



US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Saginaw Bay

Division 091-24

Division 24 Meeting Minutes 16 October 2021

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 by DCDR Garrison Bromwell via MS Teams at 1000 hrs.

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

***Introduction of Guests:** DCDR introduced DCO Cathie Slabaugh and DCAPT Ken Mangus.

***Sick Call:** Ed Fibranz reported that Bill Loss' health problems are continuing.

***Division Commander's Report on the Health of the Division:**

DCDR Bromwell reported that, while there were no Boater Ed. Classes offered, Operations and Aviation have done well. Ice Patrols were very good as well. Flint Flotilla is struggling though.

***Report from District Meeting:** VCDR Randy Mey reported that the Division is encouraged to use our current calendar and plan for next year. DCDR commented that that is what the December Planning Meeting is for.

***Division Board Meeting:** At 1020 DCDR Bromwell convened the Board Meeting. Due to the absence of the Secretary, DCDR Bromwell called the roll:

Bay City (VFC Ron Cybulski in place of FC Chris Howard)

Flint (FC Steve Craighead)

Saginaw – Not present

Sebewaing (FC Ed Fibranz)

Tawas (FC Bob Campbell)

VCDR Randy Mey

IPDCDR Bob Wolff

DCO Cathie Slabaugh

A quorum was deemed to be present. July 2021 Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Ed Fibranz made a motion to accept the Minutes; Bob Wolff seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Finance Report: SO-FN Ron View presented the Division Finance Report. Ed Fibranz made a motion to accept the Finance Report; VCDR Randy Mey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

Election of 2022 Officers: Chair of the Nominating Committee (Ron View) and DCDR Garrison Bromwell conducted the election. Ed Fibranz made a motion for the Secretary to cast a single unanimous ballot for Randy Mey as DCDR. Bob Wolff seconded; motion carried unanimously. For the office of VCDR, IPDCDR Bob Wolff made a motion for the Secretary to cast a single unanimous vote for Dave Wallace. Steve Craighead seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business: The Division Planning Meeting will be 11 December at 1000 hrs, either on-line or in-person. IPDCDR Bob Wolff made a motion to hold the Division Change of Watch on 15 January 2022, with the Division Meeting on the same date. Ed Fibranz seconded; motion carried unanimously. DCDR Bromwell reported that work is on-going for a Division 24 logo. Saginaw Bay will be featured prominently in order to represent the Division's AOR.

Adjournment: Ed Fibranz made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting, seconded by Steve Craighead. Motion carried unanimously.

***Awards:** Passing of the Popeye Award: SO-FN Ron View passed the award to FC Ed Fibranz for all he has done for the Division, with little recognition.

***Update Reports:** Flotilla Commanders:

Bay City (Ron Cybulski): Air program has been side-lined but will be back in the air by mid-November.

Sebewaing (Ed Fibranz): They are working on VEs. No classes are scheduled.

Flint (Steve Craighead): Dave Wallace has performed several VEs. Plans are in order for several events next year.

Tawas (Bob Campbell): One prospective applicant attended their last meeting.

Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (Bob Wolff): The Station is prepping for the coming ice season. Station Saginaw River may request use of an Auxiliary facility for training. PPE inspections are due this month. Contact Bob Wolff for more info.

Staff Reports:

Culinary Assistance: DCDR Bromwell has been cooking at the station. Next year he will need 12 hours to stay qualified.

Communications (Walt Kline): If anyone needs help with installations or forms, he can help.

Computer Services (Garrison Bromwell): Contact the DCDR for any info. about the Division Calendar. FCs should contact him about any activities of interest.

Human Resources (Randy Mey): One person interested in Aviation recently attended the Bay City flotilla meeting.

Information Services (Ron View): He is up-to-date on all AuxData inputs.

Marine Sciences (Bob Wolff): We may need to help with ATON checks next year.

Member Training (Chris Howard): DCDR Bromwell reported that there are no plans for in-person training. Members should stay current on training.

Public Affairs (Bob Wolff): Several public events have been scheduled by CG active duty; we will need to render assistance as they are short-staffed.

Public Education: Naval Sea Cadets and Bay City Fire Department need training and the Auxiliary may be able to assist.

***Final Remarks:** DCAPT Ken Mangus: The need for public education classes is important; keep up the good work. DCO Cathie Slabaugh: If you know of anyone retiring from Auxiliary, contact her about a personal letter and a certificate. In-coming DCDR Randy Mey: Thanks to everyone. Focus on three things for next year: 1) Retention 2) Recruitment 3) Member Training. Crisis can also be an opportunity. DCDR Garrison Bromwell: Thanks to everyone, especially Bob Wolff and Ron View.

***Debrief:** What went right? Election went well; transitioned topics very well. Meeting started on time and moved along quickly. What went wrong? Bob Wolff apologized for not getting an email to Senior Chief Petty Officer Ken Mize alerting him to the Division Meeting. What can be done better next time? DCDR Bromwell hoped to conduct a "mixed" election, but had to settle for on-line only.

***Adjournment:** Ed Fibranz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Craighead. Meeting was adjourned at 1106.