

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
16 June 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Mike Williams

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Angelo Perata, DCOS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	David Law, DCDR-11
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	

OLD BUSINESS

Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams reported that we have approved funds for the newly-elected officer training in November. The schedule is being put together, and information will be available in September.

NSBW – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS stated that he has received NSBW reports from Divisions 1, 4 and 5. Collins has reviewed the DCDR reports, and most divisions had activities and did a good job. Many divisions had multiple activities. Divisions are reminded to get their NSBW reports to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA right away so he can compile them and submit the district report to DIRAUX. The AWW program is starting to get some traction. Collins expressed appreciation to all who have been working on this project.

Retirements – DCO Williams reviewed upcoming retirements for CAPT Gugg and CAPT Cullen. They will each be presented with a plaque and appropriate gift from the Auxiliary. If any division has photos of Auxiliary activities, particularly with CAPT Cullen or CAPT Gugg, please send copies to Curtis Han to be included in the retirement gifts.

NEW BUSINESS

Operational Exercises – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES reviewed upcoming OPTREX's from the district calendar. Between now and October there are 9 more OPTREX's scheduled, which should give the members many opportunities for training and/or QE sessions.

District Elections – DCO Williams reported that to date the following have been nominated for election to District office:

District Commodore – Angelo Perata
District Chief of Staff – Rod Collins and Wayne Farnholtz
District Captain (3 positions) – Mary Kirkwood and Dean LaChapelle

DCO Williams asked that anyone else interested in running for office notify him ASAP. The nomination deadline is imminent. DCO Williams stated that nominations from the floor during the September meeting will be in order. Nominees from the floor will be vetted at the meeting prior to elections.

REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . The division held an OPTREX last week-end. The Division's NSBW report is on file. Jeff Price got to shake President Obama's hand during his visit, and the President was able to identify him as an Auxiliarist. Wind surfer patrol training information is on the division web site. Frank Sullivan from Division 15 crossed over the bar on 8 June. Easter Seal Day on the Bay is July 7.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . The division held NSBW review activities through Memorial Day week-end. They have 3 land mobiles covering MSOM activities.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . NSBW has been the division's big focus. There was a division OPTREX on June 5, with 15 qualified or requalified. The division and one flotilla have completed their Standing Rules updates. Flotilla 42 has been very active in humanitarian activities.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . The division held a 4-boat training exercise on 29 May. They are planning to do this at least once quarterly, because it was so successful as a division activity. The division's NSBW report has been submitted. The June 26 OPTREX is QE only, no training.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Excused. Report on file .

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Absent. Report on file .

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . Crescent City Auxiliarists went to 9 different schools to talk about boating safety. Lake County weather conditions have not been good for activity. On 15 May, John Fox was contacted by Sheriff's Department asking for assistance with a capsized boat. He couldn't get crew, so he went out as Good Samaritan on his own. They were able to save 2 of the 3 persons from capsized boat.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Absent. Report on file .

David Law, DCDR-11 – We had a float plane on Lake Tahoe. Look at our web site for pictures.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file . Every flotilla in division had functions for NSBW. The upcoming division OPTREX is also a QE sign-off event, not training.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . The Poker Run will be on July 31 at Brannan Island. Roger Haynes is chairman of this event. The BBQ will be cut off at 100 attendees. The BBQ has been moved to the Outrigger. The PCA Fair is August 21-22. We would like to have a registration desk. All DCDRs are invited to bring flyers for OPTREXs, classes, etc. We're hoping to have new member group at the PCA Fair and are looking for volunteers to help new members with fingerprinting, etc. There has been no movement on memorial.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file .

We need photographs for the gift for CAPT Cullen. If anyone has pictures of Auxiliarists with Capt Cullen, send them to Collins or to Curtis Han. We have 10 photos for CAPT Cullen and 20 photos for CAPT Gugg. We would like 30 for each. Please search your archives for photos of either.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – There was a recent National survey request regarding contingency planning, which should have been sent to Steve Salmon. There were only two responses. Farnholtz has sent out e-mail letter to all of the DCDR's with a copy of survey. Please fill it out for your division, and forward the survey to each FC to fill for them to fill out also. Please send completed copies to Steve Salmon and Farnholtz. July 1 is the deadline.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file . LaChapelle has been researching sources for video teleconferencing. We would like to have a program demonstration for our July meeting. After the demonstration, he would like to have as many people as possible to use it during the 30-day free period, so that by winter we can use it for board and staff meeting and a lot of training. LaChapelle is also working on a National leadership class for elected officer training. For video teleconferencing, participants need a headset with a USB plug-in and high-speed internet. Maybe we could have a class at the PCA Fair on video conferencing?

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Perata attended part of the WSBA conference in Park City UT. While there he met with the Sterns representatives at the conference, and may be able to get some more life jackets for a second display. There are a lot of new life jackets coming on line.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – We received some extra funding to purchase some additional Mustangs. Kilburger will be at the Alameda OPTREX. He will also bring the office's new Yeoman, Kara Ingerson will attend the OPTREX as part of her Auxiliary orientation. Kilburger is working on the Whiskeytown MOU to use the fire boat. The update for Utah's MOU to add a third boat has been completed.

FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams report the following:

- Harry McBain passed away a week ago. There is no information yet on his memorial.
- ADM Castillo was in Utah to keynote WSBA conference, and also visited with Auxiliarists.
- The CG budget is austere, but the Gulf incident may increase funding. Members can assist via Operational Backfill. Information from CWO Kilburger has been sent out to the members. 5 Auxiliarists have already volunteered.
- The Admiral is concerned with GAR, and that it is turned in at the beginning of each patrol. He is also concerned with communications.
- Encourage your members to get the untucked ODU's soon, so that we can all wear the same uniform.
- We will be recommending a change to 4 meeting a year at Coast Guard Island. We need to cut our expenses, so we need to look at doing this. We will be submitting a proposed revision to the District Standing Rules to change the meetings from 6 to 4 per year and also to correct the titles of the District elected officers. The proposed revised Standing Rules will be presented at the July meeting, so they can be voted on in September.
- COMO Vic Connell gave a presentation on the Auxiliary at the WSBA conference.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 0930 on Saturday, 17 July at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2050.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR