



US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Saginaw Bay

Division 091-24

Division 24 Board Meeting Minutes 10 July 2021

(Meeting held at home of DCDR Garrison Bromwell)

Garrison Bromwell, DCDR

Randy Mey, VCDR

***Call to Order:** The Division Meeting was called to order by DCDR Garrison Bromwell at his home at 1000 hrs.

***Pledge of Allegiance:** All present were led in the Pledge by IPDCDR Bob Wolff.

***Introduction of Guests:** DCDR introduces District COMO Cathie Slabaugh and District Captain Ken Mangus.

***Sick Call:** Ed Fibranz reported that Bill Loss of Sebewaing has received a cancer diagnosis.

***Awards:** Wes Gulliver passed the Popeye Award to Ron View for his tireless work on AUXDATA II.

***Division Commander's Report:** DCDR Bromwell reported that, statistically Division 24 has improved in two metrics from 2019 to 2021: Member Training and Patrol Hours. On the "down side", membership is down 8%. Vessel Exams are going up as well as PA hours. Coast Guard support is increasing as well. Three Division 24 flotillas are below 10 members,

which is a concern. Wes Gulliver reported that the Sea Scouts are doing well, but lost a few members to graduation.

***Status of Division: Bay City:** Membership numbers are up. Several PA events have been held.

Flint: Monthly flotilla meetings have been held on-line. The Burton Memorial Day Parade was a success. Dave Wallace may be giving a presentation this Fall to the Flint VFW.

Saginaw: The flotilla will be having their first in-person meeting soon. Wes Gulliver reported that Saginaw may have a new facility next year.

Tawas: Bob Campbell reported that they hope to offer a Boater Safety class this Fall. In addition, Tawas will be hosting a VSC "blitz" 24-25 July. Bob and John Penne hope to get on the water soon.

Sebewaing: Ed Fibranz reported that Vessel Exams are going well this season.

***Staff Officer Reports:** Ron View (Information Systems) reported that he gets everything into AUXDATA II. If any member has problems with that system, just get the information to Ron and he will input the data.

Randy Mey (HR) reported that that the New Member application process is moving more quickly and that C-Schools are resuming. Randy is contacting prospective three times in order to maintain interest.

Ron View (Finance) reported that the Division has a balance of \$4,325.34. There have been no deposits or withdrawals.

John Penne (Operations) reported that the Division has a limited number of facilities available. Anyone wanting training can come to Tawas. John Penne offered to house members in Tawas for training.

Garrison Bromwell (Food Service) reported that he is back serving at Station Saginaw River.

***Area Unit Coordinator:** IPDCDR Bob Wolff reported several PA events of interest to the Division. On 11 July, Division 24 members will be manning a booth at Project Frontline Rally. In addition, Division 24 will be participating in the National Night Out on 03 August. Bay City flotilla will be participating in the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival on 07-08 August.

***Guest Remarks:** DCAPT Ken Mangus greeted everyone at the Division Meeting.

COMO Cathie Slabaugh reported that Operations and Vessel Exam workshops had very good participation, but Instructor workshop participation was low. In addition, AAMS was not working for nine months but is back up now. Any awards to be given out at September's D-Train should be submitted by next week.

***Division Board Meeting:** DCDR Bromwell convened Board Meeting at 1055 hrs.

* Bob Wolff made motion to approve April 2021 minutes. Ed Fibranz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

* Financial Report: Ed Fibranz made motion to approve the Financial Report as presented earlier in the meeting. Bob Wolff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

* Old Business: None.

* New Business: DCDR Bromwell asked for volunteers to serve on the Division 24 Leadership Nominating Committee. Members Chris Howard, Ron View and John Penne volunteered to serve. DCDR Bromwell reminded Flotilla Commanders to issue dues collection notices by the end of July. DCDR Bromwell urged the appointment of a Recruitment Committee in order to build Division 24 membership. This committee should consist of SO-PA, SO-HR and two other members. In addition, the Division needs members who are familiar with social media in order to recruit from that platform. Flotilla Commanders should seek out groups in their geographic areas to engage for presentations in order to inspire interest.

***Break at 1110 hrs.**

***Meeting Reconvened at 1118 hrs.**

***Closing Remarks:** In debrief, DCDR Bromwell commented that the Division Meeting went very well, as all flotillas were represented and everyone arrived safely.

***Next Board Meeting:** 09 October, 1000 hrs at Station Saginaw River.

***Adjournment:** Bob Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed Fibranz. Meeting adjourned at 1120 hrs.

***Presentation by COMO Cathie Slabaugh:** COMO Slabaugh engaged members in a participation game focusing on shared experiences. Overall purpose of game was to highlight unique talents and interests of our members. Our unit benefits from diversity in all areas of life.

***After COMO Slabaugh's presentation, members adjourned for lunch and fellowship at approximately 1200 hrs.**

