

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
16 January 2010
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 1045 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1, and the Guardian Ethos was led by Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6.

DCO Williams called for a moment of silence in memory of COMO Phil Fleisig, who recently crossed over the bar.

DCO Williams introduced the members of EXCOM for the 2010 year. DCO Williams invited members of EXCOM to introduce their district staff officers, and invited the district staff officers to introduce their ADSOs.

DCO Williams, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphphat, swore in new DSOs and ADSOs.

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 1.

The meeting was recessed at 1115.

The meeting was reconvened at 1215.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 21 November 2009 minutes.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R

COMO Connell reported the following:

- National Staff – COMO Connell introduced members of D11N who are serving on the National Staff.
- Haiti Relief Efforts – Except for interpreters which are available in D7, there will not be any Auxiliary first responders. Most Auxiliary support will be as backfill to support positions for CG personnel who are assisting in Haiti.
- ODU untucked are now available to Auxiliarists. They can only be purchased as a set with both blouse and trousers together.
- N-Train – There will be an emphasis on RBS, and the RBS DSO's will be attending. Attendees need to have read the district strategic plan and bring a copy with them. All of the training received at N-Train will be brought back and presented at D-Train.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . All COWs have been completed except the Division COW which is next week. Members participated in the annual Holiday party at the SF Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Mike Day, FC-14 related the story of an Auxiliary communications watchstander who relieved a CG crewman so he could spend time repairing a Zodiac. The repaired Zodiac, a few days later, was sent to assist in Haiti. It was ready to go thanks to the relief work accomplished by the Auxiliarist.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . All COWs are completed. Staff positions have all been filled. The division completed 125 VSC's in December, for a total 1842 for the year. Flotilla 39 gave a boating safety class to the US Army battalions, with 200+ members attending.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . Flotillas are getting PE classes scheduled. They have established a good relationship with West Marine as a location for PE classes and VSC's. The division is providing 2 of 6 Chinese interpreters currently assisting to translate some software.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . The Division COW will be next Sunday (24 January). A lot of PE classes are planned, and some have already taken place. They will be offering classes to Travis AFB again this year. The division is also doing joint training programs with STN Vallejo, Rio Vista and Bodega Bay. They will be doing two SAR OPEX's this year.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . Tony Budlong suffered a heart attack on his way to this meeting and has been rushed to the hospital. On 11 January the VHF "high site" light went out. An Auxiliary land mobile was able to cover the area until it was repaired. A successful Santa Cruz SAR patrol was able to locate an overdue outrigger canoe. STN Monterey Auxiliarists have fingerprinted 15 Coast Guard personnel, which saved them from driving to Alameda. Auxiliarists are currently working on an oil slick disbursement experiment with the Coast Guard.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . The division currently operates two vessels which are provided by the state. One of the vessels, which patrolled on Bear Lake, had 60 assists on boats valued at \$819,000 in a boating season that runs essentially from May to September.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . The division has initiated a program they are calling "Jubilee" to promote PE classes.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file . All COWs are completed. Members are providing PE classes as part of the Clovis Community College curriculum.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file . The division now has 26 members who are certified in emergency suits.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file . Members completed an ATON photographing patrol in December. Two OPTREXs have been scheduled: May 1 for practice and May 7 for QE certification.

Mary Kirkwood for Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Excused. Report on file (Attachment B). The PCA fair is coming up in February. There is one more week to register. The registration fee has been raised from \$5 to \$10. Kirkwood is sending out email confirmations on registrations and class assignments. There will be a PCA meeting Sunday morning at D-Train.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS – Report on file . AWW appointees are needed for each division. NSBW is May 22-28, 2010. It's time to start working on it, and appoint a committee chair. Please let Collins know who your NSBW chair is.

Collins called for reports from the following staff officers:

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file . The BoatUS Foundation is shutting down its toll-free phone line. That will now be accessed through its web site. There seems to be a lot of interest in PE classes this year.

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

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file. Fry is starting a marine educational program which will be available at the PCA Fair and at D-Train.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file. Mc Alwee recognized all of the work from Auxiliarists who are assisting the Coast Guard. You never can tell when what you are doing will be a good example for others. We are adding some PA tools – banners to promote the Auxiliary and safe boating, and we hope to get a Sammy the Sea Otter to help promote boating safety. An aquatic invasive species display has been prepared to go in the aquariums.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Report on file. We are working on a joint training exercise with surface/comms/aviation. It will be held October 15-17 at Brannan Island.

Farnholtz called for reports from the following staff officers:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – It has been quiet so far on aviation front. We are training 3-4 new observers and one new pilot. We are conducting three to five patrols per week.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file. Price is working on adding a new system in the field.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file. We finished last year with 99% of our assignment. This is the best we've done. Only 6 aids weren't checked. All of the PATON sheets will be out this week. Our first workshop will be next Saturday (23 January) at 0900 via "Go To Meeting," an on-line system.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file . At the elected officer training tomorrow Ramsey will hand out lists of everyone who needs equals in 2010. On the web site is an index of all of the information contained in the ops reports and which report they are in. Ramsey expressed appreciation on behalf of the Fleisig family for all of the cards and e-mails of condolence they have received.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

LaChapelle called for reports from the following staff officers:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file. The web site is a PA activity, so report your time in the PA category. Wetzel encouraged CS people to train members on how to use the web site. We have a web site for every flotilla. The Best of Web competition is coming up. Each DCDR should submit a flotilla for consideration. Wetzel is working on a new MSEP site, the ops photo gallery, member training graphics and the district store. We need a web master for the “In Memoriam” site.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file. There is a new 7029 form and a new 7030 form. The electronic versions are not on web site yet, but should be soon. All units need to get their annual unit officer reports in. They are now delinquent.

