

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes
May 2, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Carl Chinn. Attending are Carl Chinn, Rick Wise, Terry Trump, Rick Sparger, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Ed Stank, Marty Sessler, Steve Morawiec and Walt Deal.

Walt Deal reported that a Kaps 4 Kids presentation would be made at MUSC Children's Hospital in Charleston at 1400 on Tuesday, May 14.

George Scharf had nothing to report.

Rick Wise reported that minutes had been sent to the newsletter editor. The working party on the Little David was very successful. July 4, 2014 will be the 10th anniversary of rededicating the Little David Replica at the Berkeley Count Museum in Moncks Corner. I am trying to get the museum to do something special to mark the anniversary and hope we will be invited out to do a Lost Boat Tolling Ceremony.

Ed Stank reported he had submitted an article about the Amberjack and Submarine Birthday ceremonies to the American Submariner and the Combined Base Charleston Patriot. He stated he is getting no response from the USSVI national about the articles he has submitted.

He has offered to take on the responsibility for the June 1 picnic. He will be talking to the CMC for the Nuclear Power Training Command tomorrow and will discuss possible participation by members of the command. There was a concern stated by the board about having students attending and alcohol consumption.

Steve Morawiec had nothing to report. He was asked about requirements for advertisers in the newsletter. The cost is \$12 a year and the business must be veteran-owned or owned by a family member of a veteran.

Marty Sessler reported that the generator is leaking gas. The float trailer is in bad shape. Because the trailer has no cross-member support it flexes as it is towed and this has caused the axle to go bad and the tires to get out of round. He hopes to get an estimate for the repair or replacement of the trailer. He expects the estimate to be around \$8,000 – 10,000. The float will probably not be available for the Myrtle Beach parade.

Nick Nichols talked about Ev Fuhr , Barbara Heinle and Lee Lookabill. Bill Buxton has moved to Washington State to be around his wife's family. He turned some items over to Nick and one item is the book United States Submarines. Nick will send out an e-mail notifying the base a silent auction will be held for the book at the May meeting with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.

He also gave a BZ to all the people who made the combined Amberjack and Submarine Birthday ceremonies such a success.

Terry Trump had no report.

Rick Sparger asked if we had set up to present the letters of appreciation and challenge coins. When Ed Stank talks to the CMC he will see what NPTU would prefer.

Carl Chinn reported that we have received a \$500 donation from the Binkley family for the Scholarship fund in appreciation for the honors the base rendered for World War II TM2/SS Richard Binkley. Carl will send a thank you letter. He transferred the base stock of challenge coins to the COB.

Old Business:

- Nick Nichols is still waiting for a price on the 10 base plaques that were approved at the last meeting.
- Carl Chinn brought up the question of what to do with the ice machine. Terry Trump had not asked the Cooper Rivers Partners if they were interested in having the ice machine at the picnic area. He said he would ask.

New Business:

- Ed Stank reported he had sent a check for \$78 that was collected from the sale of flag stars to the sponsoring organization in the name of Charleston Base.
- Marty Sessler was asked to run the election at the May meeting is John Lookabill is not available.

The meeting was adjourned at 1843.