

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Division 33 9th WR
Officer & Staff Meeting Minutes
Feb 11, 2012, Watervliet, Mi**

Call to Order: by DCDR Fryer @ 08:30 hours

Pledge Led by DCDR Fryer

Board Members Present: DCDR Fryer; VCDR Harness; IPDCDR/SO-MS Blind, 33-01 IPFC McNicholas ; 33-02 FC LaJeunesse; 33-03 VFC Belke; 33-10 FC Ryan

Staff Members present: SO-FN Todd Nitz; SO-HR Cindy Antonelli; SO-MA & SO-PV Marque Belke; SO-MT George Hayes; SO-OP Ben Plachta; SO-SR Andy Conklin; SO-VE Orville Harness

Flotilla Members present: 8

Guests: USCG-CDR Karl Willis, Chief Sperber, DCO Ed Ross & wife Rose

DCDR Fryer: welcomed all to the COW and introduced the guests.

November minutes need approved as corrected. Motion by Dan LaJeunesse to approve Nov. minutes 2nd by Ross McNicholas Roll taken of FC's and Board-motion passed.

January 14th minutes of WebX conference call needed approved, DCDR Fryer asked if all had seen them, noting so Ross McNicholas made a motion to approve the Jan. 14th minutes as written 2nd by Dan LaJeunesse- Roll vote of FC's and Board- motion passed

All FC & SO reports sent via e-mail prior to the meeting. Reminder they are due by the 5th each month please get them in so they can be inputted ! Briefed all on what the context of report should be first section what happened last month, second section what will your Flotilla be doing next month, She sent out a template with suggestions to aid you completing a report less time consuming and properly, hope it is helpful and everyone can use it

Announcements

DCDR Fryer- briefed all on location of information desk, rest room facilities and refreshments.

Financial Report-SO-FN T Nitz Sent out proposed budget for 2012- DCDR Fryer asked for questions hearing none a motion to approve 2012 budget was made by Dan LaJeunesse, 2nd by Ross McNicholas, Roll call vote-motion passed.

SO-FN Nitz brought up the Jan 31 balance of \$2838.10- a check that cleared for \$108.52 and one not cleared of \$6.05 leaving a balance of \$2753.55. Payables to District of \$2238.50 receivables from the Flotilla's of \$3146. an increase of \$901. DCDR Fryer asked for questions hearing none a motion was made by Marque Belke to approve the FN report as submitted, 2nd by Orville Harness-roll vote-motion passed. DCDR Fryer noted FN report was in a format used previously and SO-FN Nitz would be converting it to a Quick Book format, hopefully it will be user friendly for all.

Awards-DCDR Fryer- all awards will be handed out at tonight's Banquet.

Flotilla Commanders Reports were sent out to all.

33-01, IPFC McNicholas-No additions or changes-no questions

33-02, Daniel LaJeunesse-No additions or changes-no questions

33-03, VFC-Marque Belke gave us briefing on a Boat Show at the Concord Mall in Elkhart Ind. March 9th to 11th. All were welcome to come help out. DCDR Fryer asked for information to be sent out.

33-06, Pat Bridenstine-absent-no additions-no questions

33-08, Tom Lewis-no additions-no questions

33-10, JD Ryan-no additions-no questions

USCGA Report – DCO Ross- reported dues would not be raised ! PV Ribbon was going to be pursued but cautioned all it would take some time. USCG Aux budget 2013 would have a decrease, at this time it did not pose as a problem because the Bridge developed a balanced budget based on dues income taking the wish lists out. Bridge is trying to be very good stewards of your money by not spending unneeded funds. WebX is coming along, DCOS VanDinter assured him all District Staff officers will be holding training sessions in their area of responsibility to get SO's and ADSO's up to speed on its use what's required of their area. First HR is ready to go and will be put out, the hope is this training will resolve allot of questions and needless phone calls. Also we are setting up a couple library's on the web site one a reading one a knowledge to access to get answers to your questions. Have presentations that will be available to use at local levels. March business meeting at Schaumburg considering the need to use Web to save money, and still get the information out.

