

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Rick Sparger, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Larry Knutson, Ken Hutchison, Butch Bryar, Mike Welch, Nick Nichols, Ken Curtis, Jimmy Kimbrell, Mike Emerson, Roger Gibson, Bill Freligh and Al Dempster. There was one non-board USSVICB member present, Jimmy Kimbrell.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rick started the meeting with Ken Curtis and Ken recommended we take out an ad in the DAV Convention book. Ken Hutchison made a motion to purchase a full page ad for SUBVETS for 100.00 George Scharf seconded.

Mike Ciesielko had news on Ray Bryant and he will be at the next meeting and will bring a guest.

Bill Freligh passed out coins for the ceremonies. Bill stressed that we need to buy Holland club coins from New London because they are only \$6.00 each. Ken Hutchison made a motion that we purchase the New London coins 25 each at \$6.00 and Ken Curtis seconded the motion.

Bill had a discussion about when Holland Club members will receive rockers. They will receive rockers at 55, 60, 65 and 70 years.

Bill started a discussion in depth about keeping the Legacy of Swap Fox and Holland Club and Bill was tasked with making a proposal on preserving the Swamp Fox Legacy.

George Scharf informed us that he is still trying to schedule a car show. The Scholarship is in dire need for Ideas to raise money.

George said they went up last week with pizza to see Willy. He said Willy is doing well. He informed us that Stacy Powers wife Elaine needs constant supervision.

Larry Knutson said we have 314 active paid members.

Rick Wise proposed that we pay CC Cager's National dues and forgive his base dues. Rick has paid CC's National dues. Larry Pepper lost his sponsor and Rick Sparger volunteered to be his sponsor.

Al Dempster gave us a report on the picnic. He met with FRA president on the status of the Combined FRA /SUBVETS picnic. The picnic will be May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Chambers had nothing to report.

Butch Bryar gave a report on the on goings of the proviso.

Ken Hutchison brought up having high and low limits for the funds for the base.

Ken mentioned that we have the Submarine Birthday Ball and the Amberjack Ceremony on April 9th coming up.

Also the 19<sup>th</sup> of April is the Victory House picnic.

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

Joe Lunn is the new Election coordinator.

Rick Sparger talked to Al Dempster and ensured us he will find out FRA participation on the picnic.

Rick discussed Jim Yates being honored for the Scholarship fund.

There was a motion by Ken Curtis that we name the Scholarship fund the Admiral James B Osborn / Jim Yates scholarship fund for one year in memory of Jim Yates. Butch Bryar seconded the motion.

The discussion ensued and George Scharf amended the motion and made the amended motion that it be named the Admiral James B Osborn –Senior Chief Jim Yates Scholarship fund in perpetuity. Butch Bryar seconded this motion.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

The Chaplain read two cards from the family of Abe Jenkins in the one card Chris Samuelsen donated \$200.00 to the base.

Nick made a motion that the \$200.00 be donated to the Scholarship fund. Mike Welch seconded. Vote carried.

### **Chaplain Report BOD March Meeting**

- 5 of our members departed on Eternal Patrol between January 9<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> – 29 days.
- CC Cager is home still recovering from the motorcycle wreck. They are trying to sell their house in Bonneau which is listed <http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/112-Woody-Ln-Bonneau-SC-29431-M52034-66121>
- Mike & Debbie Knaub's son, David, passed away on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Beetle Bailey is in Tampa Memorial Hospital with a major infection that erupted from his upper leg. He is currently on continuous doses of antibiotics and will be in the hospital for several more days and then plastic surgery. After discharge, he will have to undergo 2 weeks of rehabilitation in a facility near the base. His phone number is 843-906-0014 and would appreciate phone calls. He needs our prayers and support as this condition is very serious. Tried to call but got voice mail.
- Thom Beach is in Nashville TN while recovering from his liver transplant. He is doing extremely well and should be coming home next week. Tried to call but mailbox is full.
- Walt Deal's granddaughter, Maggie Rue Medert, just had both cataract surgery on both eyes. Surgery went well and she is being fitted with glasses that should work until she is 18. Walt & Margie will be leaving San Diego to come home this weekend.
- Luke Murphy is in MUSC rm 918 East after having another stroke which affected his left side. He's also struggling with pneumonia. He has MRSA which means all visitors must don gown and gloves before going into the room. Please pray for Luke.
- Roy Robertson is in Roper Rehab Downtown - rm 898B for rehab from his broken hip. Visitors are OK during visiting hours 1800-2100. Should be going home on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Ray Bryant is now home recovering from his liver transplant. 843.817.9510 - please call before going to visit.
- Willie Jones is at home.
- Clell Hutchinson is home on hospice and not doing well but would like to have visitors and short calls. Please call before visiting. 843.553.0935. Ray Sparks installed two smoke detectors and hung two mirrors for Catherine.
- Lynn Cousino is undergoing chemo treatments for liver cancer. Due to her last labs spiking, the Dr. has scheduled a more aggressive treatment regimen to start soon. Lynn was greatly disappointed but insists she will continue the good fight.
- Dot Campbell is home with home health care helping her recovery and rehab from heart surgery. Home health will be coming in to help with her recovery and rehab.
- Bill Jennings is home recovering from his last stay in the hospital. I talked to him today and he said he is doing well and hopes to be at the meeting next week.
- Charles Woods mother, Mary, passed away Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was in MD.
- Jimmy Kimbrell is at home and doing well after his surgery.
- Kathleen Smith is now a Roper Rehab Downtown rm 895. There's a lot of pain involved with her rehab.
- Bill Hall is at home recovering from his last tumor surgery. He is recovering well and said he could be dropped from the binnacle list.
- Karen Ilgenfritz has been receiving treatment for stomach cancer and it has now spread to some of her bones. A recent scan shows her condition has stabilized for the time being, meaning it has not spread any further than it already has
- Karen McKenna had her surgery and received great news on the results from the biopsy.

Rick Wise informed us of the Submarine Birthday ball on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Trident Tech. They are bringing 10 tickets to auction off at the next meeting for the scholarship fund.

Steve Moreweic cannot be newsletter editor and we are currently looking for a new member to fill the position.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Welch made the motion and Ken Hutchison seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1916.