Steve Johnson, DSO-MA – Report on file. Johnson called on Dave Talton to report as outgoing DSO-MA. Talton reported that during 2009 the store had \$25,000 sales, with \$15,000 profit. The store did well in its first year. Talton will be around to consult, if needed. We get a lot of orders from all over the country. Use the order form for orders. It is the most efficient way to make sure orders are received and processed quickly.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file. Thomas will be handling national inquiries during the first part of the year, to see if he can find out where we’re losing those contacts.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – Elected Officer Training is scheduled for tomorrow, beginning at 0800. Maddox should have the training schedule for D-Train by the first of next week. Maddox is creating a series of training videos called “How Do I?” and is looking for topic suggestions. There will be a DVD with information distributed tomorrow.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file. Perata expressed appreciation to all members for the contributions they make.

Perata called for reports from the following staff officers:

Steve Salmon, ASC – Report on file. We will have a new Sector Commander and Deputy Sector Commander. The new SC will be CAPT Cynthia Stowe. The new DSC will be CAPT Jay Jewess. The Change-of-Command will be in late August.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. The budget notes on page 3 are for 2010. Form 7025 goes to Stephen Chan, ADSO-FN. Audit for Flotilla 12-3 has now been done. The audit committee is Robert Firehock and COMO Gail Ramsey.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Report on file. Nevesny will be giving a presentation at the elected officer training tomorrow.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Mark Mushet, DDA – Mushet has been participating with a diversity working group addressing diversity awareness within the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Encourage your flotillas to become involved in diversity awareness.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat expressed thanks to Mark Mushet for his participation in the diversity project. He also commended Dave Talton for his work this year with the district store, and recognized Neal Nevesny for his work in CRC. COMO Marilyn McBain is working on 7029 format issue, which is going to market us better. CDR Chareonsuphiphat is working on data integrity issues with Coast Guard leadership and has been attending division COWs and conferences. The number of D11N members on the national staff is testament to the great work you all do.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – If you're on orders, you may wear a life jacket with USCG Auxiliary or a life jacket that has nothing on it. If you're not on patrol orders, you cannot wear the life jacket that has the CG Auxiliary lettering on it. There will be QE training February 27-28. We hope to create some videos on how to do evolutions. CWO Kilburger will be doing a presentation tomorrow on Auxiliary administrative discipline, including how to conduct an investigation. PPE – we are looking at some of the areas where we have times when a dry suit is needed, and hope to be able to outfit those regions with the proper equipment. If your members have worn PFD's, they can contact the office and exchange the PFD for a serviceable one. CWO Kilburger earlier sent out a RadioTel handbook as a "how to" on radio communications. Please share this with your members who are in operations.

OLD BUSINESS

D-Train – Phil Sanchez, EP showed a presentation on the events for D-Train 2010 March 26-28, at the DoubleTree hotel, Rohnert Park CA. Information is on the web site. If you register before February 15, you will be entered in a special drawing. Rooms will be \$99/night. We will also be in Rohnert Park in 2011 for the same room price. 2009-10 new members will have their registration waived. Sanchez is working on a special Friday morning golfing event with lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – DCO Williams reported that a copy of the proposed 2010 budget has been distributed to the District Board. The budget needs to be adopted.

Motion: Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 moved and Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES seconded that the budget be adopted, as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

Motion: COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the line item for AIM Program funds of \$23,291.00 be moved to the unrestricted general cash funds, since the AIM Program no longer exists. Following discussion, the motion was adopted.

FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams expressed appreciation to the district board and staff for all of their work which contributed to the success of the Auxiliary in D11N.

DCO Williams distributed a copy of Focus and Goals for 2010, which comes from a meeting with the Admiral for District 11. These are the most important things we need to do. We don't need heroic effort to save lives if we do the public education, vessel safety checks and program visits. DCO Williams committed to do 20 VSCs and 20 PVs during 2010. In Operations, the accidents are happening on inland waters, not on the coast. We need to establish and nourish relationships with other agencies.

Angelo Perata, COS recognized newly-elected Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Vice-Commanders in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1410.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday, 10 February 2010 at 1900 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 16 January 2010

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R
Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CDR David Chareonsuphat, DIRAUX
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-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-PS
Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
David Law, DCDR-11
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSO-PE

DISTRICT STAFF:

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
Larry Olsen, DSO-AV
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA
Sue Fry, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA
Phil Grove, DSO-PV
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Steve Salmon, ASC
Mark Mushet, DDA
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Phil Sanchez, PE
Denis Eaton, CTO/VCDR-10

GUESTS:

Charles McCarty, VCDR-5
William Correll, ADSO-PV
Dan Tinney, ADSO-PS/MA
Steve Dolgen, ADSO-PA
Stephen Chan, ADSO-MT/CS/FN
Robert Liu, ADSO-OP/CM
Joanne Leighton-Nevesny, ADSO-LP
Charlie Cohn, FC-61
Anthony Dymond, ADSO-CS/PE
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Wil Sumner, ADSO-MS
Jim Blackburn, VFC-57
Thomas Henderson, FC-11-1

Cynthia Perazzo, FL-57
Bill Becker, FC-57
Lorin C. Grover, FC-11-5
Bill Darling, ADSO-CS
Rick Saber, ADSO-MS
Diana Serchia, FC-17
Gary Murray, ADSO-PV
Rex Miner, FC-78
Marlene Phifer, FSO-PS, FL-51
Monica Eaton, IPDCDR-10
David Talton, FL-17
Tony Diamond, FC-76
LeRoy Cross, FL-12-1