

Minutes of Division 20 Meeting 6 October 2018

Division Meeting was called to order by Barbara Pohlman, DCDR, at 1010 at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center. A quorum was present.

Elected officers present: Pohlman, DCDR; Pagano, VCDR, Moulton, FC, 20-01; Sonder, VFC, 20-02, Mielenhausen, VFC, 20-04; Anderson, FC, 20-06; Gerdsen, FC, 20-10, Baxter, VFC, 20-10

Staff officers present: Sonder SO-CS; Olson, SO-DV, Pohlman, SO-FS and SO-NS; Mielenhausen, SO-IS; Scott, SO-MS; Baxter, SO-MT; Mulligan, SO-OP and SO-VE, Lindberg SO-PB, and Fort, SO-SR.

Pagano led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pohlman welcomed all.

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

The 30 September Financial Report was approved on motion by Anderson, seconded by Scott.

DCDR Report:

Hurricane Florence was a life changing event for many. She listed the Auxiliarists with significant issues of whom she was aware: Sayko, tree on house, McLauren, Cuniff, Gillespie, Clark, Azersky, Flynn and Fort all with significant damage or total loss to their homes and/or vehicles. The accountability reporting was outstanding. Fort gave kudos to members of his Flotilla for their assistance in relocating him to Morehead City. Pohlman noted that Coast Guard Foundation and Mutual Assistance is available to members. Local churches and Samaritan's Purse are also resources.

Warren Edman, who had been an insurance adjuster, asked the DCDR to emphasize the mold problems and to make sure a reputable contractor was hired who used the correct spray treatment. Mold can affect the entire body.

The mosquitoes are numerous and our counties are spraying. Flood waters contain a variety of nasty bacteria, take precautions when on patrol. Rivers and sounds still can be problematic and Scott noted that commercial fishing is taking a major hit.

Goals were reviewed. Mielenhausen was commended for his great statistical reporting. It was noted that numbers were down due to a rainy July and Florence. The need to submit 7029s and methods to input were discussed.

White socks are not to be worn with ODUs. The DCDR emphasized the need for more diversity, especially the recruitment of more females. "old white guys". Ideas to attract more female members were discussed. It was noted that every Flotilla is unique and needs to set its own approach. "being invited to the party" versus "being invited to dance" was also discussed. Pohlman advised that the Division women were having informal meetings.

During the DCDR report and discussion on recruiting and diversity Mark Sonder asked a few pointed and personal 20-02 Flotilla questions on recruitment, essentially, how we on the Flotilla level can increase our membership as well as what can Division do to assist us? For 20-02 this is the most important issue. Division has already lost its Oriental Flotilla, I'm guessing Division doesn't want to lose MHC? We are trying hard, please help us

She then gave recognition to the AUXFS members who participated in Bosun McAloon's retirement. It was also noted because of the D-Train cancellation, the Member's of Excellence attendance at a future D-Train was to be discussed at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting. The Tool Kit is being worked on.

The 7035 change has been sent out. Reminder, send terminations to DCDR first and they should not be sent to DIRAUX until after 1 December. The DCDR prefers electronic submissions to paper, and FCs need to keep documentation that contact with the member has been made or attempted.

Elections: Mielenhausen stated that the Screening Committee report has not changed. Pohlman noted that the AUXMAN says it is okay to forego a secret ballot with only one nominee as long as no member requests. No one requested. There were no floor nominations for either position. DCDR-elect is Pagano. VCDR-elect is Fort. The Secretary was directed to record a unanimous vote. Pagano and Fort were sworn in by Pohlman and Pagano was frocked.

Award nominations for Auxilarist of the Year and the Swindell Award were requested from the FCs not later than 15 November. The Change of Watch will be handled by Pagano and Fort. It will be held on 4 January at the Flame in New Bern starting at 1800 (cash bar).

On motion by Mulligan, seconded by Anderson, the price per ticket can go up to \$35.00. After discussion, the motion passed. A motion by Scott, seconded by Mielenhausen, to have the Division subsidize each ticket by \$5.00 per attendee was tabled until the December meeting.

GAR is going away (GAR 2.0 is coming). Blount is offering a talk to the Operations people (and per DCDR suggest, include FS people). It will be held on the evening of 7 November at Station Hobucken and will be open to 30 people. Discussion ensued. District has said this needs to be done before 1 December but there was some thought that there would be other opportunities prior to patrol season including the Division Workshop.

A new Mishap Form will be distributed to Flotillas for Coxswains.

There is a possibility that Boat Crews will be asked to assist Stations during SAR cases. It will be based on the Station's knowledge of the Flotilla. Pohlman and Pagano can present the SC&E class this winter to any interested members and can include the Gold Side. It will be 28 hours in 9 sessions.

The next Division meeting will be 1 December 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 1136.

Respectfully submitted by David Fort, SO-SR