

Minutes of Division 20 Meeting 8 June 2019

Division Meeting was called to order by Fil Pagano, DCDR, at 1002 at the River Bend Town Hall. A quorum was present.

Elected officers present: Pagano, DCDR; Fort, VCDR; Mulligan, IPDCDR; Labuda, VFC, 20-01; Ott, FC, 20-04; Lopinto, FC, 20-06; Marchiscello, VFC, 20-06; Gerdsen, FC, 20-10.

Staff officers present: Wiggins, SO-CM; Reed, SO-FN & SO-MA; Labuda, SO-HR; Benson, SO-MT; Collins, SO-NS; Mulligan, SO-OP and SO-VE, Marchiscello, SO-PA; Lindberg SO-PB, and Fort, SO-SR.

Guests present: None

After the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. Ott, Mr. Pagano welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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

The 30 May Financial Report was approved on motion by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Labuda.

DCDR Report: The DCDR reported that the division had 14 new members but there still needed to be an emphasis on retention. He is now on a district task force for retention. The Sea Scouts program is off to a slow start but this is expected to pick up now that school is over. Pagano noted that YPT certificate copies for crew and coxswains should be kept on board. There was clarification concerning the number of adult females required to be aboard if a female Sea Scout was on board. The question of whether the Sea Scout swim test is acceptable was raised. Auxiliary PPE must be worn by Sea Scouts. Station Emerald Isle will be doing dockside training. The question was raised about getting written approval for Sea Scouts to be aboard. An e-mail from the Station OIA is all that is necessary.

There have been numerous recent wide-spread problems with AUXDATA and AUXAOM. If you can't input for orders, get a temporary verbal number from the OIA and then enter it in the comments when you are able to get back into the program.

VCDR Report: Fort thanked all the officers for 100% participation in the compilation of reports and asked for any staff officer additions or corrections.

SO-NS: PATON patrol was cancelled.

SO-MT: The Risk Management report was sent to the flotillas. It was noted that some of the people who have taken and passed have not yet been entered. Core training needs to be completed, but also need to check and make sure that has been entered as some is not going in automatically.

Mr. Pagano reviewed issues that had been highlighted on the bi-weekly tracker report.

Mr. Benson also mentioned that AUX-RM could be used for access is AUXLMS was a problem. He also had sent the link for the Sea Scout YPT to all FSO-MTs and reminded everyone that it was not too early to think about QE reguals and quals.

There is a new Safe Boating course coming, probably late 2019 or 2020.

Hurricane season started 1 June. Notify all members and emphasize whenever interacting with the public. The DCDR also asked that VEs discuss this during their exams.

SO-DV: Mr. Lopinto reported in Mr. Powell's absence that DCO Thornton is planning on visiting the STEM Center on the 8th or 12th of July.

Several members discussed possibly attending an 80th Auxiliary anniversary event in Portsmouth on the 21st of June.

Mr. Marchiscello asked about a power boat race on the Pamlico. The procedures and notifications required for Coast Guard and Auxiliary participation were discussed and clarified as well as the ability of having the event without Coast Guard involvement or permission.

Mr. Ott brought up the issue of the information being requested by NC Wildlife. It was noted that participation by the students was not required but the information would be used to confirm attendance at a class.

Mr. Pagano again reviewed his goals and noted that recruitment was on track. Boating safety classes and events were going well – all flotillas have had or are going to have classes or participation in stand-downs.

Old Business:

Financial Assistance to 20-04 for their lost Public Education materials was which was tabled at the last meeting was put forward. Approximately \$1,800.00 of books, supplies and materials was lost through flooding during Hurricane Florence. A motion by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, was made that Flotilla 20-04 requests \$400.00 from Division 20 to partially defray cost of Coast Guard Auxiliary educational materials lost during Florence. Discussion then ensued concerning the precedent this might set. It was noted that money had been put in the 2019 budget and that any proposal of this type would need to be voted on by the then current voting board. After further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

As a result of the discussions, a motion was made by Mr. Labuda and seconded by Mr. Gerdson that a Contingency Fund to assist the flotillas be established in each annual budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Vietnam era awards were passed out to Mr. Lindberg and to several of the flotilla commanders to be distributed. It was discovered that significant number of members had

not been included, the flotilla commanders will canvas their flotillas to see who else should have received the recognitions.

Silver and Bronze Facility awards were presented to either the owner or flotilla commander for distribution. Facility logs were also distributed to be given to owners of facilities with more than 15 reported hours last year.

The nominating committee was appointed, headed by Mr. Fort.

Good and welfare: Mr. Fort discussed some of the activities he and Mr. McClard were doing with the Coast Guard.

The next division meeting will be 3 August at the home of Mr. Fort. Full details will be sent at a future date.

There being no further business to come before the members, on motion by Mr. Labuda, the meeting was adjourned at 1138.

Respectfully submitted by David Fort, SO-SR