

MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
17 July 2010
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 0940 by DCO Mike Williams and the following special guests were introduced:

Jeanne Sharkey, **Waesche** Commissioning Chairman
Bill Sharkey, **Waesche** Commissioning Vice-Chairman
Pat Eider, Daughter of Harry McBain

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Duncan, DSO-NS and the Guardian Ethos was led by Robert Firehock, DSO-LP.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 26 March 2010 minutes.

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

DCO Williams called for approval of the 21 April 2010 minutes.

Motion: Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 moved and Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Williams called for approval of the 19 May 2010 minutes.

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

DCO Williams called for approval of the 16 June 2010 minutes.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and Judy Esteban, P-PCA seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCO Williams called for a moment of silence in recognition of Harry McBain who recently crossed over the bar.

DCO Williams, assisted by CWO Kilburger presented a token of appreciation to Stacy Curtin for her service in the DIRAUX office, as she leaves for her next duty station.

DCO Williams and CWO Kilburger introduced YN2 Kara Ingerson, who will be working in the DIRAUX office.

DCO Williams called on Nick Tarlson, who introduced Jean Sharkey, Chairman of the **CG Waesche** Commissioning Committee. Sharkey described the function of the committee. DCO Williams, assisted by CWO Kilburger, presented Meritorious Commendation certificates to the following committee members:

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| Simone Adair | Bob Golden | Robert Niccum |
| Robert Aston | Joel Hammer | Art Park |
| Bill Bermudez | Linda Haynes | Bart Rugo |
| Richard Celia | Roger Haynes | Rick Saber |
| Stephen Dolgin | Bob Hendry | Steve Salmon |
| Cynthia Dragon | James Higgins | Robin Stewart |
| Joann Dunaway | Stuart Hunter | Dave Talton |
| Ray Dunaway | Mary Kirkwood | Nick Tarlson |
| Jerry Eaton | Jim Losi | Bob Tucknott |
| Greg Fonzino | Gerald McAlwee | |

DCO Williams, assisted by CWO Kilburger presented an Auxiliary Letter of Commendation to Simone Adair, who served as lead Auxiliary liaison on the commissioning of the **CG Waesche**.

DCO Williams and CWO Kilburger presented a Meritorious Service Award to COMO Vic Connell for his service in creating and serving as Branch Chief, CG Academy Medical Service and AIM Partners Program.

DCO Williams and CWO Kilburger presented a plaque to Jerome Francheski to commemorate 60 years of Coast Guard Auxiliary membership.

DCO REPORT

DCO Williams reported on the following:

- RADM Castillo visited Utah as keynote speaker for the WSBA conference held in Park City, UT. While there he attended a Division 7 OPTREX and interacted with Auxiliary members there.
- We will continue to operate under an austere budget situation, and need to adapt our activities to meet the lessening budget.
- RADM Castillo continues to stress the importance of our RBS missions and the importance of prevention.
- Inland waters are where the accidents are happening, and we need to continue our support there.
- The importance of GAR and safety at all times.

DNACO-R COMMENTS

COMO Connell reported on the following:

- NACON is in Scottsdale, AZ on 23-28 August, with the main conference for members on Friday and Saturday. The original hotel has sold out of rooms; however a neighboring hotel has accommodations that are being offered at the same price. A shuttle will transport attendees from the hotel to the conference.
- National elections will be held on Friday.
- Deploying Auxiliarists to Gulf – National is still working on putting this program together. District 11N has three Auxiliarists already deployed. This is a work in progress. CDR Chareonsuphiphat is currently serving in the gulf.

REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . The division continues to be active in Communications, MT and PE. FL 1-4 recognized member Herb Golenpaul for his PV work. FL 1-4 has a “Kids Don’t Float” campaign for marinas.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . Flotillas 39 and 35 have done 157 VSCs in June. Patrols and assistance requests have increased.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . The division has 6 new members who are being processed. One division member is working on Chinese interpretation cards for Guam.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . The division held a QE session where 18 candidates attended. Flotillas are working on updating their Standing Rules and contingency plans. One flotilla has completed a one-hour boating safety presentation to kids in elementary schools.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . The division continues to have good rapport with CG Stn Monterey, Mobile Bay and the guided missile facility. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 are assisting. Flotilla 6-4 has a new member from Monterey. He is the Fire Boat Captain. He is interested in involving the Auxiliary to help with pollution response. There will be a picnic for the Coast Guard on August 6, during Coast Guard Week.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . The division Appreciates the QE’s who worked during our June OPTREX.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment B).

