

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Division 33 9<sup>th</sup> WR  
Officer & Staff Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2012, St Joe , Michigan**

**Call to Order:** by DCDR Fryer @ 10:30 hours EST

**Pledge Led by** DCDR Fryer

**Board Members Present:** DCDR Fryer; VCDR Harness; 33-01 Bruce Brandon, 33-02 VFC Dan LaJeunesse, 33-03 Absent 33-06 Absent, 33-08 FC Tom Lewis, 33-10 FC J.D. Ryan,

**Staff Members present:** SO-FN Todd Nitz; SO-OP Ben Plachta; SO-SR Andy Conklin; SO-VE Orville Harness, SO-OP Ben Plachta; SO-PA Keith Engstrom; SO-PE/ R&S Dan Hershman.

**DCDR Fryer:** welcomed all to Station St Joe and introduced Capt. Tom Kartes and USCG rep BM1-Dave Perrin new AUX liaison.

**Minutes March meeting-** Motion by FC Lewis to approve March minutes and in the future SO/SR is to include FC and SO reports with them, 2nd by FC Brandon, - motion passed.

**SO-FN Nitz** -Emailed Friday- there were no transactions since the end of March, the ending balance was \$3328.75. A letter from the CG in memory of member Hodorek and will forward it to the family.

DCDR Fryer asked for questions, after a brief discussion on expenditures and budget cuts, DCDR Fryer asked for any more questions on the FN report, hearing none a motion was made by FC Lewis to approve the FN report, 2nd by VCDR Harness-motion passed.

**Awards-** DCDR Fryer-

33-02 Dan LaJeunesse 10yr member service award

33-02 Dennis Miller 5yr service award

33-02 FN Todd Nitz annual OP service award 83hrs service

33-02 George Hayes USCGA annual PE service award for 34hrs PE's

33-10 Andrew Steward-USCGA membership service award

33-10 Lawrence Wolff 9th District certificate of achievement USGC Aux Safe

33-10 Patrick Poziwilko USCGA member service award 10 yrs service

33-10 Arthur Adcock-USCGA Vessel Exam annual service performance award

33-10 Arthur Adcock Aux OP annual service award 6hrs MS and 84 hrs service operation

33-10 Gaye Blind USCG OP annual service performance award 27 hrs MS and 124 service hrs

33-10 Patrick Poziwilko annual PE service award 38.5 hrs annual public Education

33-10 Patrick Poziwilko OP awards 99 hrs service

33-10 J.D.Ryan USCGA OP Annual performance award 7hr MS 3503 CG support

33-10 Dave Lowery USCGA cert award 2010 VE check program

33-10 Patrick Poziwilko USCGA cert award 2010 VE check program

33-10 District 9th Western 1st place Hours awarded a streamer for CG support for 2011

33-02 DIV 4th place membership growth 2011

33-10 DIV 3rd place Operations 2011

33-03 DIV 2nd place Public Visitor 2011

33-10 DIV 1st place USCG reports

33-10 J.D. Ryan 1st place District activities

USCGA District Tom Kartes briefed us on the "new" streamers for our Flags brief discussion on attachments for streamers.

**NOTE all FC's and Staff Officers turn in written reports that and attached for your review**  
**Flotilla Commanders Report Additions**

**33-01-FC Bruce Brandon**-No additions or changes

**33-02- FC Dan LaJeunesse**-No additions or changes

**33-03-** - Absent

**33-06-** Absent

**33-08- FC Tom Lewis**-The TCT class was cancelled due to computer issues

**33-10- FC- J.D. Ryan**-no additions or changes

**USCGA Report-** BM1 Perrin keeping open lines of communication with us and spoke briefly on the AUX getting more involved and hoped we have a good summer. Also mentioned two USCG personnel were killed in Alaska. DCDR Fryer explained we will do a moment of silence later in the meeting.

**Staff Officer Reports - VCDR Orville Harness**

**SO-CM, B. Brandon**-no additions or corrections

**SO-NS, P. Poziwilko-**

**SO-PA –Keith Engstrom**-Reported on National Safe Boating week May 21 to27th, FC's please get your PA people busy to promote NSBW get VE's and public Education, also get info out to media and get us some publicity. With the NATO conference personnel will be tight and challenging. Wants all of us to help, CDR Willis expecting us to step up and get more active.

**DCDR Fryer** brought up the approval of proclamations? SO-PA said they were sent out, still waiting.

**SO-PB – J. Liddell-** Absent

**SO-PE– D. Hershman-** spoke of the PR benefits of our AUX wearing the orange vests during VE's.

**SO-PV– M. Belke-**absent

**SO-VE - O. Harness-**USCG asking for a 15% increase in VE"S

**SO-IS - T. Lewis-**having computer issues, each Flotilla has an IS person can they get their own reports ?

**SO-OP- B. Plachta-**sent out complete lists of schedule of qualifications to all so they can be updated.

Also Radio watch schedule was sent out. Schedule for Michigan City events and brief discussion on fireworks around area. OP's Camp scheduled for Michigan City June 23 & 24, questioned availability of slips and concerned about dredging, also send a invitation to DIV 35. Schedule for Aux Det SH and noted the Steel headers Tournament date May 19th , will have a crew available. Brief discussion on SH being recognized, anyone interested in patrols contact him. Brief discussion on 50/50 and USCG BM1 Perrin clarified the regulations working in water temps of 50 degrees. USCG vessel cannot be kept overnight SH, security concerns. Ben also went over updating and tracking training requirements members responsibility to be sure they get credit especially on Boat training by notifying Coxman. Comments on doing a 8hr TCT class in our area.

