

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
MINUTES**

11 September 2010

The meeting was called to order by DCO Mike Williams at 0940.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES, followed by the Coast Guard Guardian Ethos, led by Roger Haynes, DCDR-12.

DCO Williams called for a moment of silence to remember those who perished in the World Trade Center tragedy nine years ago today.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Williams declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 17 July 2010 minutes.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and David Law, DCDR-11 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Williams called for approval of the 18 August 2010 minutes.

Motion: Curtis Han, DCDR-5 moved and Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS:

DCO Williams called on COMO Mike Maddox to conduct the district elections. COMO Maddox stated that there are 18 voting members present; 10 votes are required for election to each office. COMO Maddox introduced the tellers' committee as follows: COMO Gail Ramsey, Chairman, Robert Firehock, DSO-LP and Fran Fisher, DSO-FN. COMO Marilyn McBain will post the candidates for each ballot and the election results on the screen. Elections will be conducted in accordance with the District Standing Rules as follows:

ARTICLE VII, DISTRICT ELECTIONS

7.6 A simple majority of votes cast is sufficient to elect a candidate to an office. If more than two candidates are nominated for any one district office, and no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot:

7.6.1 The candidate receiving the least number of votes on the first ballot will be dropped out of the voting on the second ballot. Elimination of the "low vote" candidate will continue on the next and subsequent ballots until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

7.6.2 If there is a tie for low votes received on any ballot, the next ballot for that office will be a "run off" between the candidates "tied for low" on the preceding ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes on such next ballot run off between the "lows" will again be balloted on in the next succeeding ballot, along with all other candidates who received a higher number of votes on the ballot preceding the tied for low ballot.

7.6.3 In the event of three successive tie votes for any District office, the presiding officer shall place all of the ballots cast on such third tied vote into a container and blindly select one ballot from the container. The teller committee then shall tally the remaining ballots, present the ballots to the presiding officer in a sealed envelope, and certify the result of the balloting to the presiding officer, who shall announce the result of that ballot and, if it be the last ballot between two candidates for any office, the final election result.

District Commodore – COMO Maddox stated that Angelo Perata is a candidate for the office of District Commodore. COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Commodore. There were none.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the secretary be directed to cast one ballot for Angelo Perata for the office of District Commodore. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

District Chief of Staff – COMO Maddox stated that Rod Collins is a candidate for the office of District Chief of Staff. COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Chief of Staff. Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 nominated Mike Nolan for the office of District Chief of Staff. COMO Maddox called for additional nominations from the floor for the office of District Chief of Staff. There were none.

Ballot No. 1

Rod Collins was elected to the office of District Chief of Staff

District Captain – COMO Maddox stated that the following are candidates for the office of District Captain:

Judy Esteban
Sue Fry
Mary Kirkwood
Dean LaChapelle (incumbent)
Mark McLaughlin
Mike Nolan
Richard Thomas
Paul Verveniotis

COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Captain. There were none. COMO Maddox invited each candidate to speak for two minutes.

Ballot No. 1

Dean LaChapelle elected

Ballot No. 2

No election. Fry and Nolan tied for low vote

Ballot No. 3

No election – Nolan eliminated

Ballot No. 4

No election – Fry eliminated

Ballot No. 5

No election – Esteban and Verveniotis tied for low vote

Ballot No. 6

No election – Esteban eliminated

Ballot No. 7

Richard Thomas elected.

Ballot No. 8

Invalid ballot

Ballot No. 9

No election – Fry and Nolan tied for low vote

Ballot No. 10

No election – Nolan eliminated

Ballot No. 11

No election – Fry eliminated

Ballot No. 12

No election – Esteban and Verveniotis tied for low vote

Ballot No. 13

No election – Verveniotis eliminated

Ballot No. 14

Mary Kirkwood elected

DCO Williams resumed the Chair and called on CDR Chareonsuphiphat, who introduced CAPT Cynthia Stowe, Commander Sector San Francisco, to administer the pledge of office to the newly-elected bridge.

COMO Vic Connell described the frocking ceremony and called up the newly-elected district officers:

DCO(e) Angelo Perata
Rod Collins, DCOS(e)
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT(e)
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT(e)
Richard Thomas, DCAPT(e)

CAPT Stowe, assisted by DCO Williams, administered the oath of office. DCO Williams, assisted by CAPT Stowe, conducted the frocking ceremony.

CAPT Stowe addressed the audience, stating that she was looking forward to working with the Auxiliary in District 11N.

