

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Nick Nichols, Rick Wise, Steve Morawiec, Mike Ciesielko, George Fuchs, George Scharf, Bill Freligh and Ken Hutchison.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Base Vice-Commander Rick Sparger gave us an update on the Coffee mugs with the USSVICB Logo and dolphins on them to sell for the scholarship fund. Apparently they charge you .65 cents per letter per color. Rick then recommended the words US Submarine veteran and a set of Dolphins. The Local Vendor is Applied Paints and Products. The colors are white and granite

Rick updated us on the annual picnic on 16 May. He has help and we are partnered with the fleet reserve. They are planning on going out to Short stay at 7 and 730 on Saturday Morning. The menu will be Chicken quarters, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Potato salad, Baked beans and Cole Slaw. We are going to start at 12pm. FRA is going to do a cooler of cheer they are going to raffle off.

Members with Last name starting with the letters "A" thru "M" bring side dishes and "N" thru "Z" bring deserts. The base treasurer asked the financials be settled before the picnic.

The Subvets and FRA will split costs and profits 50/50.

Ed discussed with Tim Scott about having Sub vets license plates. NC and Tennessee have them and we have the second largest membership nationally.

Ken Hutchinson reported that as election coordinator Rick Wise is running unopposed as Base Commander and Mike Welch is running unopposed as base treasurer. The new storekeeper declined the position.

Ken pointed out we need a new events coordinator. The Memorial Day ceremony will be Monday 25th May.

Mike Ciesielko base secretary sent out an email to membership to find out who didn't have membership cards as of five days, 48 members reported that they never received their lifetime or regular membership cards.

Rick Wise recommended making a motion for the float. Rick Wise made a motion to scratch the original \$4000.00 motion for a new Float and recommended that \$1500 for renovations to existing float from the investment fund. It was seconded by George Scharf. Motion passed.

Ed pointed out we worked on the Little David project over the weekend and it still needs some work but overall looks pretty good.

George Fuchs recommended help with ideas for the newsletter. He would like more input. Like Current events. Steve Morawiec suggested that being the newsletter chairman you have to be a photographer and or reporter.

Base secretary suggested a getting to know you section in the newsletter to where you told about one different person a month with a photograph and short paragraph about them.

Base treasurer Steve Morawiec discussed that at the end of last month we spent \$50.00 to email members without email the newsletter. That comes to about \$600.00 a year.

Steve made a motion that we do away with all printed newsletters with the exception of WWII Veterans

The motion was seconded by George Scharf. The motion passes.

George Scharf gave a report on the scholarship fund. There are 4 nominees.

The winner will be announced at the June 11th meeting.

Bill Freligh had new Holland Club business there may be a new Member inducted in October.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec reported on the status of Charleston Base funds. Steve also pointed out that the general fund was within \$450 of running in the black.

Steve made a motion that the money earned in the investment fund be distributed to the general fund in the amount of \$450.00 to bring the general fund in the black. Rick Sparger seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Nick Nichols gave the Chaplain's report.

Mike Emerson and Nick went to see Doc Hill. He is not doing well. If anyone can go see him it would be awesome. Mike Helped Docs wife put up a bedrail.

Abe Jenkins is not doing well either. If you get a chance to go see or call him it would be helpful.

Got a card from the Flemings. Nick will read it at the meeting Thursday.

The SCP is still working. Let's keep up the good work.

Nick is going to make a change to the sailing list. Nick gets a few dozen emails a month asking what the user name and password is. What he is going to do is he is going to turn it into a secure PDF file. It will have one password easy to remember.

Ed pointed out that Sunday is Mother's day.

Ed and Rick went to SouthEast regional convention. Because he complained about not having a business meeting they had one. National dues are going from \$20.00 to \$25.00. They complained about the distribution of the American Submariner. They want members to get the magazine electronically. Most people get the hard copy.

Ed Talked to GW about the Audit Letter. It will be ready to sign at next meeting.

The election for district Commander will be at this Thursday's meeting.

The 25th is Memorial Day. We will put out more info about the ceremony at the base meeting.

Ken Hutchinson made a motion to cancel the Amberjack ceremony until next April. Mike Ciesielko seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ed reiterated that Jack Smith Poet Laureate of Dorchester County will be here next week at the May base meeting.

Rick Wise wanted to let everyone if he is elected Base commander the next Board Meeting will be on the 28th of May.

Rick also inquired about the sailing list if it's going to stay the same format. He was assured it was.

The meeting was adjourned at 1909.