

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1759 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Ken Curtis, Steve Moraweic, Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, Walt Deal, Don Mook, and George Fuchs and base member Butch Bryar.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ed started the board meeting with a discussion of the James B. Osborne Scholarship program. Currently the Scholarship Committee consists of George Scharf, Gary Williams and Ricky Collins. Ed has submitted some suggested changes to the Scholarship Program instruction. The board talked about various ways to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. George Scharf is looking into possible fund-raising events. One suggestion was to solicit items from base members to be sold online with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.

Base Treasurer Steve Moraweic reported that the base took in \$348.57 more than was spent in 2014. The Board agreed to transfer that money from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund.

There was a discussion on the status of the new trailer for the base float. Rick Sparger reported that work is supposed to begin on Monday, January 12. Marty Sessler will check to see if the work starts and, if not, the board agreed to turn the project over to another group that have expressed interest. Ed Stank will work on getting an estimate and contract from that group.

There was some discussion on the Page 2 being used by the Base Chaplain and the information that was already on file with USSVI. Nick Nichols pointed out that he did not have access to that information. Ed Stank said he would take actions so that information was available to the Base Chaplain. Nick also pointed out that even if the base member indicated no interest in having Charleston Base participate in his funeral the family might want it.

Ed asked for volunteers to review the Charleston Base By-Laws and related documents in accordance with Article XV Section 4. One of the things that he asked they look at was a way to allow all base members to vote for base officers (on-line or e-mail voting). Walt Deal and Ken Curtis volunteered to be on the committee. Nick Nichols offered to send the related documents to Walt and Ken.

There was a discussion on the next Christmas Party. Rick Sparger will look into having the party at the FRA and having use of the whole building. He will also look into combining the Charleston Base and FRA picnics. The plan for 2015 is to have 2 buffet meals at the FRA on our meetings when the Holland Club presentations are made, a picnic and the Christmas party.

Ed will ask for recommendations from the base for the Distinguished Submariner Award. He will also be making a trip to the Victory House every month on the Tuesday following the Charleston Base meeting.

For the January trip the Victory House requests a list of those attending so that they can have lunch with the residents. He pointed out that we have not yet made the \$250 donation to the Victory House since we have not received a list of what is needed following the donation received over Christmas.

Ed also pointed out that the annual audit of the Charleston Base accounts is due this quarter. The Treasurer recommends asking Gary Williams since he has done the audit before.

Membership Chairman Don Mook reported that we currently have 338 members but 25 still owe National dues and 45 owe base dues. We currently have 121 members that pay annual dues, 179 National life members and 141 Charleston Base life members. He asked that in reviewing the By-Laws that the committee look at having Charleston Base due align with the National dues as far as the required dates.

The Base Treasurer Steve Moraweic recommended we eliminate Charleston Base life memberships since we are not able to access the money from previous life memberships in the Investment Fund. After a discussion on this a motion was made by Nick Nichols to put future life membership into the General Fund. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Base Chaplain Nick Nichols gave an update on base members. He hopes to start a program for shipmate care where base members contact up to 5 base members who do not normally make meeting to check on their status.

Ed Stank asked that anyone who have things belonging to Charleston Base to send a list to him by e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 1929.