Rod Rollins, DCDR- 10 – Report on file (Attachment B). VSCs and PE’s are continuing. The division has logged 8000 hours on missions.

David Law, DCDR-11 – The division web site has a video showing parachute drops on Lake Tahoe on July 4.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file . FL 12-1 has recruited 20 new members

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . The August PCA Fair still needs instructors as follows: TCT (both days), NavRules (Sunday). DCDRs are eligible to join the PCA after being in office for 6 months. The Poker Run is next week. There are still some openings. See Roger Haynes or COMO Marilyn McBain to sign up.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file . Thanks to all of the divisions who submitted NSBW reports. Collins thanked Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA who put together the district combined report.

Wayne, Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – The Strategic Contingency Planning Report survey request has had response from only Division 7. Other divisions are asked to need to get theirs in. The District report has been signed.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file . LaChapelle has been looking at teleconferencing options. This method would be good for training and communications for meetings. COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT has put together the course outline for the November Elected Officers Academy. He is still looking for some instructors.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file . Perata attended the WSBA conference in Utah. While there he gathered information on life jackets that are available. There are many new life jackets coming on line, even some to accommodate paddle boards. The safety color has changed from orange to a safety yellow.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – Deep Horizons program. Even though the well has been capped, according to the news, there is still a lot of cleanup work to be done. There will be a consistent response for the cleanup. The procedure for Auxiliary response will be as follows:

- DIRAUX sent out an all-hand request to D11N Auxiliarists.
- Each Auxiliarist who responded is being sent a form to fill out to identify skills, training, physical health, etc.
- Auxiliarists must be vetted through the DIRAUX office.
- There is a list of jobs available on line.

Three Auxiliarists are down there now, plus several are working backfill locally.

The budget climate is not looking good for 2011 and 2012. We can expect more budget cuts next year. CWO Kilburger reviewed the SAMA, fuel and trailering

accounts and situations. GAR = risk management. It is important, and all facilities should use the GAR check sheet.

Recess – 1110

Reconvene – 1220

STAFF REPORTS

Angelo Perata, COS called for staff reports as follows:

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES called for the following staff reports:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Everything is quiet. The squadron is performing three missions/week, with others as needed. Safety and training are going well.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file . Price recognized and dedicated his report to Harry McBain.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file . Ramsey described the POMS glitch which occurred recently. One way to avoid this kind of problem would be to request orders 1-2 weeks in advance. If POMS is down, and there is an emergency, contact coordinator to get pocket orders. Rachel Wellman is the new POMS coordinator, but she is working on a learning curve right now. While Wellman is learning, if you have a problem with POMS, contact Ramsey first. QE's will want to see a full vessel pre-brief while the QE is on board. Every station is doing GAR differently. Encourage members to read the information contained in the OPS reports because things are changing. Every year we run out of SAMA before the end of the year, so put in your reimbursement requests ASAP. Ray Tsuniohi is no longer California Boating Coordinator. He will be attending the Poker Run.

CWO Kilburger reminded the board and staff that the Auxiliary serves in an advisory position for regatta “safety zones.” If a vessel attempts to enter the safety zone, we notify the agency in charge. We do not pursue the vessel. Kilburger explained that accident liability defense will depend on whether or not the incident occurred under “scope of employment” for Auxiliarists under orders.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file . The prevention program has just been set up. 15 people have been added since D-Train training. In AWW, we are not getting info about what events are being covered. Al Coddington is the new ADSO for AWW. The Port of SF would like to establish a program for inspecting their work vessels. Fry hopes to use this as a model for other ports in

the area. We have good training sessions going on right now. The PCA Fair will have 3 MS classes.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file . All divisions have completed their bridge reports, and on time. We are running slow on the PATON survey – only 30% done. Reports need to be submitted in a timely manner so they can be repaired, if necessary. Duncan trained 8 verifiers in Crescent City using Go to Meeting.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file . The district NSBW final report has gone out. Any outstanding division reports would still be accepted. A memorial service for Harry McBain will be held on Saturday, 24 July. Curtis Han is taking over Harry's ADSO responsibility as photographer. Water 'n Kids is an important training program. If you are out doing life jacket info, make sure you know the equipment. There is a PA opportunity with the AT&T safety fair with the Giants. We need one *Coastie* operator plus 2 more PA Auxiliaries. We are working on revamping scheduling process for *Coastie*.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – The California PFD law has been changed to match national law. Flotilla 5-11 is doing well with PE classes. Brannan Island has requested the Auxiliary put on campfire program once a month. Attendance is about 50 visitors/program. The CG morale fund has canoes and kayaks available. CG users must take a boating safety class from Auxiliary before they can be used.

