

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Division 33 9th WR
Officer & Staff Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2012, Michigan City, Ind**

Call to Order: by DCDR Fryer @ 09:30 hours CST

Pledge Led by DCDR Fryer

Board Members Present: DCDR Fryer; VCDR Harness; 33-01 Absent, 33-02 VFC George Hayes
33-03 VFC Marque Belke; 33-06 Absent, 33-08 FC Tom Lewis, 33-10 VFC Dave Lowry, DCO Ross

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, SO-OP
Ben Plachta; SO-PA Keith Engstrom; SO-PE/ R&S Dan Hershman.

Flotilla Members present: 3, one guest (Mrs. Hayes)

DCDR Fryer: welcomed all to Station Michigan City and introduced USCG rep CWO Hinken -Sector
Aux OTO.

February 11th minutes - Motion by DCO Ross to approve Feb. minutes 2nd by FC Tom Lewis, - motion
passed.

SO-FN Nitz the Feb beginning balance of \$2007.69 ,the ending balance was \$4222.70 all the Flotilla's
dues were in and all 725's were in. DCDR Fryer questioned the ending balance stating there a check sent
to District for dues, FN Nitz concurred and reported Dues were sent in for \$2238.50 leaving a balance of
\$1994.20. DCDR Fryer noted a profit and loss statement was sent out to all, this was the most important
report for us and reflects the new method of our Division Financial reporting and is in line with our
budget. DCO Ross commented we need to clarify our verbiage so over and under balances are clear as
to being positive or negative.

SO-OP Plachta questioned way the FN's report was sent out, FN Nitz said he and DCDR Fryer were
correcting that and they would send out one user friendly report in the future. 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 as amended, 2nd by VFC Belke-motion passed.

Awards- DCDR Fryer- all awards were handed out at the COW Banquet.

Flotilla Commanders Reports

33-01-Absent

33-02- VFC George Hayes-No additions or changes- DCDR Fryer reported on the passing of member
John Hodorek possible think of memorial fund, more on that later.

33-03- VFC-Marque Belke- No additions or changes

33-06- Absent

33-08, FC Tom Lewis-no additions or changes

33-10, VFC Lowry- no additions or changes

USCGA Report – DCO Ross- reported on Safe Boating Week activities. Asked all to make sure our

events are reported and kept accurate for Sector planning calendar. An excellent DVD was made by UM on safe boating, very good PR tool he would like to make 100 copies Flotilla's for use at Boat shows, etc. Look at it on line at www.respectthepower.com. All travel at National Level has been put on hold due to lack of funds. National Commodores meeting has also been cancelled plan to do a WebEx. Question on the March business meeting at Schaumburg not National! DCO Ross gave us a full report on our current funding and explained possibly dues may be increased next year. He explained again the USCG Aux budget 2013 would have a decrease, the Bridge developed a balanced budget based on actual income taking the wish lists out, and the Bridge is not spending unneeded funds. Things will be tight in the future but probably OK on the local level. He thinks we can operate for four more years without financial problems.

USCG Report –CWO- Hinkin AUX OTO Sector -We are approaching our operational season, workshops coming up. OP's Camp. Briefed us on focus of District-QE's VE's, Safe Opps is the next level to improve skills, getting people trained and qualified and what services the Aux can provide and how we can best Do It !. Also gave a heads up on the NATO summit in Chicago, also the need for us to stay alert and watchful of suspicious area's on our waterways. Sector, what can AUX provide at South Haven Detachment. Thanked us for all we do, asked for questions of the Sector, DCO Ross spoke on WEB site. Questions on training from Ben, OTO Hinken clarified USCG position on training and TCT training.

Staff Officer Reports - VCDR Orville Harness

SO-CM, B. Brandon-Absent

SO-CS – C. Pennington-

SO-FN – T. Nitz, questioned a on memorial for deceased members, DCDR Fryer said" later "

SO-HR- C. Antonelli -hopes her time opens up and thanked all the Staff for keeping it going.

