

District 13 Division 1

Division Meeting Minutes

28 Jun 12

Attending: H Ota DCDR; M Albert IPDCDR; E Madura FC18; P Milczewski FC11; G Cordrey FC19; W Barnard VFC17; A West SO-PE; P Chelgren-Koterba SO-NS; M Allert SO-OP; S Mangold SO-VE; B McIntosh SO-CS; A Cummings SO-IS; R Atwell SO-CM; B Daniel SO-MT; D Coleman SO-SR; J McClain FSO-CM; J Milczewski FSO-PE; J Engelson ADSO-OP. **Guest:** Charles Claytor

Meeting was call to order at 1900 hrs. , with DCDR Ota leading the flag salute, and welcoming the evening's guest speaker; Charles Claytor.

Guest Speaker: Charles began by letting everyone know they are welcome to stop by the DIRAUX office and visit anytime. He also welcomed the opportunity to meet the people he supports but seldom greet in person. Charles went on to discuss the following: **(1)** PPE audits will begin shortly, probably beginning with the smaller Divisions. **(2)** He welcomes suggestions about subjects he include in the monthly "DIRAUX Notes" **(3)** Security checks are taking much longer, now taking 90 to 180 days, but reminded us new members can still participate in just about everything. The issue of slow turn-around times will be addressed at NACON. **(4)** Disenrollment process is changing and it is becoming more difficult to be reinstated. Now, those disenrolled and wishing to be reinstated, and do so within a year, will need to submit the first 2 pages of the 7001. After one year, reinstatement will require submitting a complete enrollment package, including fingerprints. With 2013 dues collection beginning soon, he suggests flotillas make every effort to let members know the consequences of disenrollment. **(5)** Charles reminded us he can make corrections or deletions to AuxData as needed. He just needs an email explaining the need. **(6)** When sending documents to his attention it is acceptable to send scanned documents, except those handled by SECCEN which requires original signatures. Otherwise, scanned documents will suffice, saving time and expense. **(7)** District meeting will be 20 -23 Sept., in Clackamas.

Additionally, during the conference, a FLC course will be conducted on the 20th and 21st.

Fielding questions; *Roger Atwell SO-CM* indicated some delays processing radio facilities. Charles said all Radio Facilities paperwork been processed in his office and recommended he check with DCO-CM for inspections awaiting processing. *Walt Barnard, VFC FL-17* inquired about the policy regarding the issue and use of Anti-Exposure Coveralls. Charles indicated they remain an authorized PPE item and are available for issuing (note: they are not part of the regular PPE gear bag). He also indicated this question had come up before and recommended everyone read next issue of DIRAUX Notes, in which OTO Mr. Brown will address the issue. *Barry Daniel SO-MT* asked Charles to cover the outward boundaries of DIRAUX. Charles summed up by explaining the office is best described as a referee and watchdog and provides administrative services for the Auxiliary program. But, he reminded all Auxiliarist run the Auxiliary and they are there to assist. **In Closing,** Charles once again reminded everyone, if they need help just call, but please be sure to run it through the chain of leadership first.

BIFF Award: CDCR Ota reported no new awards, however, three flotillas are only one additional new member away.

Election of VDCDR: Joe McClain reported a quorum present and election to proceed. The screening committee reported one qualified candidate; Art West. Nominations were solicited from the floor with none made. The election was completed via secret ballot. The tally committee confirmed Art West as the newly elected VDCDR. ***Congratulations VDCDR West.***

Approval of minutes: Walt Barnard VFC17 moved to accept the minutes as submitted, from both 23Feb. and 26Apr. meetings. Seconded by Gary Cordrey FC19, the motion was approved.

Financial Report: Penny Milczewski SO-FN reviewed the financial report, reporting an ending balance of \$6801.17. Ed Madura moved to accept the report, seconded by Maggie Albert. Motion passed without further discussion.

FC Reports: **FL11- FC Milczewski** reported completing their 3rd ABS Class, with 2 more scheduled, plus BS&S class beginning 05Sept. Maggie Albert and crew presented water safety classes for 244 1st and 2nd graders. The recent QE re-qualified 7 Coxswains and 4 crew. **FL17 – VFC Barnard** reported being busy with patrols supporting Station Bellingham, and in support of the upcoming Workboat Races in Anacortes. The next BS&S class begins 11 Sept. **FL18 -FC Madura** reported completing BS&S class in June with another scheduled in July. They plan events at the upcoming Lake Stevens “Aquafest”, and the “Boeing Safety Fair” scheduled 15/16 July. They will also participate at the Sunnyside Elementary School Safety Fair. **FL19 - FC Cordrey** reported on their recent LaConner rendezvous. They have another “Suddenly in Command” scheduled in Point Roberts which is proving to be very popular with Canadians, plus another is planned in Blaine. They will be involved with July 4th parade and welcome anyone who might like to join them. They plan events during Drayton Harbor Days Aug.4th and 5th. Plans include a “helo” demo as well as a visit from Station Bellingham’s new 45ft. response boat.

Staff Reports:

SO-MT Daniel reported Paul Bellona in sick bay which will delay any needed PWC QE. He also reported having discussions with OIC Station Bellingham regarding flare demonstrations and reports we can indeed conduct demonstrations using proper notifications and safe guards. Charles Claytor suggested getting written approval. DCDR Ota shared his concerns about possible liabilities surrounding expired flares. Daniel also reported he has an updated list of current course listing. Contact him if you want a copy. Lastly, Daniel reminded everyone Station Bellingham is still in need of Watch Standers.

SO-CM Atwell reported the recent exercise in which the Auxiliary participated revealed persistent problems with interagency communications.

SO-IS Cunningham – NTR

SO-VE Mangold reported there will be a VE training in Spokane Jul 23rd. She also reported a new program to track failed VE’s beginning July 1st.

SO-FN Milczeswki reminded everyone it is time to start thinking about collecting dues and will be sending out reminders to the Flotilla's.

SO-OP Allert reported that when completing patrol orders for reimbursement, when trailering, enter either mileage or cost, for fuel enter both cost and Gals, and he suggests not combining fuel from several patrols. Instead, he recommends submitting a "certificate in lieu of receipt" if unable to provide receipt for the current patrol. He also said there is a movement to have Coxswains process orders directly in POMS.

SO-NS Chelgren-Koterba reported FL12 and FL17 have completed their inspections, no report from FL18 and 19. She will be conducting another AV workshop Sept. 29th. Some pre-work will be required. Anyone interested, including current AV's should contact her. She will notify all as to location.

Special Report: Art Cummings reported on his research regarding "Safety Equipment Requirements for Canadian Vessels used in Washington Waters". **See Attachment** for details.

Old Business: Nothing brought to the floor

New Business: Penny Milczewski suggested supporting the flotillas by using Division funds, tagged for travel, to pay for copying "Seamanship Manuals" (3ea.) for each flotilla. Presented in the form of a motion and receiving no second, the motion died on the floor.

Good of the order: Nothing offered except a *special thanks to Charles Claytor for his time and support.*

Meeting adjourned at 2100hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Coleman

