

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1758 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Rick Sparger, Ed Stank, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Larry Knutson, Ken Hutchison, Butch Bryar, Mike Welch, Nick Nichols, Ray Sparks.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rick started the board meeting with a discussion of the purchase of a laptop for the base and will go to Larry Knutson for base membership duties. It will be inventoried as base equipment.

Rick also discussed by law changes to Membership.

George Scharf had nothing to report.

Ron Chambers had nothing to report.

Butch Bryar had nothing to report.

Ken Hutchison had nothing to report.

Rick had a discussion that if you can stay for the meeting you can purchase depth charge tickets.

There was a discussion about Depth Charge tickets. The discussion was can anyone that is able to stay for the complete meeting purchase depth charge tickets and the answer is yes. If we invite a non-member to the meeting and they are present when we draw the depth charge they are allowed to purchase and win the depth Charge.

Ken Hutchison made the motion that we keep that If we invite a non-member to the meeting and they are present when we draw the depth charge they are allowed to purchase and win the depth Charge. George Scharf seconded the motion.

Ed Stank reported we currently have 335 Members. We have some members Delinquent on Dues.

Rick Sparger discussed the treasurer report with Mike Welch.

Base Treasurer Mike Welch reported on the status of Charleston Base funds.

Rick discussed providing food for the Holland Club in April. Yes we are still providing.

The Picnic is on the 7th of May and we are again having a combined picnic with the FRA. Once the Rec Committee provides a proposal we will post the cost per person.

Nick Nichols reported for Information there will be a flag folding and presentation for the Samples' family at our February base meeting.

Chaplain Report BOD February Meeting:

- Julian Villegas informed me that Jim Yates was in the hospital. I got in touch with Carol and she told me that Jim had surgery last night to try to fix his issues from Jan. 2015 surgery. He spent night in recovery as ICU was full. He is alert and doing well but in a lot of pain. He is in room 352. No visitors until further notice.

- Ray Bryant has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times since last meeting. He has been approved for a liver transplant and called around lunch to say he is on a 4 hour standby for the transplant. There is one person before him and if that person can't have it done Ray will be next.
- Larry Cox is now home after being in and out of the hospital a couple of times since last meeting, primarily with his COPD, pneumonia and bronchitis. He said it appears they got it all cleared up now.
- Dot Campbell, Soupy's wife, is home getting her strength back from a hospital ICU stay. She has open heart surgery is scheduled for mid-February to fix a leaking heart valve. Soupy will keep us informed.
Luke Murphy is in rehab recovering from a stroke on Jan. 17th. He is at LifeCare, Meadowridge rm 39D and visitors welcome after 4pm:
- Willie Jones is at a rehab facility near Moncks Corner about 20 minutes from his home recovering from pneumonia and a fall. Pruitt Health Moncks Corner, 505 S. Live Oak Dr., Moncks Corner SC 29461 843.761.8368. We need to discuss a ramp that he will need. Willie's cell number is 843-810-2425.
Mike Emerson is at home recovering from shoulder surgery. Once rehab is completed on this shoulder he will be having the other one operated on.
Margie Deal's sister passed away on Jan. 18th.
- Ken Curtis had a bout with colitis last week but is doing better.
- Sandra Woodley has had a very hard time with the flu but last I heard she was gradually getting better.

Nick Nichols spoke for Bill Freligh about the commissioning of a Banner to be made for the Holland Club. It would cost 40 to 50 dollars.

- Ken Hutchison made a motion to purchase a banner at a not to exceed cost of \$50.00 for the Holland Club Podium. George Scharf seconded.

George Fuchs has stepped down as Newsletter editor. Steve Morawiec will replace him.

Rick Wise informed the Vice Commander and Secretary that their positions are up for election this year.

Ed Stank commented about the South Carolina state Submariner License plates and the progress. Ed informed us that if the Bill is approved it requires a \$6850.00 donation.

Ed also reported that Financial reports are due to National by 31 March.

Ed suggested that we get our local churches to have a donation box for the Victory House.

Nick Nichols asked if when we go down to Victory House we take pictures for the Website.

Ray Sparks informed us that the next Nuclear Power graduating class is 26 February.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Welch made the motion and Ken Hutchison seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1856.