SO-IS, - T. Lewis-no report

SO-MA, M. Belke-no report

SO-MS, G. Blind -Absent

SO-MT,– G. Hayes- Gave a report on his Red Cross Class on March 28th @ Michigan City 08:30, briefed all on Red Cross card, FC Lewis brought up getting him the qualification and he would put it in AuxData for future information. April 28th new member ABS course. Put out presentation for new members course, DCO Ross said he would like to see this on the WEB site, and even a refresher type course.

DCDR Fryer asked Marque if one hour TCT course was on the WEB, Ben injected yes it was.

SO-NS, P. Poziwilko-Absent

SO-OP, B. Plachta-Asked all to keep track of Coxswain and crew training Qualifications for recording purposes, verify all e-mail addresses. Ops Camp dates discussed with DCDR Fryer opting to have it June 23rd and 24th. Ben also spoke on training at OP'S Camp including some "table top Chart work".

SO-PA –Keith Engstrom-Reported on National Safe Boating week May 21 to27th, FC's please submit plans to him for Sector to show accountability, like more emphasis on it. Also schedule RBS classes and get info out to media. Wants all members contact info updated on WEB site. DCDR Fryer brought up the importance putting dates for everything except patrols on the District schedule.

SO-PB – J. Liddell- Absent

SO-PE– D. Hershman-Reported on the Michigan City ABS course for new members, 33-03 only

Flotilla reporting, report or send e-mail no report! New PPE inspection forms are out from Chief Sperber, please use them. CWO Hinken spoke of the benefits of AUX VE's wearing the orange vests during VE's exams for PR purposes. Brief discussion on accountability for vests and equipment.

SO-PV– M. Belke-no adds to report.

SO-VE - O. Harness-making a calendar for VE's for Division's better organization and training asked FC's to get info to him.

AUC- Station St. Joe-No Report

AUC-Station Mich. City- No report

AUC-AuxDet S. Haven-

AVP-P.Poziwilko- Absent-No report

Dockmaster-

Committee Reports

- SO-OP- Plachta gave a final on the COW at Watervliet, great success. Thanked all and especially VFC Hayes for his help and power point for the afternoon training.
- Financially \$238.25 profit, income \$179.00 silent auction, \$80 raffle, \$1111.00 Dinner.

Old Business

- **DCDR Fryer** reminded us New Standing Rules are available on USCGA website. Asked FC's how many had theirs completed, reminded all FC's to work on them. Asked all FC's to get on the Div. planning calendar and try to cover all weekends possible from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Brought up the Divisions past handling of members that passed over the Bar, VCDR Harness made a motion to donate \$25.00 to 9th Central Past Captain's Association for members prior to move to 9th Western and \$25.00 to USCG Mutual Assistance fund for members enrolled after move to 9th Western, 2nd by SO-IS Lewis, brief discussion, suggestion by FN-Nix to add this to the standing rules, brief discussion on 9th Central Past Captains Association and putting names on wall at USCG Station at Grand Haven. Discussion on responsibility of FC's completing members' status change form etc. on passing of a member.

New Business

DCDR Fryer: Had four suggestions brainstorming ideas submitted for Division improvement.

1. VE exams scheduled.
2. Fellowship, brief discussion on a cookout at a Division meeting, tabled till warmer weather.
3. Public affairs-Post Flotilla meetings on Media and get training out so members can attend.
4. Anderson Grants, Flotilla 33-02 wants a grant they need to get with DCDR Fryer and get their application due date March 31st.

DCDR Fryer reviewed Division Meeting Dates/Locations for 2012

April 14 - Station St Joe, MI

August 11 - Station Michigan City, IN

May 12 - River Bend Boat Club, SH, MI

September 8 - River Bend Boat Club, SH, MI

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.

Comments - Board/Staff/Members/Guests

Tom Lewis - reminded us 9th district training in Dearborn next weekend with lots of training available.

Orville- thanked the USCG Rep CWO Hinken for attending and all the support he gives the AUX.

DCDR Fryer asked for anymore comments hearing none asked for a motion to adjourn. T. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by VCDR Harness Adjourned 12:25 hours.

Respectfully submitted by: Andy Conklin, SO/SR

March 10, 2012, 1230 hours, Station Mich. City.