DIVISION REPORTS

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . FL-12 has been involved in kite surfing patrols, where they conducted 14 SARS. The division will assist with Fleet Week, where they have been asked to support the ship tours in San Francisco with crowd control. They are looking for volunteers to assist from other divisions. They will be supporting a local hospital with a casualty exercise. An OPTREX is scheduled for 30 October at Pier 40, San Francisco.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . An OPTREX is scheduled for Whiskeytown Lake on 7-10 October, and an OPEX will be held at Brannan Island on 15-16 October.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . There has been good activity in all mission areas. The division continues to support boating safety awareness. The division will be moving its meetings to another location.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . Han introduced Charles and Linda McCarty who recently completed their deployment on Deep Horizon. They logged a total of 1400 hours. The division's combined multi-agency exercise was completed. It was very successful.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR- 6 – Report on file . The Coast Guard Week birthday celebration was very successful. Division members also attended Clean Boating Network meetings.

Larry Kelley, DCDR- 7 – Report on file . On 7August, three Auxiliarists were involved in a night SAR on Bear Lake, searching for two POW's. The SAR resulted in two lives saved. Kelley read from a letter of appreciation from the Utah State Boating Manager who commended their skills.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . The Crescent City RBS boat is back on line. Lake County Auxiliarists participated in a 4-day fair, with a booth manned daily. They will be assisting on 19 September with jet boat rides events in Crescent City.

Rod Rollins, DCDR- 10 – VSCs and PVs are continuing in the division. Elections will be next week. An ABS class is in process.

David Law, DCDR- 11 – Elections will be on 18 September. The boating season is now winding down.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file . A boat crew class will be starting 18 September.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . Attached to the e-mailed report are photos of the August PCA Fair. Esteban reminded everyone that walk-in's to the PCA fair are a real problem at the

front gate. People need to pre-register. Esteban presented a check to Flotilla 6-10, which had the most members attending.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat described his work in the aviation section during his service in Deep Water Horizon. He spent a lot of time flying VIP's around the area. RADM Castillo has picked up another star. DCO(e) Perata will attend the upcoming Commanders' meeting. CWO Kilburger will be back in the office on 14 October. Divisions were asked to provide COW information as soon as possible so the district leadership and gold side can make appropriate plans to attend.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Angelo Perata, DCOS directed the DCAPT's to call for their staff reports as follows:

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file . Regarding the Fleet Week request for assistance, there will be an e-mail going out with more information on the crowd control for boat tours.

Collins called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file . The Sector San Francisco commercial fishing vessel program is working well. Division 6's OMS has reported AWW activity.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file . Divisions 3, 4 and 8 have completed all of their assignments. We are at 77% completion at this point, but all work needs to be done by the end of this month. Nick Tarlson took one of the top 5 National Department of Commerce Cooperative Charting awards for the most charting update reports. Tarlson and Duncan also received individual Honor Roll awards. Oysters Point Flotilla 01-05 also received the Flotilla Honor Roll award.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Excused. Report on file .

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Within the next 3 years the BS&S course will be taught on line. An instructor would be in the classroom, and the class will be broadcast on the internet. This planned change is motivated by the declining class enrollment. This is in the design phase at present, and focus groups are being appointed. The program will probably use Webinar. Anyone interested in being part of a focus group, please contact Haynes.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file . The district currently has 700 net over last year's PV's. We are currently leading the Pac Area.

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz reviewed the OPTREX's that are coming up.

Farnholtz called for the following reports:

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file . COMO Ramsey commended divisions for their OPTREX planning. Reminder to make sure that all candidates have been vetted before requesting QE's for them.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – They are continue to fly 4-5 patrols per week, with normal activities. One special event, they were asked to help the CG test their radar system and worked with two vessels in support of the system testing.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP - Nothing to report.

LaChapelle called for reports as follows:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Wetzel encouraged members to add information to the web as well as in their reports. There will be a photo session for the newly-elected officers for the web site immediately after this meeting. They are working on new system to allow easier updates on the web site.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Reminded divisions to make sure they have the latest version of the eligibility for division and flotilla candidates. The eligibility requirements have been changed.

Steve Johnson, DSO-MA – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – A National FC leadership course with 22 students was held at the August PCA Fair. They are eligible to stand for office. The Elected Officer Academy is being planned for November.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Absent

Richard Thomas, DSO-HR – Report on file . Thomas reminded the board that disenrollments are due to him by 1 October. Do not send them to DIRAUX.

