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MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
February 16, 2013
Coast Guard Island

The meeting was called to order at 1609 by DCO Rod Collins, The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was followed by the Coast Guard Ethos .

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Collins called for approval of the November and January minutes. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

REPORT – DCO Rod Collins

Reported on his attendance at N-TRAIN. There will be budget issues in the coming year. Last year there was a large increase in paddleboards, safety relative to them will be an increasing need. Updates to ABC and FLC are coming. Boating registration was down this last year, though in 2011, the death rate was the highest in many years. 2012 numbers are not yet ready. Congress is being pushed for boater registration, but it is not very likely. The budget will eventually get better, but it will be worse first---there will be a need to realign resources.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Collins called for district board reports as follows:

Richard Celia, DCDR-1 – Report on file. He recognized some of his staff who were present. Then he reported that their calendar is filling up. He has four staff positions open. They supported a special SF Veterans Day parade. Simone Adair was a big contributor along with the Honor Guard. They received a letter of appreciation from the VFW which he read. The CGAux was awarded first place for the honor guard. They are looking for better ways to save money.

Carl Pierce, DCDR-3 – Report on file. He recognized and thanked his staff present at the meeting. They have been doing breakout sessions with FSOs and SOs. In March they will have an OPTREX, the Division 3 COW December 1.

Judy Estaban, DCDR-4 – She recognized staff present. She then mentioned several events, including presence at the Menlo Park VA on Monday. Other events are being planned.

Jim Blackburn, DCDR-5 – Recognized some people present. Then he mentioned a joint boating safety class with Flotillas 51 and 52, the Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma and others.

Sean Sheehan, DCDR-6 – Report on file. He highlighted several events mentioning that a Thursday night event had a big response.

Mike Thompson, DCDR-7 – Report on file. He welcomed new members from his Division. 36 members were present at a recent boat show. Training programs are coming up. They are doing VEs on their own facilities. They are working with the State of Utah with whom they have good relations. They will be getting two more facilities. There will be on-the-water dangers training in April with training for state sheriffs. Many members will be attending D-TRAIN.

Tom O'Connor, DCDR-8 – Recognized Div 8 members present. They will provide Watchstander training. They achieved 26 VEs in one week

Philip Grove, DCDR-10 – Report on file. He thanked the Eatons (Denis and Monica) for their efforts to set up for the meeting.

Bill Stoltz, DCDR-11 – Report on file. He recognized staff. The Division owns a facility being used for patrols. They are planning to get new members.

Linda Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file. She recognized the Aux Chefs. Members went to a high school for an event for which they received many compliments. The website is going to get electronic this year.

Mary Kirkwood, P-PCA – Report on file. There are new classes this year. They will be on the District website. The Memorial is looking good. The next PCA meeting will be at D-TRAIN with a PCA breakfast. There will be a marine debris trunk for NSBW with safety information.

Rodney Collins, DCO – Spoke about IPDCO Angelo Perata

Angelo Perata, IPDCO – Not present

CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX – Although Ingerson, YN is out for surgery, another YN2 is being assigned. COMO Perata was requesting donations, this will be complete at D-TRAIN. Make checks out to Fran Fisher, DSO-FN to help the family of the Coast Guardsman killed by the crew of the Panga boat. Two districts are using paddlecraft for patrols. He wants comments on paddlecraft facilities. Re Security checks, applicants need guidance. Keep people honest as records will be caught. We will get their rap sheets. Checks will take 90 days to 6 months with results going to DIRAUX. The Operations Activities board is now up in the office and ready for photos of each divisions activities. Please show all activities. The TDY worksheet is now needed for orders. Tina will fill out the order number. The Coast Guard is demanding it.

CWO2 Matt James, OTO – He will be visiting each flotilla in the next 6 months to conduct PPE inspections.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Rodney Collins, DCO called for the DCAPT's to request their staff reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCAPT-RBS, Reports on file, called for the following staff reports; Simone was suffering from a severe laryngitis

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Training is available, They are training Area Coordinators.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file, nothing further to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Reported regarding VEs for the fishing fleet. There are about 1100 boats, so completion of VEs will take some time.

Wally Smith, DCAPT-RES Reported for Simone Adair, NSBW plans are underway. He is looking for a district historian and suggested calling Simone Adair if interested. He then called for the following staff reports:

Linda Haynes; Requested volunteers to sign up for the Jack London Square boat show.

Roger Haynes; A new textbook focused on navigation is out and available.

There were more DSO reports, inaudible to the DSO-S/R, therefore not fully reported here.

