USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Director members Ed Stank, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Ken Curtis, Rick Sparger, Mike Knaub, Chris Hayden, Rick Wise, Jerry Stout and Don Mook. Also attending were base member Butch Bryar.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec sent a report on base finances via Ed Stank.

Membership Chairman Don Mook reported we now have 320.

Nick Nichols said he would have a short report this month. Nick also mentioned that he had the impression talking to some of the wives of members being inducted into the Holland Club that they weren't aware that families and friends are welcome to attend. Ed Stank said he would send out an e-mail to member being inducted inviting family and friends.

Mike Knaub showed the recognition certificate we will be presenting to the grandson of a Charleston Base member at the April meeting.

Jerry Stout reported on plans for the Amberjack Memorial/Submarine Birthday Ceremony at 1100 on Saturday, April 12. The Board requested that Jerry ask Carl Chinn to handle the sound system.

Base Secretary Rick Wise asked that if anyone has any base forms or correspondence please get it to the Base Secretary.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger talked about the problems he had in providing flag poles and flags for the USS Simon Bolivar reunion and made a motion that we purchase 3 flag poles to fit our stands and a new national ensign with cost not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

He also emphasized that we need to follow our equipment sign-out procedures.

Ed Stank pointed out that because of the number we will be inducting into the Holland Club we need to keep the reports to a minimum.

There was a discussion on the status of the float. If the new float trailer is not done and we need to use the old trailer we need to limit the speed of the float to 45 mph.

Ed suggested that the Recreation Committee work on having a base picnic in May since we haven't had a base function since the Christmas Party.

There was a discussion of a request from someone associated with Goodwill Industries about what they do for veterans. The board does not want to start doing this because the number of different groups that would want to come speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 1918.