USCGA Report - DCAPT-E Kartes- Absent

USCG Report – USCG Representative CDR Willis - District took a 20% hit on travel, we will try to make this up in 2014, the Aux has never been more important than now and in the future. I feel your ORG is priceless, the information on the 7029s and 7030s from your organization is in the tens of millions, the USCG gets a return of 10 to 15 dollars back for every \$1 spent on us, important to record hours. National Staff has recognized WEB-X wave of future. Thanked us for loyal service in his tenure, Cdr came up through the ranks 38 years of service, will retire this fall. Admiral Parks is a dynamo, demands a lot, made Frank Jennings recreational boating specialist in District 9, we need RBS and VE's, the AUX needs to focus on RBS's very important. Great Lakes Maritime Strategy is the plan for the 9th District has 6 points we should know and may be asked for,

1. Excel at mission execution.
2. Inspire and serve our people
3. Enhance bi-National cooperation and governance
4. Optimize force allocation and resources
5. Strengthen strategic partnerships
6. Share our story

Upcoming events War of 1812-re-enactments may need AUX volunteers-more info in future.

OTO'S- D9 has people assigned each sector to the OTO's to help get information out and keep us on top. Thanked all for wearing uniforms it shows a sign of dedication and professionalism, and shows great respect for those that have gone before us. We need to work on retention and recruitment, make it a priority to attract younger blood and keep them !

Spring 9th Central Conference at Dearborn (Henry Hotel) , Aviation exhibit at Traverse City, both need lots of our participation.

Paddle sports a fast growing segment of recreation, significant growth of deaths involved. With our large

fresh water supply we have a lot of participants, need to get safety plans out to them.
Future cost cuts may trim some Stations we need to stay involved and keep reporting.
Smooth seas do not make a Coastie !! CDR Willis Thanked us profusely again for all we do.

Staff Officer Reports

SO-CM, B. Brandon-Absent

SO-CS – C. Pennington-Absent

SO-FN – T. Nitz- Financial report has already been approved, 7025's all received except 33-06 ,he's in touch with the FC and FN to get that caught up.

SO-HR- C. Antonelli caught up more than last year, had some DSO's have enrollment packets returned, will get back to FSO's regarding that issue, online exams and no more fingerprinting requirements.

SO-IS, - T. W. Lewis-Absent

SO-MA, M. Belke-New VE checklist brochure out on WEB he has extra copies till we can get them.

SO-MS, G. Blind -No additions to report

SO-MT,- G. Hayes-No Additions to report

SO-NS, P. Poziwilko-Absent

SO-OP, B. Plachta-nothing to add-reminded all to get prequalified as needed, little thing that need done. Question from Dan LaJ. on Ops camp schedule. Ben not determined yet. **SO-PA – Keith**

Engstrom-Absent-working on safe boating week will report when he returns

SO-PB, – J. Liddell- Absent

SO-PE,- D. Hershman- Absent

SO-PV– M. Belke-no adds to report

SO-SR, – A. Conklin-no report

SO-VE, - O. Harness-we need to get an inventory of all inflatable's and status as to whether they are serviceable and how many. Reminder to order VE decals.

AUC- Station St. Joe-No Report

AUC-Station Mich. City- No report

AUC-AuxDet S. Haven-Ben reported buildings painted, bullhorn missing after 4th of July, brief discussion on ownership of building, CRD Willis reminded all Flotilla cannot own real property.

AVP-P.Poziwilko- Absent- No report

Dockmaster- things look good, as soon as weather breaks will put a sign on work bldg.

PPE-Dan Hershman- Absent- working on equipment inventories to be accounted for.

Committee Reports

- DCDR Fryer briefed all on activities of day COW@ Watervliet
- SO-MT Hayes gave a brief report on his power point for afternoon, Member Recruiting and Retention, also spoke on doing a round table of where we want to go and what the USCG expects of us, DCO Ross said this is the type of material we need to get on the WEB Site.
- Audit Committee-Todd Nitz-we need to approve audit for last year, Dan LaJeunesse to approve audit 2nd by Orville Harness, poll vote all approved.

- Question on Flotilla having USCG equipment should be on Flotilla audit. brief discussion on clarification of accountability. Chief Sperber spoke on the importance of the condition of equipment for accountability and Safety.

Old Business

- DCDR Fryer-Discussed Division Meeting Dates/Locations for 2012 in January minutes ,
 - March 10- Station Michigan City, IN
 - April 14 - Station St Joe, MI
 - May 12 - River Bend Boat Club, South Haven, MI
 - June 9 - Station Michigan City, IN
 - July 7 - Station St. Joe, MI
 - August 11 - Station Michigan City, IN
 - September 8 - River Bend Boat Club, South Haven, MI
 - October 13 - Station St. Joe, MI
 - November 10 - Station Michigan City, IN
- WEB-X would be used as a backup
- Also Op's Camp we need to work on establishing a date.

