



**US NAVY LEAGUE
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**
Meeting Minutes
DRAFT
February 9, 2016



Board Members - Present (20):

Ken Lee	Eric Rydstrom	Cindy Saulog	Sonia Foster
Jerry Nelinson	Mike Hurley	Nancy Fish-Averhart	Sue Comerford
Adele Siegel	Catherine Brister	Frank Habicht	Chuck Stark
Dan Pedrick	Diana Paxton	Jack Veasy	John Lively
Lou Palumbo	Phil Dunmire	Sumner Hushing	Anita Manuel

Board Members - absent (6):

Sharon Donahue	Jim Wells	Marybelle Knight	Merry O'Donnell
Patricia Reybold	Stan Shanck		

Others Present – (3)

Stanley & Adelle Seabert Shayla Enright

Proceedings:

- Board Meeting was called to order at Noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by President, Ken Lee. Agenda for the meeting was emailed to board members.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sumner Hushing.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for January 12, 2016, was circulated for review by e-mail were approved by the Board by voice vote.
- Treasurer Report ending 1/31/2016 which was sent via e-mail by Eric Rydstrom were approved by the Board by voice vote.

President's Remarks

- Since the Navy Birthday Ball was such a success, photo books were made. They are available for \$20. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Ken Lee.
- Ken mentioned the thank you letter sent by the Young Marines. It was very well put together and very informative.
- Ken complimented all of the volunteer parents who put so much time and effort into all of the youth programs that PBC-NL US supports.
- Ken read the Donors Honor Roll for 2015. Thank you donors!! You are what makes our support to the

sea services and youth groups possible. Please continue your wonderful generosity.

- \$5000 & above: Dean Woodman, Merry O'Donnell
- \$2500 & above: Bob Crippen, Catherine Brister & Jerry Gay, Lockheed Martin Corp.
- \$1000 & above: Sumner Hushing & Adele Siegel, John & Rosalie Keener, Eric Rydstrom & Joan Ross, John Benish
- \$500 & above: Jack Hanscom, Lou Palumbo, Kathy Gellis, Jim Wells, Deborah Ullman, Phil Dunmire, Stuart Feldman, Dan & Elinor Pedrick
- \$250 & above: Sue Comerford, Dr. Phil Harris, Helen Hull, Marybelle Knight, Frank Leonetti, Lamar Parker, Jerry Nelinson, Irv Silver, Barbara Rentschler, Richard Wennet
- Additional donors of \$100 or more: Iain Currie, Brad Gary, Christian Rossi, Paul Hill, Joel Jacobs, Ruth Langseder, Nancy Fish, Dee Paxton, Elizabeth Rogers, LCPL Alex Averhart, Hoadley Donahue Real Estate, Jim Ponce, Cindy Townsend, Charles Zambrano, Morton Wittlin
- Mike Hurley sent out annual update of membership. In his e-mail there was a "Photo Year in Review" of events that took place in 2015 and a summary of the Awards program. It showed what PBC – NL US does for our sailors and youth.
- Ken read an opening statement from Post 271 Rood-William American Veterans Legion newsletter that reflected the undesirable results of low participation in Board and social events for a volunteer organization, he thanked the NL-PBC board for their support and participation.
- The board applauded Treasurer, Eric Rydstrom for a job well done in 2015.

Old Business

- We are still in need of a guest speaker for May 2016
 - Dan Pendrick recommended LCDR Trent Westoff CO of NOSC. Dan will speak to him and see if he is available.
 - Col. Bob Ames will be the guest speaker for March luncheon at the National Croquet Center. Mr. Roy Foster will be accompanying him and sharing what they do for the homeless veterans in West Palm Beach.
 - The president thanked Lou Palumbo for recommending the speaker for the February luncheon.
- NOSC Palm Tree project is still pending. Dan will speak to CO Westoff and see when they are ready to receive donation. CO Westoff did mention that he will supply the labor.
- NOSC CPOs contribution – Ken made a motion to donate \$400 for outfitting NOSC Chief's Quarters in honor of Chief Stuart's outstanding performance. Motion approved.

