

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Director members Rick Wise, Rick Sparger, Mike Ciesielko, Ken Hutchison, Ken Curtis, Bill Freligh, Ron Chambers, George Fuchs, Nick Nichols

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Ciesielko had nothing to Report.

Bill Freligh had nothing to report.

George Fuchs stated if no one provides him information it will not be put in the newsletter.

Rick Sparger recommended we cut down on the NAVY news articles for the newsletter. Storekeeper Ron Chambers informed us that the Business that embroiders our vest is shut down until the 18th of July. It has been sold to new owners effective at the end of the year. We do not know if there will be rate increase. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

COB Ken Hutchison relayed to the Board the FRA will be having an indoor 4th of July Picnic.

Ken Curtis Had Nothing to Report. There was a discussion on who to contact to have info put out to the troops.

Rick Sparger had a letter from Mike Emerson about a future Submariner hat. It was given to Rick Wise. It is to recognize an individual for academic accomplishments. More research into what we did before will be provided before the next meeting.

Rick Sparger has changed the Combination to the storage facility. A new cooler was taken and never returned. The Base Commander and COB have the new Combination. Tom Clark has resigned as PAO.

Tom Clark's request for an After Battery email was discussed along with other requests for personal emails using the USSVICB domain. These will be denied. The USSVICB domain emails are to be used for official USSVICB business only.

We have two volunteers for the Rec committee, Rich Cox and Al Dempster.

Vice Commander recommended that we review the condition of the coolers and at the next board meeting vote on the purchase of new ones.

There was a discussion about Steve Everette and his breast cancer. Ken Hutchison's wife asked if we check ourselves. It may be something to put out to the troops. Nick Nichols expressed regret that he tried to keep up with Ray Bryant and Ray was in the Hospital with Fluid on the Lung. He has been released.

Nick went over email issues especially mass emails. The server used to handle 8 hundred emails in an hour and now it is 6 hundred emails in an hour. Officers who send mass emails should be careful if someone has sent a mass email and be aware of the time and wait an hour.

Base Chaplain Nick Nichols made a motion that Base Vice Commander Rick Sparger hold the duties and title of special events coordinator as well. The duties will be added to the Vice Commander. The motion was seconded by Butch Bryar and passed on a voice vote.

The June meeting Nick pointed out that the families were asked to leave when we started the meeting. We believe the scholarship committee had them leave and we normally have them stay to see the beginning of our meeting which includes the prayer, pledge of allegiance and tolling of the boats. We will make sure this doesn't happen again.

Nick asked who is in charge of Facebook? Rick Wise pointed out he was in charge. He said he would look into it so we can keep the website and Facebook on the same page. Rick Wise is going to solicit for a new PAO that is not named Ed Stank or Rick Sparger. Butch said Nikki Haley vetoed a million dollars for the barge to move the Clamagore and place it on. Butch received a donation for the Clamagore of \$1000.00 from a prototype electrician. He is going to make him a certificate. Butch wants to get the signs for the Clamagore refurbished it will cost \$1200.00 Discussion was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Rick Wise mentioned the float and that Charlie Hudson recommended we put tubes in the tires of the float.

Rick Sparger talked about the FRA southeast regional convention in September. We have committed to put a full page ad in their Journal. We need someone to design the Ad. It needs to be to them by August 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 1854.