

DISTRICT 13, DIVISION 1

Division Meeting Minutes for
April 26, 2012
Max Dale's Steak & Chop House
Mount Vernon, WA

Division Commander, Division Vice commander and Staff Officers:

Present: M. Albert, IPDCDR; J. McClain, PDCDR; H. Ota, DCDR; A. Ford, VCDR; P. Chelgren-Koterba, SO-NS; W. McIntosh, SO-CS; P. Milczewski, SO-FN; H. Hatfield, SO-HR; A. Cummings, SO-IS; B. Daniel, SO-MT; M. Allert, SO-OP; K. Wellington, SO-PV; M. Ford, SO-SR; R. Attwell, SO-CM; R. Gibson, SO-MA; M. Porterfield, SO-PA; A. West, SO-PE; S. Mangold, SO-VE;
Absent: C. Doutre, SO-PB, Lou Herrick, SO-MS

Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Vice Commanders:

Present: P. Milczewski, FC11; J. Maddox, FC12; B. Bottolfson, FC17; E. Madura, FC18; G. Cordrey, FC19; W. Barnard, VFC17; D. Safford, VFC18;
Absent: R. Sefton, VFC 11; D. Miller, VFC 12, M. Deannuntis, VFC19;

District, Division & Flotilla Leaders, Staff Officers & Members:

S. Allert, F 12; R. Winchip, AUC Station Bellingham, F 11, G. Winchip, F 11; R. Porterfield, F 18; J. Milczewski, F11;

Guest:

Randy Jorgensen

Guest Speaker:

USCG Bellingham Station Commanding Officer, CWO C. Robinson, AUX Division Captain North D. Aho, USCG PO1 J. Galloway, Station Bellingham;

Proceedings:

Order: 1900

The meeting was called to order at 1900 and the Pledge of Allegiance Sworn. The invocation was given by Auxiliary Lay Leader Robert Porterfield, FI 18. The minutes of the previous meeting were not presented and will be approved at the next meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the Financial Report as presented and approved by acclamation.

Program:

The Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) at Station Bellingham Dick Winchip introduced Chief Warrant Officer Chris Robinson. Mr. Robinson spoke of several interesting programs including the joint Canadian-US Ship Rider Law Enforcement Program, and invited Auxiliary members to participate in station boat training exercises, including helicopter ops. He then introduced PO1 Jordan Galloway who finished the talk with the help of his cell phone which was very

entertaining. He indicated that Station Bellingham is staffed with has 2 duty sections and 1 Day workers section. They can use Auxiliary members to serve as which means they need watch standers, persons for station events, and boats for towing and boarding exercises, and availability for SAR Patrols. This also includes security for Marine events and pollution response and public education along with vessel exams. He indicated that the CG Reserves use the base once a month and there are plans to use the Flotillas in rotation to participate in their training.

Awards:

The first BIFF Growth Award was presented to Flotilla 18 Everett/Whidbey Island for 5% growth since the award was initiated. The Award was accepted by FC Ed Madura.

Guest Speaker:

Division Captain North David Aho gave a presentation.

DCDR Ota asked for comments from the floor about GNATS by various attendees.

IPDCDR Maggie Albert indicated at lead of the Division Screening Committee that persons interested in the Vice Division Commander Position should send the Division Commander a letter indicating their interest.

PDCDR Joe McClain the proposed new Division Standing Rules and Appendices. A motion to adopt the Standing Rules as presented was made by Penny Milczewski and seconded by Ed Madura and approved by the quorum present. A motion was made by Bruce Bottolfson to accept the appendices to the Division Standing Rules and seconded by Penny Milczewski and unanimously accepted. Copy attached.

Staff Officers Reports:

SO-CM R. Attwell asked that Flotillas 17 and 19 get in touch with him.

SO-CS B. McIntosh No report

SO-FN P. Milczewski reported that quarterly dues bills have been sent.

SO-HR H. Hatfield reported that anyone wanting to hold and care for the backdrop and posters should be sure they are safe as Dan Shipman would not buy any more.

SO-IS A. Cummings No report.

SO-MA R. Gibson No report.

SO-MS L. Herrick not in attendance.

SO-MT B. Daniel reminded everyone to set up QE sessions early.

SO-OP M. Allert No report.

SO-PA M. Porterfield reported that the large display and carrier weight 60 lb. Keep that in mind if you intend to transport it. She stated that getting "National Boating Safety Week" Proclamations can be easily set up by contacting your Mayor's office. Sample proclamations are available on the boating safety websites.

SO-PB C. Doutré not in attendance.

SO-PE A. West No Report.

SO-NS P. Chelgren-Koterba reports that she will be setting up an Aid's Verifier workshop soon.

SO-PV K. Wellington no report.

Flotilla Commander Reports:

Flotilla 11: Penny Milczewski, FC reported that their training with the RBM 45' CG boat is beginning and their spring BS&S and ABS classes were well attended. Another ABS class is scheduled in June

Flotilla 12: Jim Maddox, FC reported that Fl 12 public education BS & S classes are well attended and that their ABS class is a sellout. They have a crew/coxswain academy going and have 2 new members.

Flotilla 17: Walt Barnard, VFC reported that they have had on going SAR training and have a QE this Saturday. Their VE department will be active as their waterfront festival is coming up in May.

Flotilla 18: Ed Madura, FC reported that their last BS & S had 30 people signed up. They attended the opening of Cabala's and the YMCA's Children's Water Safety class. Their AUXNAV class was just finished with 6 persons passing. The Crew and Coxswain Academy is on-going and they recently did their pool dry suit and crew compliance.

Flotilla 19: Gary Cordrey, FC reported they have also completed their Dry Suit testing in a joint training with Fl 11 at Station Bellingham and their Point Roberts BS & S classes are a great success. They have a rendezvous set for next month.

VCDR Comments:

VCDR Ford indicated the reason for his recent resignation as an accumulation of several factors the most important being that he believes the current Auxiliary is being micro managed and that there is a "Form over Function" mentality that is being perpetuated.

The meeting was adjourned at 2120.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melin Ford, FSO-SR
Flotilla 18