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**MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING**

Saturday June 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 0934 by DCO Angelo Perata.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Rod Collins DCOS

Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR called the roll: substitute SR Monica Eaton called the roll. DCO Perata declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

DCO REPORT TO THE BOARD– DCO ANGELO PERATA:

- A review of activities that Auxiliarists have participated in was read
- The new standing rules have some changes in the way elections are run. It requires a ballot even though only one candidate is running for office. This can be a yes/no ballot with 51% of the quorum voting in favor of the candidate. Even if the new standing rules have not been approved, they are still the guidelines that should be used.
- The unit meeting manual says that if a Division or Flotilla has a meeting on line, it is required to make available any equipment necessary to attend the meeting at the unit's expense. Angelo requested any thoughts or comments on this issue. He is going to bring this up at NACON. As we move forward with electronic media we will see more meetings conducted on line and eventually be allowed to vote on line.
- This is the time of year for changes in the Gold side. Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O' Hare has retired and her replacement is Admiral John P. Currier as the 28th Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard. Vice Admiral Paul "Z" has replaced Admiral Brown as the Pacific Area Commander. Rear Admiral Castillo is being replaced by Rear Admiral Carl Schultz as Director of Governing and Public Affairs. He is our PAC Area Deputy Commander. We will have a Change-of-Command July 19th. Admiral Castillo has moved up and become Deputy Commander.
- DSO's have been requested to participate in the District Webinar meetings. Rod Collins DCOS will be sending you the instructions on how to join the meeting.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Perata called for district board reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file. Thank You to Rich Thomas and Rod Collins for setting up the webinar meeting. This has been a good asset for the Division. This has been a busy month: we participated in the Golden Gate Celebration, Memorial Day activities, one member wore a PFD through the Beta Breakers race, and other numerous activities for NSBW. Simone passed around the folder put together by one flotilla for the NACO Excellence in Diversity program. They also created an audio postcard that had a link to an audio version, highlighting how new technology can be used.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file. All Flotillas have been notified of the need to get their standing rules approved by September. Clarification of standing rules and AUXMAN discrepancy is that AUXMAN trumps the standing rules.

Stephen Chan, DCDR-4 – Report on file. We had good participation in NSBW as well as the Golden Gate celebration. Ricardo Moreno is on temporary duty in Zimbabwe as an interpreter for 2 weeks. Jose Pereira put a fire out on a boat with an electric motor. Gaylord Vandyne is recovering from serious illness.

Jim Blackburn, DCDR-5 – Report on file. Attached to report is NSBW is an amended. The new Chief at Station Vallejo is Elijah Klein.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file. Because of safe boating classes, some recruiting and NSBW, we have 12 people with AP status and another 6 working on applications to be submitted. Station Monterey and the Auxiliary have been invited to participate in the Monterey 4th of July Parade.

Marty Gardner, DCDR-7 – Report on file. Mike Thompson VDCDR - A pamphlet has been published by Utah State Parks that has highlights of the Auxiliary. We have over 250 VSCs.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file. The OPTREX at Clear Lake was a success. Thank You to the QEs and Instructors that assisted. In Eureka, COASTIE was performing at the Pony Express Days and when the voice came on the Pony spooked. Later they were introduced to each other and became friends. The station in Bodega Bay is still a Group.

Bill Correll, DCDR-10 – Report on file. We had an active NSBW week. One member had an activity on every day that week and encountered close to 5000 adults and children.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file. There is a new partnership with AWW in South Lake Tahoe. There has been another fatality on Lake Tahoe bringing the total to 3. This shows a need for more training on cold water immersion.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file. We had a lot of activity for NSBW. Thanks to Rich Thomas for helping with county proclamations. We participated in receiving two of them. We also participated in the Golden Gate Bridge anniversary as well as the inland lakes program. We are having an OPEX here in Alameda on July 21st.

Roger Haynes, P-PCA – Report on file. The PCA fair is July 28th and 29th. Registrations have been coming in slowly. It is requested that anyone interested should sign up now. Ron Wallace is cleaning the memorial monthly. We have 59 names to add to the list for

last year. Please DCDRs, review the list and make any revisions. The use of the recognition plaques on the entrance is still being discussed.

Rodney Collins, DCOS:

- A reminder to DCDR that Go-to-meeting is available to everyone for meetings. If you would like to have someone trained, contact either Rod Collins or Rich Thomas.
- Financial audits: Any flotilla or Division that are in REYR on the January 1 of the current year and has not done the financial audit by October 1st of the current year, all orders for that Division will be put on hold for the entire Division. Anyone that needs an audit for this year has until December 31st to get it done. Next year, when everyone is notified in January of the audit, they will have until October 1st to complete the audit.

