

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

February 6, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1755 by Base Secretary Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Director members Nick Nichols, Steve Morawiec, Ken Hutchison, Rick Wise, Don Mook, Rick Sparger, Chris Hayden, Tom Lufkin, Ken Curtis and George Scharf. Ken Hutchison made a motion for Rick Wise to chair the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec gave a report on the status of the base accounts. He recommended we promote the Scholarship Fund for donations. There was a discussion about the amount to try to maintain in the General Fund. Steve also reported that the annual audit of the base books had been completed.

He reported that the annual report to USSVI National of the base funds. This report will include the amount in the investment fund which has not been included in previous reports.

The base newsletter will be sent out shortly.

Ken Curtis said he would have a few things to put out at the meeting but did not elaborate.

Nick Nichols discussed the funeral services for Ken Fuhr. Everything seems to be covered at this time. The family has asked the SubVets to provide refreshments after the funeral. Palmetto Base will be bringing refreshments. We will have a donation jar at the base meeting to help the Palmetto Base.

He asked if anyone attends the visitation for Abel Jenkins daughter to please wear their vests.

He discussed the services planned for Al Lammers at the American Legion in Goose Creek on Saturday, February 22.

He also discussed the status of Danny Leonhardt and Ben McDonald.

Recreation Committee Chairman Chris Hayden reported that no one has offered to serve on the Recreation Committee.

Don Mook reported there were 20 members that had not paid 2014 dues and would be dropped from the base rolls.

George Scharf said he would announce the WWII SubVets meeting on February 20 at Ryan's in Summerville.

Tom Lufkin reported that CRAMA was still trying to get the Clamagore from Patriots Point Maritime Museum.

Ken Hutchison had no report as Base Storekeeper but as Base Election Coordinator reported that he had Jerry Stout and Don Mook running for Vice Commander and Rick Wise running for Base Secretary.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger recommended that if we had not received any volunteers to serve on the Recreation Committee by the meeting to cancel the Oyster Roast and plan for the picnic.

He also said he will ask for volunteers to present the roses to the widows at the Hunley-Housatonic Memorial Service on February 17.

He also reminded the Board of the Massing of the Colors at the Citadel on March 2nd.

Rick Wise stated that the minutes from the January Base meeting had been sent out and were posted on the base website. He also discussed what to do about base policy statements. The Board agreed that the policy statements should be placed in the Standing Rules in the Charleston Base Bylaws.

Old Business: The policy statement supporting CRAMA will be brought up again.

Under New Business, Nick Nichols brought up the handling of the Distinguished Submariner Award. He brought up a proposed standing rule:

The Charleston Base Distinguished Submariner Award was established in 2008 as a yearly award. The purpose is to recognize a base member whose contributions have been of exceptional importance to the success of the Charleston Base and had a positive impact on the base membership. The recipient will be nominated from within the base membership with the final decision being made by the Board of Directors. Nominations will be conducted each year in January and February with the award presented at the March base meeting. To be qualified for this award, the nominee must be a member in good standing for three consecutive years and cannot be an active member of the Board of Directors (as defined by the Charleston Base Bylaws) for at least one year prior to nomination.

The decision by the board was that we should not exclude anyone from the Distinguished Submariner Award and since no motion had been made no vote was necessary.

The board will be sent the nominations to vote on after the close of nominations on February 28. The Base Secretary will send out an e-mail listing the nominees to be voted on ASAP.

The meeting was adjourned at 1855.