New Business

- **DCDR- Fryer**: Anderson Grants- not a lot of money out there, if Flotilla wants a grant they need to get with DCDR Fryer and get the applications in, due date March 31st. DCO Ross reminded all that the District is also there to help out Flotilla's, so send it to the Bridge we'll look at it.
- DCDR Fryer also reported on Operational Planning Direction for 2012- sent out to FC'S , CG initiatives for Public Education needs increased by 15%, and VE's need to increase 15% Program Visitation increase by 10%!!! This is something that we need to get moving on. VCDR Harness mentioned we have approximately 150,000 vessels in AOR and we only did 500 VE'S so they are out there lets go after them.
- Division Course for 2012, DCDR- Fryer wants input on how to move ahead with our Division
- DCDR Fryer reminded us New Standing Rules are available on CG WEB site said she would get them sent out with a memo of suggestions of what needs to be put in. All FC's need to get these looked at and approved by their Flotilla's and then sent in. Brief discussion on electronic voting.
- VCDR-Harness brought up March 10th @ 1:30 CST, DSO-VE Gary Markle will do a four hour workshop for VE's, more information will be sent out.
- DCDR-Fryer- would like to do some training at Division meetings to make it worth our time. Brief discussion on meeting time EST vs. CST, DCDR Fryer said we will stay on EST.

Up Coming Events

- National Boating week May 21-27-VDCR-Harness stated we need to get all Flotilla's to co-ordinate an awareness campaign, get material out, he will bring this up in March but we need to get busy now to make it a real success.

Comments - Board/Staff/Members/Guests

DCO-Ross We are eliminating two jobs Marine Safety and Logistics , we are combining them to align

with CG units. With our new goals of increase's of 10% &15% in RBS, we need to come up with sustainable and realistic goals for the division and Flotilla's based on the facility's and available personal. Feb 21 they will have a WEB-X to discuss this and other important future planning.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by 33-01 IPFC-Ross McNicholas, seconded 33-02 FC-LaJeunesse
Adjourned 10:25 hours. All in favor

Next Meeting: March 10, 2012, 1030 hours, Station Mich. City.

Respectfully submitted by: Andy Conklin, SO/SR

USCG Auxiliary Division 33
Staff Reports
February 2012

SO- Program Visitor Report: Marque Belke

33-01 John Liddell No report received

33-02 Orville Harness No report received

33-03 Francis Tilton 13 PV

33-06 No FSO No report received

33-08 Leslie Fryer No report received

33-10 No FSO No report received

SO- Materials Report : Marque Belke

33-01 Ronald Naumann No report received

33-02 Keith Gregory No report received

33-03 Marque A. Belke Ordered VSC decals and materials for upcoming boat shows

33-06 Steven Bennet 33-06 has 8 BS&S books in 3-ring binders available. If a Flotilla could use them, please contact Pat Bridenstine

33-08 Randy Lawton Ordered postage and VSC decals

33-10 Joanie Gentry No report received

DIVISION:

New catalog available at <http://uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/misc/DCAT.pdf>

Please note – Consignment items are available for boat shows and special events. These can be ordered on page 30 of the catalog. More information regarding these items is in the catalog.

SO-MT: George Hayes

I haven't heard anything from any of the the FSO-MT's as of yet. Gaye Blind (33-10) is attending the ICS-300 class at Sector Lake Michigan Training Center. FSO-MT (33-02) has been working with BM2 Murphy at Station Michigan City regarding training for 33-02 and any other 095-33 members that may be able to attend.

I have also requested a copy of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) training CD. If there is no cost we are going to get it and try to get it out of the way before it becomes mandatory and there is a time limit set.

SO-CM: Bruce Brandon

1. Established communications with Greg Kmies, DSO-CM-East, MIke Wiedel. DSO-CM-West.
2. On going operations:
 - A. Establish FSO-CM list for 33, including qualified watch standers.
 - B. Establish liaison with 31,35 for possible joint communications training and operations.
 - C. Begin development of template for communication annex to future operation plans.
 - D. Communications training in conjunction with Div training sessions.

SO-MS : Gaye Blind

MSTC Hemminger reports SFO Grand Haven could use Auxiliary help with MOM Patrols, Pollution Investigations and UTV inspections, for 2012. These activities normally take place during the week. Members would be on-call.

SFO could use some assistance from AUX-EK and/or qualified Assistant Pollution Responders this spring (after the thaw) for Operation Runoff. Plans include involving other government agencies. During this activity SFO will conduct harbor patrols looking for pollution as a result of the spring thaw. More information is expected on this activity (expect short notice). Interested 095-33 members may contact SO-MS, G. Blind.

