



9th District West Division 33

Division Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 12, 2013

Meeting Location: Webex Conference Call

Meeting Type: Monthly, Regular

Meeting Called to Order by: Dan La Jeunesse - DCDR

Members Present: Dan La Jeunesse 33-02, Ben Plachta 33-01, Bruce Brandon 33-01, John Liddell 33-01, Todd Nitz 33-02, Marque Belke 33-03, Tom Lewis 33-08, JD Ryan 33-10

Agenda: Approved.

Past Meeting Minutes: Approved

FC and Staff Reports: No Amendments to Reports as submitted and distributed.

Finance Report: No significant transactions. Balance = \$ 2,767.31 Approved (Brandon / Lewis)

Checking Account

11/01/2012 Beginning Balance \$2,777.26 Number of Days in Period 30

Checks

Withdrawals / Debits

1 Deposits / Credits \$7.00 (Dues Received)

11/30/2012 Ending Balance \$2,784.26

12/01 Beginning Balance \$2,784.26 Number of Days in Period 31

1 Checks \$(16.95) (Blank Checks)

Withdrawals / Debits

Deposits / Credits

12/31 Ending Balance \$2,767.31

We have one outstanding check for \$50 (Flotilla Awards)

2012 Budget vs. Actual

Total Income 4,633.41

Total Expense 4,794.20

Net loss of \$160.79

2012 Audit Committee of B. Plachta, T. Lewis and/or G. Hayes to meet on Feb 09 during COW to complete Division Audit.

2013 Budget: Approved (Belke/Lewis)



2013 Budget to remain the same as 2012 Budget with 2 modifications:

- Adjust dues revenues and expenses to reflect 2012 headcount
- Eliminate \$ 150 of revenue obtained from COW 50/50 raffle as the raffle has been eliminated from the 2013 COW due to legal permit expenses

Awards: None available to present

District and Division News:

Membership:

Retired Michiana Flotilla 33-03 member Randy Dukes passed away on December 22, shortly after his wife Ginny's passing in November. Our condolences to their friends in 33-03. DSO-HR Cindy Antonelli will complete the member change of status report so that Mr. Dukes will be memorialized on the D9 memorial wall in Grand Haven. His next of kin will be notified of this honor.

Raenell Kent of 33-08 in Kalamazoo has passed SECEN review and has now obtained BQ status. Congratulations to the Kents!

DCDR will clarify with the District that Commandant Papp's recent award of lifetime dues free membership for outgoing Commodore Ed Ross is applicable to his District, Division and Flotilla dues .

Training:

The Following C-School classes for Auxiliary members are being offered April 7-15 at the Symposium being held in Dearborn MI:

- AUX-02 AUXLAMs (Leadership and Management Skills)
- AUX-04 Web/Internet technical Skills
- AUX-10 AUXDATA/INFO I/S training

Please submit STTR's to the DCDR/VCDR as soon as possible to reserve a place.

Communications:

Pam Morrison DCAPT-E 4th Quarter report to the 9th District for the Divisions within her area will be distributed to the FC's for dissemination as they see fit.



DCDR Comments: DCDR La Jeunesse reviewed some of the internal “Weaknesses” and external “Threats” that Commodore Van Dinter has identified for D9 in her 2013-2015 Strategic Plan for 9WR.

Weaknesses:

- Aging Membership
- Fewer Facilities
- Inadequate Technical Skills and Cumbersome Procedures
- Poor Planning
- Lack of Training & Consistency Across District

Threats:

- Continued Drownings
- Inertia of Members
- Poor Communication within the Organization
- Inadequate time for training and skills development
- Overwhelming Paperwork

DCDR commented that supporting the Flotillas within our region is his 1st priority. Building relationships among the members and between the Flotillas will help resolve the weaknesses that may be present in our Division.

2013 Change of Watch:

- To be held February 09, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Kalamazoo.
- 121 Member invitations have been mailed
- 8 USCG Gold guest invitations and 3 USCGAUX Silver invitations
- IMPORTANT: Due to Michigan regulations, we will not be holding a 50/50 raffle this year. As a result, our Silent Auction will have additional importance this year in providing funds to offset expenses. Please consider bringing a bid-worthy item to the Change of Watch dinner! Thank You.

2013 Business Meeting Schedule: Based on Board input, we are planning to continue having monthly Division meetings. These are good opportunities to meet and support each other. However, many (perhaps half) of these meetings will be held as webex meetings to reduce travel requirements and expenses. During our busy summer months it's important to keep our members' calendars open so that we can be out on the water supporting the activities we enjoy and that the boating public needs. These are prime examples of when webex meetings can be helpful to all of us. DCDR and VCDR will propose a 2013 meeting schedule in the near future.



Meeting Adjourned by: DCDR La Jeunesse by motion at 1210. (Ryan/Lewis)

Next Business Meeting: 09 February 2013 at **Change of Watch**

Minutes prepared by DCDR La Jeunesse in the absence of SO/SR Antonelli

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