Mike Williams, IPDCO:

- Elections are coming up. Everyone was encouraged to look and see if there is anyone to mentor and train to take the leadership as the term of service ends for others.
- Thanks to Denis Eaton for AV support. Also, Linda Haines for all the support she has done.

CMDR Curtis Sumrok: Be Patient Please.

- National is trying to get things out as soon as possible. They are currently hiring 30 new employees at the security center. It will take between 30 days and 6 months to get a security package back. Be careful and make sure the paperwork is completed properly and all signatures are in place.
- Recently, there have been queries about paperwork from DIRAUX. The current policy is a 2 day turnover. We are looking at electronic paperwork in the near future to help the turnover time.
- If there is anything owned by a flotilla other than a boat, DIRAUX needs to know ASAP.
- When on patrol or otherwise under orders, please do not engage the public. Especially if there is a conflict, just report, stand down and move away.
- Tina has a list of all the property owned by the government and will be conducting an audit later this year. Please assist her if requested.
- The office is short staffed at present. New staff is to arrive in August. Senior Chief Matt James soon be a Warrant Officer, will be our new OTO. He will be attending NACON for peer training. We will be getting another yeoman for the office Deborah Anderson YN2 soon to make YN1. Captain Fosnick, District Prevention will arrive July 9th. It will take some time to orient them to their new positions.
- Question from the Floor: We understand that people in Operations need to have a PSI, but not so clear what others need a PSI clearance. Answer: The AUXMAN is very clear on who needs a PSI and who does not.
- There was another question regarding persons in AP status. We allow training on AUX facilities with a modified uniform. What about training with the active duty? Yes, they can train with either. The AUXMAN allows for them to become Crew qualified if all requirements are met, but not Coxswain of facility or PWC

operator. More research is needed as to the liability coverage for these individuals.

Acting OTO is Gail Ramsey:

- If there is a question, please go to the AUXMAN and follow what the manual says. Thank you for accepting the position as a temp from Angelo.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS:

Rodney Collins, DCOS directed the DCAPT's to call for their staff reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS:

- Report on File.
- Thank you to all that participated in NSBW.
- There are RBS classes available at the PCA fair
- We have been asked to participate in the shore side for Fleet Week
- The California State Fish and Game Commission voted to establish a marine protected area off the coast of California. This is the nation's first whole state Marine protection area.

Curtis Han, DCAPT-RES:

- Report on File.
- Encourage Members read the OP's report. There is a lot of information in it.
- Bob Peterson has a report in the *ComShack* on how to be professional and maintain high standards.
- There is also an operations summary report that shows how busy we have been.
- I attended the District 11 South Board and Staff meeting held at Lake Powell. This allowed me to meet the staff members there. Thanks for the hospitality.
- I attended the OPTREX at Clear Lake and Division 5 at Station Vallejo.
- We need to get more people trained in Boat Crew and Coxswain.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT:

- Report on file.
- Form passed out to facilitate disenrollment and explanation on how to use it properly. Discussion entertained. Membership is done by AUXDATA only. Do not depend on the local IS officer. Document well the reason for disenrollment.
- Go-to-web meeting for the members will be announced near the end of July. Live questions can be asked and will be answered about anything. If there are questions on disenrollments, they can be asked there.
- I had an opportunity to attend the Change of Command for the Turn. There was an opportunity to promote the AUXCHEF program and Rich took it.

Staff Reports:

DSO-FN Frances Fisher: First billing for the 2013 dues should be July 1st. Disenrollments should be sent to DSO-HR by October 1. DCDR's were requested to encourage FSO-FN to check the Flotilla roster in AUXDATA each month to assure current membership. This is especially important in December. A suggestion to get dues payment on time is to raise the dues and give those who pay their dues on time a

discount. If anyone has something for the 2013 budget they need to get them to Fran soon. We will vote on the budget in November. The feasibility for electronic payment of dues was questioned by COMO Perata. Some discussion as to probability was entertained.

DSO-P (MS) Sue Fry: Report on File. Lots of applications have come in for Marine Safety training. National has changed the form and requirements. There is a new PQS out there and some are not getting them included. We will be giving 2 classes at the PCA fair that can be signed off by DIRAUX. The title for marine safety has been changed to DSO-P. From CMDR Sumrok: We are trying to keep the trident device a prestigious award. The trident award is normally 96 hours per year for 5 years plus all your recommendations from DSO-P, Sector, and approved by DIRAUX. These do not have to be consecutive years. Now, after 3 years, you can request from DIRAUX a temporary pin, but the last two years must be consecutive. After 5 years it will become a permanent device if all requirements are met.

