3 Star Award Application for Div 12. She's also participated in several DV meetings recently.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou reported membership is at 996. Leads coming from AAMS and from flotillas have given us good quality perspective members. Signed up over 30 people this year.

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

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported that Northwind is ahead of schedule. Doing some CA articles. There's a course on photography in Northwind. He extended a Shout Out to the Monterey Team

– Jane & Wally Smith for some good pictures and also Lou Sarto for some photos. Reading all reports for potential articles. He also extended a Shout Out to Gail Giacomini.

Jim Losi thanked Randy McCormick for his work on D-Train.

Jim Losi - DCOS

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan reported he still hasn't received requests for dues from National. But he will be reaching out to SO-FN for dues.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported 3 items: need an interpreter for French, translation of a handbook in Japanese, and there's a need for several people in D8. Had an interpreter (not from D11NR) on a Cutter and received a thank you letter for their work. Jim Losi noted CDR Jones helped getting 5 interpreters cleared for work.

COMO Michael Williams DSO-SL – Michael reported he was unable to attend N-Train. He did note that he's working with Doug Leavell.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. She had nothing to add. She extended 2 Bravo Zulus to members who'd reported some needed corrections to the District Meeting Minutes. These individuals are Bill Hale and COMO Wally Smith.

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported that Sector is short people and looking for Watch Standers. Let Sue know if you are willing to do Watch Standing.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported Div 8 is supporting Sector Humboldt. Helped delivery of fuel. Crescent City will participate in a June 2nd Safety Day. Working with the National Park Service. Sector has a Change of Command on April 20th at Humboldt Bay. Also AUX providing CA for the galley at Humboldt Bay.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete reported on several events for NSBW and Opening Day on the Bay. He also mentioned some larger events like the Station Golden Gate Event coming up. Continuing Helo OPS with Active Duty. Now have mostly complete records for PPE. He extended several Bravo Zulu to a variety of members for their work. Division 1 Flotillas received the NACO 3 Star Award.

DCDR 3 Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Doug MacPherson reported for Don. There was an event at Station Rio Vista on April 1 and he also reported on another event, the Sacramento Boat Show. He also noted the May 4th Bay/Delta Model docent-led tour event.

DCDR 4 Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie was excused. Michael Brown (IPDCDR) reported for Eddie. Michael reports that May 4 to 7 is the Sail & Power Boat Show. Div 4 will participate in this event. Also, Michael extended a Shout Out to SO-PB Neil Slawson for his work.

DCDR 5 Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob reported getting ready for patrols on the water. Training is planned for May and their OPTREX is scheduled. COMO Han noted members should look at OPTREX.

DCDR 6 Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave reported that the Whale Fest in March at Monterey went well. The division had a booth at this event, with members from several flotillas participating. A BS&S class is underway. He noted they are all proud of Jane Smith and Bard Mansager for their achievements.

DCDR 7 Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill reported there's a ZOOM Division Training coming up. They're planning a potluck in May. Paul Custance did a Boater Safety Class with children. A Salt Lake County Kid's Fair included participation from division members like Tony Zocchi. Bill noted he's grateful for the help from Tony and COMO Han.

DCDR 8 Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported 08-07 developed a card to advertise their flotilla. Currently working on Boat Crew. They're providing 5 grades of Water Safety Training for kindergarten through 5th grade. Also trying to get a kayak activity going.

DCDR 10 Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported they have 6 new members. Tracking down PPEs and have 7. Still checking to find more. PE – working with Divisions 5 and 3 for a class on the 6th. Also have a class on the 8th. May have 2 potential interpreters.

DCDR 11 Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy had nothing more to report.

DCDR 12 Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported on continuing collaboration within the division and with other divisions on missions such as MT, VSCs, PA Events, PE, and Surface & Air OPS. Submitted a plan for NSBW with some events now back after 2 or 3 years off due to the Pandemic.

PPCA: Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reported he had nothing to add.

IPDCO: COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren reported he was happy to hear what's going on now in the divisions with COVID less of an issue.

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones was excused.

OTO: BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez thanked everyone for their work. He is now serving as DIRAUX during CDR Jones absence. He echoed COMO Smith's report that patrol order requests should be submitted 7 days ahead and then reports should be submitted within 2 weeks after the patrol. Thanked everyone for getting the inventory for PPE. Also thanked those getting things into AD2. Offer for use: he asked that we ensure we're using the current forms for this. Currently working on MOA for Whiskey Town. Elected leaders and coxswain need to make sure members can physically handle items in their AUX work. If leaders have questions, contact OTO Perez. He noted a waiver should be submitted for cold weather PPE equipment if you don't need to use it.

