

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
20 October 2010

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

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3
Angelo Perata, DCOS/DCO(e)	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Rodney Collins, DCAPT-RBS/DCOS(e)	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DCAPT(e)
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1/DCAPT(e)	

OLD BUSINESS

Elections – DCO Williams reported that all division elections have been complete except Divisions 6 and 12, both of which will be held later this week.

Flotilla Elections – DCO Williams reported that the Elected Officer Academy will be held on 20-21 November. Anyone wishing to attend the Academy is welcome. There will be some funding made available to newly-elected Flotilla Commanders. In order to facilitate orders for the eligible Flotilla Commanders, all DCDR's are asked to send a list of elected flotilla officers to Rod Collins as soon as the flotilla elections are complete. The list should indicate which flotilla commanders are newly-elected.

Uniform for November Meeting and Training – DCO Williams stated that the Commandant has indicated that the appropriate uniform for all meetings is Tropical Blue, Long. Therefore, the uniform will be Tropical Blue, Long.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported that we are now in a continuing resolution, which is 17% of budget. DIRAUX is still fighting some battles on air and surface funding to try to get some additional funding – particularly for SAMA. So far, it is not looking too bad, but we won't know for sure until the final budget comes down.

COW Schedule – DCO Williams reminded the DCDR's of the COW information form that Bob Hendry, ASC recently sent to them. The form asks for the following information regarding each division COW:

- Date and time of COW
- Location of COW
- Uniform for the event

This information is critical to get to the gold side so they can begin making assignments for attendance at the division COWs. They need the information right away in order to begin scheduling.

FC Roster – To Rod Collins ASAP – DCO Williams reiterated the need to get the information on newly-elected officers to Rod Collins as soon as possible in order to facilitate attendance at the Elected Officer Academy. If using the Form 7007, submit the information on the elected officers, only right now. A second copy can be forwarded to DIRAUX including the staff offices by the 10 December deadline.

Elected Officer Academy – DCO Williams reported that COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT has prepared the schedule for the Academy and it will be sent to the board soon. Everyone will be invited to attend officer training, but only newly-elected will be funded. A summary of the schedule is as follows:

Friday, 19 November:

1830 – 2011 District Board Orientation at the Executive Inn

Saturday, 20 November:

0930 – District Board and Staff Meeting at CG Island

1300 – 1700 – Elected Officer Academy at CG Island

1800 – 2130 – Elected Officer Academy continued at Executive Inn

Sunday, 21 November:

0800 – 1600 – Elected Officer Academy at CG Island

Uniform will be Tropical Blue, Long for the meeting and training at CG Island and civilian casual for the training at the Executive Inn.

REPORTS

DCO Williams called for reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . The division had great participation in Fleet Week and in the San Mateo Disaster Preparedness Day. There will be an OPTREX on 30 October. A division member acted as a Russian interpreter by cell to a fisherman taking on water at sea. Recently the Coast Guard came upon a renegade unattended boat. The situation was a man overboard, who turned out to be an Auxiliarist. He was located and saved and is now promoting the wearing of life jackets, which he attributed to his safe rescue.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . The division also participated in Fleet Week providing, sea, air and comms. The National 2009 First Place Award for Vessel Safety Check Overall Performance was awarded to Flotilla 39.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . The division participated in Fleet Week and Urban Shield. The project at Alviso Marina continues, with five flotillas sharing the responsibility. The division will participate in the VA Parade in San Jose. COW preparation is well underway.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Absent. Report on file .

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . The division had good Fleet Week participation. Tony Budlong, FC-64 was honored as Sailor of the Quarter by the Coast Guard at STN Monterey. Members of flotilla 64 will be participating with local law enforcement agencies in a Hallowe'en event. Plans for the division COW on 14 November are going well.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . We have completed all flotillas elections and an e-mail was sent to DIRAUX with the election results and recommendation for attending the Elected Officer

Academy. Members of flotilla 76 will be participating in the VA Parade in Ogden. The boating season is closing down as everyone prepares for the winter season.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . Crescent City is sponsoring a Hallowe'en fellowship. Eureka is working on repairing Coastie. Mendocino is working with the CG and doing a lot of VSC's. Member Tom Dolan recently passed away at the age of 84. Lake County recently lost a businessman who had been very supportive of the Auxiliary. Two new crew members have been qualified. Members will be participating in a HAM radio event on 23 October.

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

David Law, DCDR-11 – Excused. Report on file .

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file . The division had a lot of participation in Fleet Week and Urban Shield. Elections will be held on 21 October.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . The next PCA Fair is 19-20 February 2011. We are looking for curriculum suggestions. PCA elections will be held at the November District Board Meeting during lunch.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file . Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz commend all who have had successful OPTREX's. He will be attending the exercise at Mare Island.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Things are going well. Divisions 5 and 8 have had elections and he will be attending Division 6 elections. LaChapelle meet with LCDR Green regarding an upcoming management program. They will have a training program for people involved. Please respond to the letter from Hendry regarding additional information needed to assign gold side officers to the division COWs. Send that info to him ASAP.

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Get your elected officer reports to DIRAUX ASAP. They are needed to determine funding for the November Elected Officer Academy.

COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R – COMO Connell is finishing his tour as DNACO-R and is looking forward to being more involved in district activities.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported on his gold side activities and meetings. The office is finalizing Auxiliary awards. If there are any additional awards for COW presentation, the information needs to be turned in right now.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger has completed his tour of duty on the gulf. He shared some of his experiences there. We are now working on budget issues. We should receive some funding for PPEs. During check rides he is finding some PEPIRB whose batteries are expiring. Coxswains should contact Kilburger if their PEPIRB battery needs to be replaced.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

DCO Williams reported on the following:

There will be 9 new DCDR's in 2011. It's never too early to begin your transition planning. He encouraged the current DCDR's to make sure your new DCDR's know about preparing the year-end financial statements, including the inventory on the reverse side.

D-Train will be in Rohnert Park in 2011. This will be the last year of the 3-year contract we've had with Rohnert Park. The new board will need to decide if you want to move the location or keep it at Rohnert Park. Please let Angelo Perata or Rod Collins know your division's preferences of where, when and why for future D-Train conferences.

Webinar will soon be available for divisions to use. Mike Marseille is an excellent host to keep the meeting going. The audio quality is very good, and it will be used a lot. There will be training at the Elected Officer Academy on use of the Webinar system.

DCDR(e)'s should attend the November District Board and Staff Meeting as well as the current DCDR. Everyone is invited to attend the Elected Officer Academy, but only newly-elected officers will receive funding. Please submit your form 7007 now for elected officers, only. Submit the form with your staff later.

Letters went out to everyone in the district soliciting district staff officer position. If anyone has an interest, they should contact Rod Collins. The new DCDR's may want to do the same thing as they begin to fill their division staff positions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR