

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1752 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Ken Curtis, Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Ken Hutchison, Butch Bryar and George Fuchs and base member Mike Ciesielko.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ken Curtis reported that a shuttle service to and from the VA Medical Center will start on March 16 from 41 Folly Road near Porter Gaud School. He will have a handout at the meeting. The groundbreaking to the new parking facility at the VAMC will be held on March 25.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger reported that he is the point of contact for the free tickets for the Submarine Birthday Ball on April 10. He also reported that chicken quarters will be added to the menu for the Charleston Base – FRA picnic.

George Scharf reported that the Scholarship is looking to have a car show in May as a fundraiser. Planning is ongoing. The Swamp Fox meetings will be held at Golden Corral. Future projects may include Stingray and Riverdogs tickets.

Ken Hutchison reported he would not be at the June meeting. He reported he had one candidate for Base Commander – Rick Wise and one for Treasurer – Mike Welch and has heard that the Base Vice-Commander is going to need to be filled since the current Vice-Commander has stated his intention to resign.

Nick Nichols gave an update on the Binnacle List. He pointed out that some of the updates were due to the Shipmate Contact Program. He asked if anyone could come up with a plan to match base members who do not or cannot drive at night to base members who could bring them to the Base meetings.

George Fuchs reported that Dan Hunt had volunteered to take over mailing of the Charleston Base newsletter.

Rick Wise asked the concurrence of the Board in having Mike Ciesielko to take over as Base Secretary. The Board agreed. Rick said he will complete the update of the Duties and Responsibilities and the Updated By-Laws following the March Base meeting.

He also passed out the revised Duties and Responsibilities sheets for Holland Club Chairman and Recreation Committee. The board reviewed and approved the changes.

Ed Stank reported that we now have 320 members.

The Charleston Base float trailer is being repaired with an expected cost of \$268. There will be some new signage on the float recognizing companies that have assisted the base.

The Submarine Birthday Ball will be at the Charleston Marriot Hotel on Friday, April 10. Cost of thickets for SubVets is \$35 each.

The Submarine Birthday/USS Amberjack Memorial Service will be held at the Cold War Submarine Memorial in Mt. Pleasant at 1000 on Saturday, April 11. The COB will need some help in setting up.

The Massing of the Colors will be held at the Summerall Chapel at The Citadel at 3 pm this Sunday, March 8. Be there by 2:30 pm. The recommended uniform is the vest uniform with tie.

The SE Regional meeting business meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22.

Ed talked about the Bonefish Project in conjunction with the Bonefish Grill. This would consist of presenting a framed picture of the WWII USS Bonefish with a brass label recognizing that it came from USSVI-Charleston Base to be prominently displayed at the restaurant. Ed will get an estimate on the cost to present to the base. The Board agreed.

A motion was made by Rick Wise that Charleston Base pay for a buffet for the April meeting in conjunction with Holland Club Induction. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1903.