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

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file . The 2010 ABCs are out, but are in limited supply. There will be a Delta Blitz going on at 2 locations. New kayak decals will be available through ANSC by the middle of next month.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP called for the following staff reports:

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Nothing new is happening in IS. Divisions are reminded to be sure to run a list of those eligible for election before nominations.

Steve Johnson DSO-MA – Report on file . The store has insignias for parkas and also RBS sew-on devices. Johnson asks that SO-MA's please send reports.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – The new AUXCOM course has been released, with slides. Correction: In comms, when one vessel says "out," other vessel does not have to. There is a new AUXSEA course, which is scheduled to be tentatively approved at National, and is more extensive. The Elected Officer Academy schedule is in the works. Those who have orders need to plan to

attend both days. The Leadership course will be taught at the PCA Fair. This course can replace the APC course. There is a new SAR Incident form.

Angelo Perata, COS acknowledged the accomplishment of Mike Lauro who recently completed his 10,000th VSC and thanked Linda Haynes for all of her work. Perata called for the following staff reports:

Larry Olsen for Randy Parent, DFSO – Nothing to report

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. All DCDR's received reports of pending audits and financial reports. Divisions 3, 7 and 8 audits are all completed.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report

Jeff Price for Robert Hendry, ASC – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

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

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report

George Knies, DSO-PB – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

November Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams stated the COMO Maddox has already covered the information on the November Elected Officer Academy. Uniform will be ODUs.

Retirement – DCO Williams reminded the board that the retirement date for CAPT Gugg is 11 August at YBI.

NEW BUSINESS

NACON – DCO Williams reminded members of the information from COMO Connell on NACON in Scottsdale, AZ

Resolution to Amend District Standing Rules – Number of Meetings – DCO Williams asked for a motion to adopt the resolution which was reviewed by the commanders in their meeting.

Motion: Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 moved and Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 seconded that the following resolution be adopted as submitted:

“Whereas, the District Standing Rules in Section 5.1 call for a minimum of six (6) District Board regular meetings in a calendar year; and

“Whereas, the form of the Standing rules is mandated by the National Board of the Auxiliary, but the minimum number of regular board meetings is a matter of local choice; and

“Whereas, District budget concerns have made the six (6) annual meetings requirement unnecessarily burdensome; and

“Whereas, in order to reduce this burden and increase District flexibility, the Board wishes to reduce the required minimum number of regular annual meetings to two (2);

“Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of the Eleventh District, Northern Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, that there shall be a minimum of two (2) District Board regular meetings in each calendar year; and

“Further resolved that this Resolution shall supersede the requirements of Section 5.1 of the District Standing rules adopted July 15, 2006.”

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP described the rationale for the motion. The number of meetings to be held is an optional item and can be changed by resolution. This change to 2 meetings is a minimum requirement, and can be increased by the district board. It is the intent that the district will hold 5 meetings, with no fewer than 4 meetings per year.

There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Nominations Committee Report – DCO Williams called on COMO Vic Connell who reported for the nominations committee as follows:

For the office of DCO – Angelo Perata

For the office of DCOS – Rodney Collins

For the offices of DCAPT (3) – Dean LaChapelle and Mary Kirkwood

The committee will accept nominations until August 11. After that date, nominations can be made from the floor on the day of elections.

PCA Fair – Previously reported by Esteban.

Fleet Week – DCO Williams announced that anyone interested in participating in Fleet Week should contact Linda Vetter.

Deployment to Assist the Coast Guard – Previously covered by CWO Kilburger.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1340.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 17 July 2010

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, DCOS
COMO Vic Connell, DNACO-R/IPDCO
Rodney Collins, DCAPT-RBS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

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

DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
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
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Denis Eaton, CTO/VCDR-10

GUESTS:

Nick Tarlson, VCDR-12
Gary Murray, ADSO-PV
Jim Blackburn, BC-VFQ
Dan Tinney, ADSO-HR
Joanna Leighton-Nevesny, ADSO-LP
Steve Dolgin, ADSO-PA
Robert Liu, ADSO-LP
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP

Dave Talton, FSO-PE/MA/VE FL-17
Pat Eider
Gregory Fonzo, VFC-12-03
Jack Kane, FSO-MA/MT FL-12-01
Carl Pierce, FC-39
Robert Niccum, FC-12-03
Monica Eaton, IPDCDR-10