New Business

- Ken requested a motion to approve \$500 contribution to Young Marines and American Veterans Sea Cadet Unit for assisting in the Fundraiser held in January at the Polo Club in Wellington. A donation of \$1000 was made by Irwin Edenzon. Motion approved
- Two retirements coming up; Chief Stuart from NOSC and the other will be announced when it is made official.
- NJROTC will have their annual Military Ball on April 21st. Ken Lee and Nancy Fish-Averhart to attend this event. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Ken Lee for details.
 - Ken made a motion to donate \$200 to help NJROTC with their Ball. Motion approved.
- Introductions were made of guest attending meeting:
 - Adele Siegel brought friends Stanley & Adelle Seabert
 - Shayla Enright, daughter of Commissioner of Port of Palm Beach
- The following Board Members graciously volunteered to be on the Navy Birthday Dinner committee: Anita Manuel, Catherine Brister, Diana Paxton, Sue Comerford, Lou Palumbo, Nancy Fish and Sonia Foster.
 - Chairman TBA
 - Date – TBA – sometime in the beginning of October. Will be at Sailfish Club if available

VP Programs – Sue Commerford

- Ken reviewed the upcoming events
 - Feb. 11th: Luncheon, Chesterfield Hotel Palm Beach – Bob Milne Ragtimist
 - Mar. 8th Luncheon, National Croquet Center – Speaker: Col. Bob Ames/Mr. Roy Foster
 - Apr. 12th Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
 - Apr. 16th Youth Recognition Dinner
 - May 10th Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
 - May 16th Luncheon, PGA National Members Club – Speaker TBA
 - June 14th Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
 - June 18th Navy Reserve Appreciation Dinner – Lake Worth Golf Club

VP Maritime Affairs – Ken Lee

- Dan Pedrick – NOSC; Enjoyed the Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year luncheon. Ken Lee, Dan & Elinor Pedrick & Chuck Stark attended this event. Dan requested more visual support from the Navy League Board; he would like to see more members attend these events. Dan commented on how impressive these young men and women are and that it is a worthwhile event to attend.
- Sonia Foster – USCG; Sonia presented the Guardian of the Quarter award to an unsuspecting sailor who saved the Coast Guard \$76,000 in expenses because he made the time and effort to repair something himself. Jerry Nelinson was the sponsor for this award.
 - Ken introduced Frank Verna from the Palm Beach Sea Cadet unit to the CO and XO of the Lake Worth Coast Guard base. They are hoping to re-establish a relationship so that the sea cadets from Palm Beach Division may have activities there.
 - Sonia suggested looking into the Coast Guard Auxiliary to help support the Sea Cadets as well.
 - Eric questioned why the CO of American Veterans was not included in the introduction. The thought had not occurred to either Ken or Sonia. Ken suggested Frank finish working something out with Coast Guard first and then have him communicate with Larry Saulog, the CO of American Veterans Division.
- Lou Palumbo – AUTEK; AUTEK stopped having Sailor of the Quarter awards because it was too expensive to have a NL board member travel to the base. Lou and Ken have worked something out where the presentation will be done locally and taken back to the base. AUTEK will supply the names of six awardees and Lou will get them to AUTEK WPB and CO will present at AUTEK Andros Island.
- USS FLORIDA – Out of communication
- USMC – Nothing to report

VP Youth Programs -Nancy Fish

- Nancy Fish-Averhart will send out request to the four youth organizations to ask for their nominees for Top Performers for 2015 and Commander of the Color Guard for April 16 Youth Appreciation dinner.

VP Membership -Mike Hurley

- Mike thanked Ken Lee for putting together the “Year in Review” photo slide. Mike encouraged the board to share this with friends who would like to know what the PBC NL US does for our community. It is an excellent resource.
- Mike reminded everyone that national has reduced the annual membership fee from \$65 to \$55

- Ken gave a brief summary of what PBC NL US did for the youth organizations it supports.

VP Communications – Jerry Nelinson

- The board would like to see more articles written in Sea Power Magazine

Comment from the Floor

- VP Development – Sharon Donahue has been a no show. She is very busy running 3 agencies with over 65 new agents. May need to consider someone else for this position. Ken will touch base with her and find out what can be done.
- Phil asked if any youth will be attending upcoming luncheon where the couple that gave the large donation will be present. No youth coming as it's a mid-week luncheon.
- Sumner asked why we no longer have a benediction when we start our board meeting. He sited the fact that it has been a long standing tradition and at one point, we had a chaplain. Sumner proposed a prayer before each meeting if president so chooses. This was noted by president. No further action or comment at this time.
- Chuck was thankful for the opportunity to hand out awards to fellow Hospital Corpsman at the NOSC Sailor of the Quarter event two weeks ago.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned promptly at 12:45 pm