DSO-NA Jim Duncan: Report on file. NOAA has changed the chart updating form. It is the only one that has been accepted. The WEBEX training done by District 1 is Tuesday and is an excellent way to learn about chart updating and how to use the new form.

DSO-PE Roger Haines: Report on File. There have been 622 graduates from the PE programs. This is down from past years. Everyone is encouraged to increase their classes.

DSO-PV Phil Grove: Report on File. I have nothing more to add.

DSO-VE Mike Lauro: Report on File. Delta Blitz starts next Saturday for 2 days. We need Vessel Examiners for Discovery Bay. The need is at least 4 people for both days. We have full staff in Stockton and Sacramento but not for Discovery Bay. CAL Boating will be there. West Marine will be there. Flotilla 9-1 will be at Discovery Bay the weekend after the Blitz.

DSO-AV Larry Olson: Report on file. Absent. There have been 14 patrols this month.

DSO-CM Jeff Price: Report on File. Nothing more to report.

DSO-OP Gail Ramsey: Report on File. Great thanks to Curtis Bartell for all the help from TCT training to being a QE. We are very busy. Three QE's will be going to Utah this weekend. Please check AUXDATA to see if you are in REYR. It takes a lot more steps to remove the REYR than it does to change a date. I just returned from Colorado where I attended the Western State BLA meeting which includes all the States in the PAC area including New Mexico. The BLA's are employed by the States and the RBS by the Coast Guard. The RBS representative from New Orleans reported that the invasive species have been found in the rivers and are moving our way. They have also found a new Shrimp that gets to be 12 inches long. They are great for eating, but feeds on all the good guys. Each state reported that the law enforcement on their waterways has been cut from between 20 to 50%. Thus, their equipment is not being used. The Department of Boating and Waterways will probably become part of the State Parks. Recently, they have started hiring contractors to go to boat shows etc. The office staff

will no longer be able to staff these booths. We used to be able to share a booth with them. This has also changed.

DSO-CS Jimmin Chang: Report on file. Nothing more to report

DSO-MA Dave Talton: The store is doing well. Orders have been coming in from all over the country. There is a need for 2 new ADSO's. The ODU hats have arrived and will be available at the PCA fair. They tend to run a little small so if you are on the borderline it would best to order the next size larger. The used tucked ODU's will be available at the PCA fair.

DSO-MT Mike Maddox: Report on File. There are some new changes: any AUXOP can monitor ANY on line exam. The APC exam is under revision at national. The Flotilla leadership course that is on line is being updated and moved to MOODLE a training site outside the Coast Guard. The new SEAMANSHIP course is about to be released. Those wanting to take the current form, it must be within the next month. It will be offered at the PCA fair in July. AUXNAV is undergoing revisions and will probably be released sometime in August. For the elected officer training in November, those wanting to be an instructor need to let Mike know with how much time you need and the subject. There is a new Commandant instruction on the new telecommunication procedure which is not on the Coast Guard web site. It contains some very good instruction material. It is hard to find contact COMO Mike Maddox for more information.

DSO-PB Wes Craig: Report on file. Absent. If you want anything published, the *Northwind* is published around the first of the month. Because the last issue was full of material from D-train, there was nothing on the commissioning of the *Straton*. Joanne Nevesny suggested that this could be good material for the next issue.

DSO-IS Anita Farnholtz: Nothing to report.

DSO-HR Bob Davison: No report on file. Absent.

DSO-Diversity Mike Coburn: Report on file. The Three star Award submitted by Division 1 has been read and I have signed it and sent it forward.

Bob Hendry DSO-ASC: Dave Talton reporting. Nothing to report

DSO-Legal and Parliamentarian: Joanne Nevesny: Many of the Flotilla Standing Rules are outstanding. Even if you have not done the new standing rules, they are your operating instructions. You will still need to know what they contain, because they are what you need to use for your elections. Question: Would you explain a little on the process for processing a Flotilla claim for facilities? Flotillas cannot collect for damages to a Flotilla owned Facility. They have liability coverage while under orders, but not comprehensive. They need to carry their own insurance to cover the damages.

DSO-Civil Rights Neil Nevesny: Report on file. Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vic Connell America's Cup lea son: If there are questions about AUX involvement, please use the chain of command. Start with COMO Vic Connell.