DCO Han: DSO Reports:

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna was not present. COMO Han noted Joanna helped with cancellation of D-Train.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

COMO Han thanked all of the DSOs.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Jim Losi:

- i. **D11 Request for Forces Update:** Many requests are coming in. Jim noted that D 5 gave a briefing about posting a Bulletin Board with Requests. This may help with responding to requests.
- ii. **Membership Status:** Just under 1000 members.
- iii. **RM Training:** More sessions will be on the District Training Calendar.
- iv. **Jim asked that we try to get OPS Workshop done at the Division and Flotilla Levels.**

DCO – Curtis Han:

- i. **Mini DTRAIN – June**
 1. **Mini DTRAIN is scheduled for June 17, 2023** at Coast Guard Island. Originally a No-order meeting weekend, however funds were relocated to provide TDY orders.
 2. **Friday, 6/16/23 – EXCOM meeting @ 1800**
 3. **Social Fellowship gathering at Executive Inn Bar/Dining area @ 1900**
 - a. Members may order meals from the bar (steak/salmon dinner) at discounted rate of \$22.00, special thanks to Jim Losi
 4. **Saturday:**
 - a. 0700-0745 Coffee with EXCOM Point Welcome
 - b. 0800-1000 Opening Ceremony/B&S meeting/Awards Ceremony at Gresham Hall
 - c. 1000-1200 Morning Training classes/workshops
 - d. 1200-1300 Lunch at Galley
 - e. 1300-1700 Afternoon Training classes/workshops
 - f. Ops/Crew Training 1000-1700 (COMOs Smith and Perata)
 - g. Possible tour of NSC @ 1000 and 1300
 - h. Raffles – bring to Gresham Hall. Winners selected at 1600.
 - ii. **Updates from National**
 1. **NTRAIN** – last week of March. OTO, DCO, DCOS, Ms. Tina Perry, Ann Zocchi, COMO Perata, John-Michael Zimmerle, and Joanna Leighton-Nevesny attended, along with other D11NR members in National Staff
 2. **Board Recommendations**
 - a. **Aiguillette** – approved for Deputy Assistant NACO
 - b. **Reduced National Dues for Youth Members (14-17 years old) by 50% - \$12.00**
 - c. **Streamers** – 80th year, along with 90th, 100th, 125th and 150th colors selected by then NACO
 - d. **Honorably Discharged/Retired Active Duty members** – allow up to 3 years to transfer certifications/qualifications
 - e. **National Diversity Award** – annual award
 - f. **Paddle Craft Operators** – 1 point per hour towards RBS device
 3. **CG EXCHANGE**- now allows purchase of tobacco/alcohol by Auxiliary
 4. **AUX MANUAL** – Chapters 10-11 – These chapters will be removed from the manual and be separate Handbooks. This will help with quick changes when they're needed.
- II. **Trying to get D-Train back in California next year.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **National Safe Boating Week:** Coming up next month. Work with your NSBW Chairperson(s) in your flotillas and division. Assemble reports once completed and submit up through COLM to our D11NR NSBW Chairperson, Bob Schabert.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- Congratulations to Bard Mansager. He is the 21st Cutterman in the Auxiliary.
- Congratulations to Jane Smith. She attained AUX-PA-1 Status.
- Flotilla 01-04 (Central Marin) won the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award for outstanding achievement and performance in 2022.
- Larry Stanton noted there are Coms Events coming up.
- COMO Han thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Dave Frisbey made a motion to adjourn and Mike Thompson seconded. Board approved. DCO Han adjourned the meeting at 2101.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 at 1900 PDT, Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX:

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Thomas Perez

COMO Curtis Han DCO

COMO Dean McFarren IPDCO

Chief of Staff: Jim Losi

DCAPT Prevention: COMO Dale Fajardo

DCAPT Response:

DCAPT Support & Planning: Randy McCormick

DCDR 1 – Pete Gorenberg;

DCDR 3 –

DCDR 4 – ;

DCDR 5 – Bob Bain

DCDR 6 – Dave Frisbey;

DCDR 7 – Bill Ross

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 –

DSO-FN – Morgan Swiggett

DSO-HR – Louis Sarto

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA –

DSO-MS – Joseph Chavoan

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS – Michael Hay

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: LCDR William Rapoza, CWO Dave Balajadia, Michael Brown, John Hardin, Neil Slawson, Goli Sahba, Ray Montagne, Alex Bennett, Paul Custance, Robert Aston