

Minutes of Division 20 Meeting 1 December 2018

Division Meeting was called to order by Barbara Pohlman, DCDR, at 1008 at the River Bend Town Hall. A quorum was present.

Elected officers present: Pohlman, DCDR; Pagano, VCDR and DCDR-elect, C. Labuda, VFC and FC-elect, 20-01; T. Labuda, VFC-elect 20-01; Scott, VFC-elect 20-02; Mielenhausen, VFC, 20-04; Lopinto, VFC and FC-elect, 20-06; Gerdsen, FC, 20-10, Michael, VFC-elect, 20-10.

Staff officers present: Wiggins, SO-CM; Pohlman, SO-FS and SO-NS; T. Labuda, SO-HR; Mielenhausen, SO-IS; Scott, SO-MS; Benson, SO-MT for 2019; Mulligan, SO-OP and SO-VE, Lindberg SO-PB, Clarkson, SO-PE for 2019; Perkins, SO-PV; and Fort, SO-SR.

Guests present: Flynn, AUC, Station Hobucken

Fort led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance after which Pohlman held a Moment of Silence recognizing President George H. W. Bush's passing.

She then asked for approval of the October meeting minutes. On motion by Mulligan, seconded by Labuda, the minutes were approved.

The 30 November Financial Report was approved on motion by Mulligan, seconded by Labuda.

DCDR Report:

Pohlman noted that members are still recovering from Hurricane Florence, in fact her repairs were being finished this date. Mielenhausen reported that seven members of 20-04 had received grants from the Coast Guard Foundation for damage sustained by Florence.

Pagano asked for additions to SO reports. Lindberg, SO-PB, requested "Meet the FCs and/or VFCs" bios for inclusion in 20/20. He also reminded the FCs that they need to distribute the Division newsletter to all their members as he does not have a distribution list for the entire Division. He will assist any Flotilla and/or new FSO-PB with their newsletter. Finally he requested all flotillas to supply pictures of their activities.

Two incoming Staff Officers in attendance were introduced: Bruce Clarkson, who is a past DCAPT, will be SO-PE. Dale Benson will be SO-MT.

Pagano noted that the new 5th District Southern Region Motto is:

Moving the Fabulous 5th forward

Together

Safely

"Thinking Outside the Boat"

Pohlman did feel that the Communicate and Collaborate goal of working together well had been met. She found Mielenhausen's (SO-IS) statistics very useful but noted that the Division as a whole had not done as well this year – primarily due to Florence and the weather. Mielenhausen asked that the FCs ensure that all member time is submitted and noted that 7030 time is considered more valuable than 7029 time. Whenever possible, a 7030 should be put in instead of a 7029 when doing PA or PB activities.

The DCDR pointed out that AIR OPs had been a bright spot this year.

Old Business: It is Disenrollment Season. The DCDR's signature is required and she will be forwarding to DIRAUX with copies to the FCs within the next 5 days.

It was noted that a total of \$35.00 of each member's dues goes up the chain, broken out as follows: \$24.00 to National, \$6.00 to District, and \$5.00 to Division. Each Flotilla will be charged that amount by the SO-FN based on the members still on their rosters on 1 January.

The Change of Watch menu choices and cost was reviewed. Direct and indirect costs, including 6 to 7 Division Guests, trophies, and programs bring the cost to approximately \$35.00 per paying attendee.

At the October meeting a motion was passed setting the price per ticket at \$35.00. The motion by Scott, seconded by Mielenhausen, to have the Division subsidize each ticket by \$5.00 per attendee which had been tabled until this meeting was then brought forward and the pros and cons of the subsidy were discussed. After discussion, the motion was voted on and did not pass.

The refund policy for the Change of Watch was discussed. It was agreed that a full refund would be given if a State of Emergency was declared such as happened last year. Other refund requests would be decided on a case by case basis.

The Auxiliarist of the Year and the Bobby Swindell Award nominees will be reviewed by the DCDR and VCDR who will then decide on the awardees.

Auxiliarist Tom Blount presented the new GAR 2.0 at Station Hobucken and will present at D-Train in February and may also present it following the Division Workshop in March. An S,C&E Course may be held with the active duty. A notice will be sent out targeting coxswains and crew to assess interest and it will be announced in 20/20.

The incoming FCs were reminded that 7007s need to be in by 20 December and that FSOs need at least one year of service unless they receive a waiver. The waiver must be initially requested by the member and all core training must be complete.

The SO-FN requested that Fort again put together a budget. The Audit Committee will be Pagano, Reed and Fort.

Labuda displayed several mugs which could be procured at a very reasonable price with the Division logo.

Flynn, who is the AUC for Station Hobucken and a Watchstander at both Hobucken and Ft. Macon, announced several gold side changes. The XPO at Hobucken, BM1 Adams, will be leaving in 6 months. There is a "VE Dust-off" being planned at Hobucken. BMCS Seigh at Ft. Macon has been promoted to warrant officer and will be leaving in July. Station Ft. Macon has been condemned as a result of damage sustained during Florence and the unit is currently working out of trailers. The ATON building also sustained significant damage but the CGX is okay. Both units can use Watchstanders and Ft. Macon can use just about any other help as well. CDR Delgado has made CAPT and there is a new commander at Fort Macon. BOSN4 Ryan Taylor is the new AUXLO but also has responsibility for Waterway Management. All members are reminded to use the Chain of Leadership when contacting him, don't contact him directly.

Pagano announced that there would be a meeting of the incoming Staff Officers at the home of Bruce Clarkson early next year.

Mielenhausen reminded all FCs to copy him on their 7007s.

The next Division meeting will be 2 February at River Bend Town Hall unless notified otherwise.

There being no further business to come before the members, on motion by Gerdson, the meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted by David Fort, SO-SR