Blind (33-10) and other 095 members, were accepted into the ICS 300a class to be held February 28, 29 – March 1, 2, in Milwaukee. ICS 300 is a requirement for some of the Marine Specialty PQS.

The MS Department is restructuring. We expect leadership position title changes after NACON.

SO-PA: Keith Engstrom

Flotilla- 01- No report

Flotilla- 02 – Planning stage for NSBW, Station MC Open house preliminary.

Flotilla- 03 – No report

Flotilla- 06- Burns Waterway flotilla maintained a two-day boat safety booth at the Spring Boat Show at Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso, IN. Also I have blitzed the media with advertisements for our upcoming ABS class later this month. I will send another round of advertisements out in another week for the same class.

Flotilla- 08 – No report

Flotilla- 10 Missing from January's report was Gaye Blind, Melissa Payne and Dave Lowry participation in 33-03's Winter Parade in December.

SO-FN: Todd Nitz

See Separate Report

SO-VE: Orville Harness

All the Dist. 9wr SO-VE's had a conference call meeting with the DSO-VE last night. As a result of the meeting a few needs were identified to us.

A. The most pressing need is for a flotilla inventory of all the inflatable life jackets issued to your flotilla for VE/PE/PA uses. The Coast Guard wants an inventory of the life jackets **completed by the end of February.**

B. Each Flotilla must order their own supply of VSC decals. The Division has received a very small order of "extra" decals however the DSO advised us those can not be issued unless there is an emergency need to do so.

C. VSC goals have been increased by the Coast Guard. VCS's have taken on increased importance and they are asking the Auxiliary to increase VSC numbers by 15% over last year's numbers.

D. The DSO is also asking each Division to sponsor/coordinate Division wide VE blitzes.

E. There will be a Division wide VE workshop held in March, for VE's and for members interested in becoming VE's. (March 10th @ 13:30-CST, Station Michigan City). The DSO will be putting on the workshop.

SO-CS: Carl Pennington

As Communications Services officer for the St. Joseph Division (SO-CS) my goal is for the Division and all Flotillas in the Division to have an effective website with a consistent look and feel. In addition, the goal includes achieving approval of all these websites by National thus allowing our Flotillas to be listed in the National Flotilla finder. I have a ulterior motive for wanting to do this as I am also the District Communications Services officer (DSO-CS) and I have the same goal for the District. I would like to use Division 33 as the model of how this can be done.

In my opinion, the quickest and easiest way to accomplish this goal is by using the WOW II system. The FC, VFC, IPFC, FSO-CS, FSO-PA, and FSO-PB, officers all have access to maintain a WOW II site using a very easy interface. In addition, the FSO-PE can enter his/her classes on the WOW II website and they will be automatically entered into the national database and the Intent to Teach form will automatically be generated and sent.

I have converted the Division website (a09533.uscgaux.info) as well as my Flotilla (I am also FSO-CS) website (a0953302.uscgaux.info) to WOW II. Take a look and if you like what you see, I propose that we proceed as follows.

For those Flotillas that do not have a CS officer (33-06, 33-08, and 33-10) I have addressed this email to the FC. I would like your permission to establish the basic WOW II site for your Flotilla, submit that site for National approval, and in the near future train your staff listed above on maintaining the system. This training could be done at a Flotilla meeting (I would come) or online using Webex. It's your choice.

For those units with a CS officer (33-01 and 33-03) I have addressed this email to you with a copy to your FC. I would like to work with you to get a WOW II site established for your Flotilla and provide you with whatever training and support you require in order to provide training and support to the officers listed above. If it would be helpful, I am willing to set up your basic WOW II site and submit it for national approval before training you. Since there is only two of you, I would most likely work with you one-on-one over the phone. Either way, I am willing to attend a Flotilla meeting and assist you with the training the staff officers.

Between establishing the website and submitting it for National approval, the website must be approved by the Flotilla, and that approval must be reflected in the meeting minutes. In order to complete the approval process and training soon enough for you to add information to the

website in preparation the boating season, I would like to take the first step of establishing the WOW II site for your Flotilla as soon as possible.

SO-IS: Tom Lewis

See Separate Reports

SO-OP: Ben Plachta NO REPORT

SO-HR: Cindy Antonelli NO REPORT

SO-PE: Dan Hershman NO REPORT

SO-PPE: Dan Hershman NO REPORT

SO-PB: John Liddell NO REPORT

Respectfully Submitted,
Orville Harness
VCDR, DIV. 33



