



US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Saginaw Bay

Division 091-24

Meeting Minutes 11 July 2020

United States Coast Guard STA/ANT Saginaw River, STA Tawas

[Garrison Bromwell, DCDR](#)

[Randy Mey, VCDR](#)

- * **Call to order:** The Division Meeting was called to order on-line at 1000 hrs. by Garrison Bromwell, DCDR.
- * **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Dave Wallace, FC 24-02.
- * **Roll Call:** Members present were: Garrison Bromwell, DCDR; Randy Mey, VCDR; Bob Wolff, IPDCDR; Dave Wallace, FC 24-02, Wes Gulliver, SO-AS; Chris Howard, FC 24-01.
- * **Introduction of Guests:** Mike Odette 18-01 in Wyandotte was present to conduct Member Training.
- * **Sick Call:** None.
- * **Awards:** Popeye Award was handed off from DCDR Garrison Bromwell to VCDR Randy Mey for his hard work and dedication, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- * **Division Commander's Report:** No public events, but many classes have been taught. Thanks to Bob Wolff for his dedication to member education. Division status is day-to-day until new directives arrive. Surface operations are on hold.
- * **Digital Training Coordinator Report:** DCDR Garrison Bromwell reported that Sign Up Genius has been utilized by members for scheduling classes. New Operations training requirements will include

Blood Borne Pathogens (#100293) and First Responder Awareness (#501538).

- * **Member Training:** Conducted by guest lecturer Mike Odette of 18-01 in Wyandotte. Title of training was “A Culture of Respect – Updating Diversity Guidance”. Mr. Odette stressed the challenges and opportunities of diversity in the USCG Auxiliary. The Auxiliary needs new members, and all auxiliaries should prioritize recruiting a diverse population into the organization. All members should focus on discussion and listening. DCDR Bromwell added that targeted recruiting is important. Marketing of the Auxiliary needs improvement as well.
- * **Flotilla Commanders’ Reports:** Flint – Dave Wallace, FC: No new news. Many cancellations. Health of Flotilla members is good.

Bay City – Chris Howard, FC: Little to report. Long-time member Al Plaehn is retiring from the Auxiliary this month. Vessel Exam decals arrived from national supply center.
- * **Auxiliary Unit Coordinator’s Report:** Bob Wolff reported that, while Sector Detroit has opened several activities for the Auxiliary, Station Saginaw River must first approve any local operations.
- * **Division Board Meeting:** DCDR Bromwell convened Board meeting at 1107 hrs.
 - * Minutes of May 2020 meeting were read. Dave Wallace made a motion to accept minutes as read. Motion seconded by Randy Mey. Motion approved unanimously.
 - * Finance Report: As Ron View, SO-FN was absent, no report was given.
 - * Old Business: None reported.
 - * New Business: DCDR Bromwell appointed a nominating committee for October 2020 Division elections. Ron View and Bob Wolff were nominated as committee members.
- * **Debrief:** DCDR hopes to have an in-person Division meeting in October.
- * **Adjournment:** DCDR Garrison Bromwell ended the Board meeting at 1115 hrs.