Recess: 1135

Reconvene: 1230

Perata called for reports as follows:

Robert Hendry, ASC – Jeff Price reported for Hendry that everything requested with Sector has been completed.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file . The proposed budget will be voted on in the November board meeting. Disenrollments must be to DSO-HR by 1 October, or there is no guarantee units will not be billed.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR- Nothing to report

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

Mark Mushet, DDA – Absent

Denis Eaton, CTO – Nothing to report

Phil Sanchez, DEP – D-Train is 26-27 March 2011. There is information is available. The D-Train committee is already beginning work on the conference. Anyone in the district is invited to be part of the D-Train committee.

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Described and showed life jacket display and packet which will be sent to each division. There is a 15% discount available for AT&T service for Auxiliary members. Statistics show that recreational boating fatalities have been about the same; however boating fatalities has gone down and canoes and kayaks have gone up.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by COMO Connell and DCO Williams presented to COMO Marilyn McBain – a Meritorious Team award for Category 99 conversion to its current form.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by COMO Connell and DCO Williams, presented to Mike Lauro, the Pacific Central Region Navy League Auxiliariist of the Year Award for his work in the VE program.

DCO Williams, assisted by COMO Connell presented the following awards:

- FL 03-09, the National VSC Award, 1st Place for 2009.
- FL 01-15, Chart Updating Honor Roll Award
- Jim Duncan, Chart Updating Honor Roll Award

Perata presented awards to Roger Haynes and Charlie Duncan for their work on successful PCA Fun Run. Duncan recognized the three cooks: Bob Gwaltney, Dave Law and Angelo Perata

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R

COMO Connell gave the following NACON Report –

- National Elections:
 - Jim Vass, NACO
 - Tom Mallison, VNACO
 - Marie Scholle, DNACO-R (from Alaska)
- The UDC has 66,000 tucked ODU uniforms which they want to give away. They are working on a process with National to distribute them.
- The ICS-210 course can be taught as a live video conference. National is working on ways to deliver it.
- The AUXOP program is being updated and changed. There will be 3 mandatory core courses, and list of 8-9 electives to choose from for the other 3 courses.
- The AUXMAN will come out in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Elections – DCO Williams reminded DCDR's that their liaison DCAPT needs to know the date, location and time of division elections. A member of EXCOM must attend.

Flotilla Elections – DCO Williams asked DCDR's to notify their DCAPT the results of flotilla elections as soon as they are held. We need to know who are the new FC's, so we can work out stipend for Elected Officer Academy.

COW – DCO Williams stated that the gold side and EXCOM need to have the date, time, location and uniform most predominantly worn to the COW so that assignments can be made for attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams stated that all members may attend the elected officer training. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, 20 November, 0930

District Board and Staff Meeting

Training to begin in the afternoon following the board and staff meeting

1900 – Reconvene at Executive Inn for training session

Sunday, 21 November

0800 – 1600 Training

Calendar and Budget Considerations – DCO Williams reported that we will have a 10-15% reduction in budget for the Auxiliary. The district is developing a schedule based on 5 on-site meetings per year. The schedule will be out in November.

We will be using Webinar for telephonic conferences for next year. Webinar will also be open to all members of the division, and can be used for training, meetings, etc. Participants will need USB head phones with a mute button.

DCO Williams reminded the board and staff that when the DCO term ends, the DSO appointed officer terms also end. Those who wish to continue or be considered for a DSO position, should notify the DCO(e) by letter. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1310.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is a telephone board meeting at 1900 PDT on Wednesday, 20 October 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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ATTACHMENT A

DISTRICT BOARD:

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Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
Mary Kirkwood, DCCR-1
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DSO-HR
Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
David Law, DCDR-11
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSP-PE
Judy Esteban, P-PCA

DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV
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Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA
Sue Fry, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Morris Farmer, D-AA
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Phil Sanchez, DEP
Denis Eaton, VCDR-10/CTO

GUESTS:

Simone Adair, VCDR-1
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP
Dan Tinney, ADSO-HR/MA
Monica Eaton, IPDCDR-10
Ronald Walker, ADSO-LP
Marlene Phifer, SO-HR
Michael Nolan, BC-PUP
Kenna Craig, PDCDR-11

Wesley Craig, PDCDR-11
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, FL-78
Bill Becker, FC-57
Marsha Sanchez, FL-55
Jack Kane, FL-12-01
Dave Talton, FSO-MA/VE/PE, FL-17
Jim Blackburn, BC-VQF
Linda McCarty, SO-SR, Div-5
Charles McCarty, VCDR-5