There is not much new. It is still a work in progress. This year there are 2 series of races scheduled. These are called World Series races. The dates are Aug 21st through 26th. This coincides with NACON. The second will be the exact same days as fleet week, Oct. 4th through 7th. Right now, we will need possibly 4 boats to monitor the non-motorized area, which includes Paddle craft and swimmers. This is the area off Aquatic Park near the Dolphin swim area. Even the Coast Guard will have a smaller law enforcement roll than they do at Fleet Week. Most of the enforcement will be from Yacht club members and local law enforcement agents. There is a possibility that we may have a PA booth next to the America's Cup booths. Nothing is definite yet. We will have an Auxiliary crew working on PATCOM during the races. As of now, there will be no land mobile facilities.

- NSBW report: Mary Kirkwood DCAPT- Please get your reports in as soon as possible. We would like to get them in the *Northwind* next month. We would appreciate details, photos, Ready-set-Inflate, and anything you did during the week. The deadline to get these reports in to National is coming up soon. Gail would like a copy of reports, if you participated in any way with a representative from the Department of Boating and Waterways. This includes California, Nevada, and Utah. As a reminder, document any AWW materials you handed out. In the Crescent City area, they went to the grammar school and reached out to over 600 children about wearing Life Jackets. San Ramon had a 3 day event in which 30,000 people per day attended. Rich Thomas Proclamations: We had 13 out of 14 counties participated. We have 24 counties and 2 we did not get contacted. There will be a survey of the DCMDRs on how things went. We even got some pictures from the counties and good feedback. It has helped with our exposure. Thank you to everyone who participated. Just a reminder, if you are asked to receive a proclamation you may be asked to say a few words.
- Elections: DCO Angelo Perata – There has been a committee of 3 set up: CMDR Sumrok, IPDCO Mike Williams, and DCO Angelo Perata. All 5 positions are open for election in September. The committee members have a list of those eligible to run for each office. If you are interested in running for an office such as DCO, DCOS, and DCAPT, you can turn your application in to one of the committee members. Application via e-mail is acceptable. There is a window from June 8th to August 8th. After that no applications will be accepted by the committee. Elections will be September 8th and you can be nominated from the floor by a member of the voting board. A second is not needed. You cannot self-nominate. If there is only one person running for an office there will be a written secret ballot cast requiring a 51% vote in favor of the candidate. Elections will be conducted as in previous elections. The entire board along with EXCOM will vote on the candidate for each office. At present we have 3 applications: Jim Blackburn and Larry Draper for DCAPT and Rod Collins for DCO.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donations: There is a lot in the AUXMAN about donations. Salutation is defined as a member seeking a donation. A blanket solicitation is not something the Auxiliary can do, especially if you are in uniform. If there is a solicitation, you need to check with legal first. There are many things that need to be evaluated.

- The Coast Guard change-of-command: Admiral Castillo will turn command over to Rear Admiral Schultz on July 19th.
- PCA Fair: Deadline for early registration is today. Late registration is July 15th. Registrations are coming in slowly. We do not want to cancel any classes unless necessary. Mary is planning on sending out the flyer again sometime next week. In order to keep the costs down for printing, please get your handouts to Mary early. If you can use a cd and let the student do their own printing that would be great. If the students want the materials to continue to be printed, we may have to raise the cost of the PCA fair. If you are far away from the Island, contact Tina and she can set up a contract with the printer and pay for it by credit card. There will not be any post reimbursement for printing or materials.
- TCT: There are going to be limited funds for TCT class instructors. If you need a TCT class it is highly recommended that you take it at the PCA fair. There may not be any more classes offered after the PCA fair. If you need a class look early and take it when it is offered.
- Division Flags: Are there any guidelines for the Division flags? Dean LaChapelle will look into it and get information out. 50 year banners have been ordered.

FINAL COMMENTS:

- Thank You to Linda Haines and her assistants for the snacks at every meeting.
- A training session on inland water safety was presented by Mike Williams and Dean LaChapelle.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1455.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a webinar meeting July 18, 2012 at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

**ATTENDANCE LIST
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
June 16, 2012**

DCO Angelo Perata, DCOS Rod Collins

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DCDR-1	Simone Adair entered late	DCDR-10	Bill Correll
DCDR-3	Edward Kief	DCDR-11	Leon Borden
DCDR-4	Stephen Chan	DCDR-12	Nick Tarlson
DCDR-5	Jim Blackburn	P-PCA	Roger Haynes
DCDR-6	Wally Smith	IPDCO	COMO Mike Williams
DCDR-7	Mart Gardner absent, represented by Mike Thompson	DIRAUX	CDR Curtis Sumrok
DCDR-8	Bruce Rogerson	OTO	Gail Ramsey, acting

COMO Vic Connell

Roll of Staff not taken