Wally Smith, DCAPT; Report on file. He called on staff as follows.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file. Thanked several people for their efforts on projects in his area of responsibility.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file. She indicated that people were reading her reports and she thanked them for doing so. After 2/21 patrols will need to re-enter orders into the new POMs system. There followed a short Q and A discussion about this subject.

Wally Smith pointed out that there were 58,000 volunteer hours, equivalent to 28 full time employees or \$1.4 Million.. There are a bunch of OPTREXs on the schedule, but he is trying, for budget reasons, to limit OPTREXs to one per division. He also pointed out that D-TRAIN will be in Monterey this year, for the last time. There will be new classes.

Bill Correll, DCAPT-SPT called for the following reports:

Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS – There will be a 1 day class for PE officers. Let him know if there are flaws on the website. Be specific as the search for problems is difficult. there will be a C school October 4th.

COMO Gail Ramsey added that there will be an Ops course on Sunday morning at D-TRAIN.

DSOs have a place on the website; make sure your space is good.

COMO Vic Connell ; reviewed the America's Cup plans. There will be 52 days of racing. The Aux will maintain the transit zone and boaters unwilling to observe them. The Coast Guard will be responsible for enforcement, if needed. 23-30 August will be the finals. 9-13 September will be a superyacht regatta, 7-22 September will be the Americas Cup championship races. He asked for volunteers for the planned tasks. The City, San Francisco, is responsible for everything from the pier faces inwards, we get every thing from the pier facings out. Discussion and questions followed.

A short break was called by Rod Collins

Hugh Davison, DSO-HR gave his report.

Anita Farnholtz, DSO-IS – was not present

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Acknowledged some problems and that the on-line store needs work. He indicated that the PCA store took in \$4500 today.

Mary Kirkwood, DSO-MT – D-TRAIN course descriptions are out. An Auxlams course will be offered on March 8-10, part B. Let her know if you are interested. You will need both parts A and B to get credit for the course. There will be a 1 weekend course in the Fall. The MT website is behind schedule. Distance learning is the emphasis this year to get to far out members. All, but 1, mandatory courses are on line---they are good. ICS 210 will be on line soon. New members will need to complete the mandatory courses in their first year, the rest of us have more time.

Bill Correll invited comments and feed back.

Richard Thomas DCOS requested that we fill out form 7028 properly. He recognized two members. He then called for the following reports:

COMO Connell Pointed out that Sunday April 28 is opening day on the Bay. They are expecting a big turnout as it is the 50 anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet and the 150th anniversary of San Francisco. There are 2-4 awards coming up at D-TRAIN.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – suggested we read the article regarding the Association in the last Navigator.

Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP – There has been a flurry of activity about Standing Rules, but that is almost complete. She wants to hear from FCs about problems with quorums ASAP or by March 1.

Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR – Minutes issued and approved to date. Minutes are planned to be issued two weeks before the next meeting.

Neil Nevesny CRC; No Activity this period.

DCO Rod Collins; For D-TRAIN you will get orders for two nights. There will be no EXCOM Friday morning, Board/Staff meeting will be at 1400 Saturday . The awards banquet will be different, it will be a good night. The hotel is almost sold out. Friday night the fare will be very light, have dinner first. We will meet for fun night at 1930. Bring raffle prizes to the raffle table for display. We are looking for 2 prizes from each division @ \$50 to \$75. We will have good speakers. Please get reports in 1 week before the meeting.

There was no more old business.

NEW BUSINESS

NACON will be in San Diego, the hotel rate will be \$99 for 5 days before and after the meeting.

Roger Haynes interjected that there are 3000 slots left for Americas Cup volunteers

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1850].

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is at D-TRAIN, March 16, Monterey, 1400.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING [Date]

DISTRICT BOARD : Rod Collins, Richard Thomas, Simone Adair, William Correll, Wally Smith, CDR Sumrok, Richard Celia, Carl Pierce, Judy Estaban, Jim Blackburn, Sean Sheehan, Mike Thompson, Tom O'Connor, Phillip Grove, Bill Stoltz, Linda Haynes

DISTRICT STAFF: (based on sign-in sheet) Mary Kirkwood, Ann Zocchi, James Duncan, Jimmin Chang, Mike Lauro, Fran Fisher, David Talton, Roger Haynes, Sue Fry, William Burns, Fred Dellstrom, Kevin Sellstrom, Steve Dolgin, Denis Eaton, Wayne Farnholtz, Dean Chappelle, Neil Nevesny