

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

July 1, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1802 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Director members Ed Stank, Walt Deal, Rick Wise, Jerry Stout, Don Mook, Ken Hutchison, Rick Sparger, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Chris Hayden, and John Kratz. Also attending were Paul Viering, Steve Nelms and David Mueller.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Holland Club Chairman John Kratz reported that he had taken the nameplate information off of the base ice machine (Hoshizaki C500, 7 years old). The machine is located at the farm of Honorary Charleston Member Robert Gibbs on Schoolhouse Road in Dorchester, SC. Robert has paid for the power and upkeep of the machine since it was placed in his care in 2009. Any base member can get ice if they call Robert first to make arrangements. The same machine is offered on-line at \$250 – 600 used. The information will be presented to the base to determine if they want to try to sell the machine or leave it where it is, turning ownership over to Robert Gibbs.

Base Chaplain and Webmaster Nick Nichols reported on Doc Hill, Jerry Farr, Bill Roberts, Thom Beach, Pappy Henderson, and Dave Saari. Some new items have been put up on the Flash Traffic area on the base website. After some discussion with the board members, Nick said he would password protect the Sailing List.

Nick will turn over duties as VA Officer to Ken Curtis.

Kaps 4 Kids Coordinator Walt Deal reported that the next Kaps 4 Kids presentation will be Tuesday, July 9 at 1400 at MUSC in Charleston. The four attendees have been determined.

Base Storekeeper Ken Hutchison reported that if the members wanted additional embroidery on the shirts they provide other than the USSVI logo, Charleston Base and name the cost will be more. Adding the rate will bring the cost up to \$16. He brought 2 example shirts which turned out very well.

Recreation Committee Chairman Chris Hayden was introduced to the Board of Directors. The Recreation Committee was given the responsibility for the Hog Roast, Oyster Roast, Picnic and Christmas Party. The next event is the Hog Roast in October. Chris will get in touch with Terry Trump to reserve some dates for Hog Roast.

Base Secretary reported that the minutes for the base meetings were now being posted on the base website. After some discussion, the Base Secretary will maintain the base Sailing List in its current configuration with the information supplied by the Membership Chairman and will promulgate the list to the Base Commander, Chaplain and COB. The Base Secretary will send out meeting notifications.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger talked about the presentation to be made on Tuesday, July 2 at 1400. The FRA is going to sell a grill at a silent auction. It's a nice grill that has only been used once. The FRA is interested in buying any of the folding tables we are willing to sell. He has received an e-mail from base member Larry Rosselot asking for umpires for a charity softball tournament on September 7 & 8 at the Joe downtown. We have received 7 camping passes from base member Tom Skorepa for KOA good until December 1, 2013. We will raffle the passes off at the base meeting in lots of 3, 2 and 2. The raffle will be included in the base agenda sent out in the meeting notice by the Secretary.

Base Commander Ed Stank reported that the Groton Base Commander has resigned as a result of the National Disciplinary Committee report. We will have a guest speaker, James Scott, author of *The War Below* about the Silversides, Drum and Tang during WWII. He will give a 15 minute presentation and will be available after the meeting. He asked about renewing boat sponsorship for sending copies of the *American Submariner*. We will vote on the By-Law changes that have been submitted to the base. Ed is working with the new base CMC about using base facilities for Charleston Base storage. This will save about \$1000 a year. Ed asked that the board work on having inputs for a base budget starting on 1 October 2013. We have a commitment for Submarine Service SC Tags from the Piedmont Base for 25 tags.

George Scharf gave an update on the USS Clamagore SS-343 Restoration and Maintenance Association, Inc. and the efforts to move the Clamagore to North Charleston.

The meeting was adjourned at 1925.