

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1754 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Director members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Rick Wise, Steve Morawiec, Ken Hutchison, Walt Deal, Bill Freligh, George Scharf, Nick Nichols and Don Mook. Also attending were base members Butch Bryar and Rick Carlson.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec gave a report on base finances. The report been placed on the base website. He had checked with Edward Jones and there is no fee for selling shares of the Investment Fund. Steve will make the motion to trim the fund to \$25,000 with the proceeds going to the General Fund. The board decided that since the base had been notified of the intention to make the motion before the last meeting there would be no need to send out a new notification.

Steve has also received an offer for new member George Fuchs to take over the newsletter. Steve will produce the August Newsletter and then turn over. The format of the newsletter may go back to a .pdf document.

Vice Chairman and Membership Chairman Don Mook reported that we have 336 members and recommended carrying business cards to hand out with the information on Charleston Base meetings. He had received an application for a new member who joined the Navy in 1948. There was a discussion about paying base dues for Korean War era veterans. The Membership Chairman will look into how many members this might affect and get back to the Board.

Base Secretary Rick Wise asked who would make the announcement to silence cell phones. The board decided that the COB would make the announcement.

Nick Nichols, Base Chaplain talked about the condition of base member Dennis “Frenchy” Fuqua who suffer a severe stroke.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger asked why, if we are the 2nd largest base in the nation, don’t we get more coverage in *American Submariner*?

He also talked what would be needed and an estimate of the cost if Charleston Base did not cater the Butt Roast.

Base Chairman Ed Stank has received an invitation to speak to the Navy League in Mt. Pleasant. He has accepted. He also discussed the liability insurance program through National USSVI. There is a form to fill out for covered functions. The Base Secretary will fill out and submit the forms.

The base has been invited to participate in the See Saw Days Parade in Harleyville on September 6. The Board agreed to accept the invitation. We will try to have the float ready by then on the old trailer.

Ed has also received an e-mail from the Tri-County Veterans Support Network asking if we would like to join them in one of their next meetings. Ed will contact Ken Curtis about this group.

Ed also reminded the Board that there would be a Holland Club Induction Ceremony at the October meeting. We have 5 members eligible for the ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 1906.