**SO-PE Dan Hershman** PE officer held ABS course discovered Indiana DNR also held one at no charge, possibly we can work with the DNR as volunteers and pick up some new members. Also passed around a pamphlet from a new Power Squadron course with on water boat training at a cost of \$200.

**SO-PEV Dan Hershman** clarified equipment in storage and proper return of vests, brief discussion. new forms out from Chief Sperber on qualifications people inspecting equipment.

**SO-NS-Patrick Poziwilko**- spoke on buoys needing inspecting and properly placed. Questioned why Power Plant was not having their buoys inspected or validated.

**AUC- Station St. Joe**-No Report

**AUC-Station Mich. City**- No report

**AUC-AuxDet S. Haven**-

**AVP-P.Poziwilko**-No report

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

**DCDR Fryer**- reminded all next meeting in SH will be a work party to clean up the AUXDAT building with fellowship following and possibly may do a DIV blitz VE's if people are available.

- **DCDR Fryer** reminded us Standing Rules need to be reviewed and turned in, they are available on USCGA website. Asked FC's how many had theirs completed, reminded all FC's to work on them.
- Had computer issues, attended the Spring Conference and has a lot of information she will send out to all ASAP. Will send out a CD on how to recognize members at the DIV Level, she will send out a lot of e-mails of info she gathered at the Spring Conference, plus numerous other issues.
- Webinar-utilization can be used for meeting, training etc. DCAPT Kartes has information on the power point utilization and rules of a Webinar. Brief discussion on making sure it was added to the Standing Rules as an attachment so Flotilla's could use them.
- GLRB& Water Safety pushing PE's, VE's and the importance of wearing our vests for positive publicity, high priority on getting public awareness to save lives, 66 preventable deaths in 2010.
- Sector Lake Michigan plan called for a 15% increase VE's and PV's& PE's by 10%
- Great Lakes Maritime Strategy-5 points EIEIO, wants all AUX to update all members job skills for emergency utilization, online 7028. Capt Kartes spoke on Gov having a soft ware program to contact all in the event of an emergency and the need to have proper information submitted.
- Due to budget cuts Division and Flotillas audits are being scrutinized to see if they are sitting on large funds or have access to other resources, we may be asked for more information.
- Symposium of all 3 Districts April 7th to 15th 2013 at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn MI.
- HR changes, due to workload in security center change of rules for new Members they cannot hold office and will not get an ID card but can do training and participate in everything else.
- 9th District has a new Chaplain, he wants to get Clergy accredited people to act as civilian first responders if you know of qualified people contact us.
- Coming events, Nato summit coming May 19th up very busy time for DIV 35 & 39, War of 1812, not sure of our responsibilities yet, will be some interesting different ships, Milwaukee and Chicago.
- **DCDR Fryer**- AUX do not carry liability insurance also Legal Dept sent note we cannot write a donation letter, has to be from National.

- concerns of decline in boat crew participation, different suggestions on training and Asked all FC's to get on the Div planning calendar for activities classes etc, not patrols.
- Asked all HR people to get lists of personal for upgrading data in the computer .

**DCDR Fryer:**

**Comments - Board/Staff/Members/Guests**

- **Tom Kartes**- Flow chart to be revised. Budgets we are reporting to much \$, WebEx training for all FN's, also brief discussion on tracking equipment. May 19th kickoff for safe boating week, Sector wants a "Show of Force", it's important for us to be "out there and be visible, strut our stuff. CDR Willis's retirement will be the weekend after CG Fest, Sunday August 5th in Grand Haven. Also 45 % of us do not turn in hours !! Imperative for us to do it. Fall conference for District in Dearborn dates will be sent out.
- **VCDR Harness**- attended a meeting in Chicago, due to amount of CG activities Great Lakes Safe Boating Campaign want a "Show of Force" after NSB week, also asked for all activities we plan to put out a Sector wide calendar. Brief discussion on Nato week and Grand Opening of new marina at 31st Street Chicago, may need volunteers to participate NSB campaign.
- **DCDR Fryer** -reminder April 21st Brass day in SH @ 0900, OP's Camp Michigan City June 23rd 24th need help with food.
- **FC Tom Lewis** raised a question and discussion on a Division Flag, FC Lewis made a motion to purchase a flag set with a \$500 limit, 2nd VCDR Harness, motion passed.
- **OP Plachta** asked BM1 Perrin to clarify the activation of the Fog signal , BM1 Perrin said to key up on channel 83 and 79, Muskegon handled them and the info will be put out.
- **DCDR FRYER** - asked for a moment of silence for the 2 USCG members in Alaska.

**DCDR Fryer** asked for anymore comments hearing none asked for a motion to adjourn. T. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by FC Brandon Adjourned 12:45 hours.

**Reminder Meeting Dates/Locations for 2012**

May 12 - River Bend Boat Club, SH, MI	August 11 - Station Michigan City, IN
Work party-fellowship-VE's(?)	September 8 - River Bend Boat Club-SH
June 9 - Station Michigan City, IN	October 13 - Station St. Joe, MI
July 7 - Station St. Joe, MI	November 10 - Station Michigan City, IN

WEB-X would be used as a backup for any problems that arise.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Andy Conklin, SO/SR      April 14, 2012, 12:45 hours, Station St Joe