

Minutes of Division 20 Meeting 5 October 2019

Division Meeting was called to order by Fil Pagano, DCDR, at 1000 at River Bend Town Hall. A quorum was present.

Elected officers present: Pagano, DCDR; Fort, VCDR; Mulligan, IPDCDR; C. Labuda, FC, 20-01; Sonder, FC, 20-02; McClard, VFC, 20-04; Lopinto, FC, 20-06; Gerdsen, FC, 20-10, Michael, VFC, 20-10.

Staff officers present: Wiggins, SO-CM; Sonder, SO-CS; Reed, SO-FN & SO-MA; Mielenhausen, SO-IS; Collins, SO-NS; Mulligan, SO-OP & SO-VE; Lindberg, SO-PB; Clarkson, SO-PE; Perkins, SO-PV; and Fort, SO-SR.

Guests present: T. Cullifer, DCAPT, Sector NC; T.J. Bendicksen, FSO-CS, 20-04; K. Gapen, 20-04; D. Boyette, FSO-MS, 20-04; W, Boyette, 20-04.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ms. Bendicksen, Mr. Pagano welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and introduced the guests.

The DCDR then asked for approval of the August meeting minutes. On motion by Mr. Gerdsen, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the minutes were approved.

The 30 September Financial Report was approved on motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. McClard.

DCDR Report: Mr. Pagano referred the members to his printed remarks in the agenda. He discussed the emphasis at D-Train on proper uniform wear and reminded everyone that we represent the Coast Guard and civilians don't know the difference since we wear the same uniform. He also said that the next D-Train would be somewhat changed, less formal and more training. The nuts and bolts of leadership will be emphasized at the Division and Flotilla Commander levels. Some of the expense will be subsidized by DIRAUX.

Mr. Cullifer said that DIRAUX would fund DCDRs and FCs and Divisions and Flotillas would be asked to fund VCDRs and VFCs. The next D-Train will be in the Raleigh area on 21-23 February.

VCDR Report: Mr. Fort thanked all for their participation.

Additions: Mr. Collins reported that 336 PATON reports had been completed and he was hoping to reach 400.

Mr. Mielenhausen distributed the quarterly IS newsletter to all FSO-ISs and noted there was a great deal of good information. There is progress on replacing AUXDATA, hopefully by Spring. The new one will allow all users to get reports. This may end AUXINFO. You can now go to the Performance Directorate and get performance measurement reports.

Mr. Pagano reviewed the DCDR goals. He observed that 20-06 and Division 20 had both received the 3 Star Award for Diversity thanks to the SO-DV, Mr. Powell, and mentioned Mr.

Powell's STEM fundraiser on 16 November. They are trying to put together a table or two of Auxiliary.

Mr. Michael brought up an issue with getting VE qualifications through. Mr. Mulligan was also involved. Mr. Mielenhausen noted that they were not on the tracker report. Mr. Collins also mentioned the same issue with AV instructor. Mr. Cullifer will handle.

Mr. Gerdson thanked Mr. Mielenhausen for getting a member out of REYR and Mr. Mielenhausen noted that many members will need to redo their 5-year Core Training.

Mr. McClard pointed out that the BQII training is only on-line and it was mentioned that not even DIRAUX can enter completion manually.

Mr. Pagano said that he was actively working with AUXAIR trying to put surface and air ops together. The first step will be recognition and communications between surface and air units. The next air wing meeting is 19 October at EWN.

Old Business: Reporting of ABS attendees was discussed. All flotillas were complying. Mr. Gerdson reported that adolescent info was not being submitted due to PII. Mr. Clarkson asked that all flotillas try to standardize their submissions.

The Division Change of Watch is scheduled for 10 January and Mr. Pagano will try to keep the price at \$35.00 per person.

Division elections were held. Mr. Fort reported that the Committee had received one Letter of Intent for each of the positions, Mr. Collins for VCDR and Mr. Pagano for DCDR. Both met all qualification requirements. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. Since there were no contested positions, the Secretary cast one vote for each of the nominees. Mr. Pagano and Mr. Collins will be sworn in at the Change of Watch.

Mr. Pagano reminded all the flotillas to submit any disenrollments to DIRAUX through the DCDR prior to 1 December. He also will need all 7025s, properly signed, prior to 15 January. Discussion of proper signatures ensued.

Mr. Mielenhausen requested that the list of incoming officers be submitted to him as soon as possible as he will be out of the country at the end of the year.

Incoming and outgoing staff officer positions were discussed. The DCDR will work on filling any vacancies.

The SO-DV will put together a one-hour workshop for all the flotilla FSO-DVs and FSO-PAs.

The next Division 20 meeting will be at River Bend on 7 December. 20-04 will be holding a Local Waters class there in the afternoon. A discussion about the various Local Waters classes followed.

Mr. Pagano thanked Mr. Mielenhausen for the statistics compilation for each of the flotillas and the Division 20 as a whole and reviewed the numbers. He and Mr. Cullifer also noted

that the patrol season would probably be extended until the end of November. Funding is again available. Order funding and order timing was discussed, as well as PPE being compliant based on temperature. Mr. Pagano will be out of the country starting 9 November.

Century Awards were presented to Mr. Michael, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Baxter, Mr. R. Lee, Mr. Rauschenberg, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Leibert, and Mr. Gillespie.

Ms. Bendicksen gave a presentation of the Water n' Kids program and discussed expanding it Division-wide. She noted that the second leading cause of death in children between the ages of 1 to 14 is drowning.

Mr. Reed is working on clarifying the PE ordering process.

Mr. Clarkson gave details on the upcoming 20-04 Navigation Class. There was discussion about whether there was a need for a Crew College early next year. The FCs were asked to let the SO-MT know if they had a need and an appropriate location would be found.

Mr. Sonder requested that all flotillas and the division give him information for the calendar.

Mr. Gerdson expressed that his flotilla was still pushing to get the Sea Scouts involved.

Mr. Cullifer then made a number of comments. IQ is going away. He again emphasized wearing the uniform correctly. Make sure you are sure of any information that you are disseminating and that all SR records are up to date.

A discussion was then held concerning how Assignment to Duty was being logged and possible better methods to us. FCs need to document. It was asked if there was a way that an FSO-OP who was not a Coxswain or boat owner could be given access to AOMS. Mr. Sonder recognized Mr. Michael for his assistance in getting their OP program going.

Mr. Cullifer thanked each of the flotillas for their assistance in covering accountability following Hurricane Dorian. He also asked all officers to attend an online meeting on 5 December, details to come.

There being no further business to come before the members, on motion by Mr. Mielenhausen, the meeting was adjourned at 1210.

Respectfully submitted by David Fort, SO-SR