



# US NAVY LEAGUE PALM BEACH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

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**March 8, 2016**



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comments/edits to Ken Lee

### **Board Members - Present (17):**

Ken Lee	Sonia Foster	Jerry Nelinson	Mike Hurley	Stan Shanck
Sue Comerford	Catherine Brister	Frank Habicht	Chuck Stark	Dan Pedrick
Diana Paxton	Jack Veasy	John Lively	Lou Palumbo	Anita Manuel
Patricia Reybold	Sumner Hushing			

### **Board Members - absent (9):**

Sharon Donahue	Jim Wells	Marybelle Knight	Merry O'Donnell	Phil Dunmire
Adele Siegel	Nancy Fish-Averhart	Eric Rydstrom	Cindy Saulog	

### **Others Present – (2)**

Lynn Atkinson Drucker – President, South Florida Area, Navy League of the U.S.  
SCPO Shannon “Tim” Core – Senior Instructor, Boca Raton H.S. NJROTC

### **Proceedings:**

- Board Meeting was called to order at Noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by President, Ken Lee. A Draft and Final Agenda for the meeting had been emailed to board members and was followed (Final Agenda attached to these minutes)
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Stark.
- Ken Lee introduced guests Lynn Drucker and SCPO Tim Core
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for February, 2016, had been circulated for review by e-mail were approved by the Board by voice vote with following changes: (1) Under VP Programs change date from Mar 8 to Mar 23 for upcoming Croquet Club luncheon
- Treasurer Report ending 2/29/2016 which had been sent via e-mail by Eric Rydstrom was approved by the Board by voice vote after discussion that included:
  - (1) Ken Lee noted we are \$3.3K positive cash flow YTD, but that includes the unexpected donation of \$3K from Minkin Foundation in Palm Beach
  - (2) Ken Lee thanked the 2016 YTD cash donors that were present at meeting: John Lively, Dan Pedrick, Lou Palumbo, Catherine Brister and Jerry Nelinson
  - (3) Ken Lee noted that we have given out well over \$1000 in cash awards already in 2016 and that donations for performance awards are still required as we go along.

- (4) Anita Manuel and Sonia Foster raised questions on checks and cash that had been tendered but weren't listed in Treasurer Report .... Ken Lee said these 3 items would be investigated and reported on by Treasurer
- (5) Catherine Brister asked that her thanks to Treasurer be recorded for his getting out the 2015 tax letters promptly and accurately.

### **President's Remarks**

- President Ken Lee noted the excused absences of Directors Nancy Fish, Eric Rydstrom, and Cindy Saulog. He also noted that our normal hostess Kim was absent (flu) and Rema and restaurant manager Jim would be serving.
- Ken pointed out the 4 extra pieces of info included in the FINAL AGENDA (Upcoming events list, Officers/Directors List, Flyer for Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon and News Clip for PBG NJROTC Ball)
- Ken reported on the date change for Youth Appreciation Dinner (from April 16 to April 23) and thanked Sue Comerford for resolving this issue on Saturday and Sunday –applause from Board for Sue. Date change was due to big staff turnover at the club and our reservation being “lost.”
- Ken reported on the outstanding PBG NJROTC Mil. Ball that he and Youth VP Nancy Fish attended on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, noting that the Ball had progressed from a school cafeteria event a few years ago to a very polished formal Ball at the Marriott this year
- Ken complimented all of the volunteer parents who put so much time and effort into all of the youth programs that NL-PBC supports.

### **Old Business**

- Items were discussed as listed in FINAL AGENDA, with following additional info:
  - Chesterfield as venue ..... more negative than positive comments; definitely not a unanimous opinion either way ..... Sumner suggested BallenIsles if Piano Bob (Milne) plays again and volunteered to be POC with BI staff for this or other NL-PBC event at BI

### **New Business**

- New Business items were discussed as listed in FINAL AGENDA, with following additional info:
  - Funding was approved by unanimous voice vote for PB Div Sea Cadets request for itemized list of training/competition materials totaling \$5105.75 (with \$1500 being authorized by Pres. and sent to PB Div in Feb)
  - Nancy Fish's motion was approved by unanimous voice vote to fund the Young Marines request for support for their Wash, DC trip in May to tune of \$3200 representing about 1/3 of unit's cost estimate. Council's share of this support was reduced to \$2600, with Jim Wells, Sumner Hushing and Adele Siegel offering to support this funding at \$200 ea (applause from Board for

these individuals)

- President Ken Lee noted that PB Div Sea Cadet funding request was one that asked for 100% funding of their new material needs (unit is growing quite a bit recently) and the YMs funding request was one of “it’s going to cost approx. \$10, 000 – one third will be borne by parents of participating cadets, one third by focused YM fund-raising (in progress) and we’d like as much support as we can get from council for remaining third.”

Ken then continued to report his intention to work with Youth VP Nancy Fish and feed back to our Youth Groups that the YMs approach is the correct model for such funding requests; i.e. “Dear Council – we need this much and we’re raising this much and how much can you help us”- cost sharing approach is the desired approach. All comments from Board members were in favor of this cost-sharing approach (it’s not a new rule or law, but a statement of intentions to be the norm; there of course may be exceptions)

- Sonia Foster made a motion that the council fund Navy League membership for 2016 for Jianying Hanscom (widow of past President Jack H) and invite her as council guest to remaining 2016 events. This motion was passed by quorum of Directors remaining, about 3 minutes after meeting adjournment ..... Ken Lee forgot to address this motion before adjournment and then did so with a quorum of Directors still present.
- Guests Lynn Drucker and Senior Chief Tim Core were each given about 3-min. for remarks; both were well received by the Board; each was presented with a council challenge coin.

### **VP Programs – Sue Commerford**

- Sue reviewed the upcoming events & confirmed venue reservations have been re-checked
  - Mar. 23rd Luncheon, National Croquet Center – Speaker: Col. Bob Ames/Mr. Roy Foster
  - Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
  - Apr. 23rd Youth Recognition Dinner (Date change from April 16 emphasized & explained)
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, PGA National Members Club – Speaker: CDR Rick Westhoff CO-NOSC WPB
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting; Marriot WPB Bistro
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> Navy Reserve Appreciation Dinner – Lake Worth Golf Club

*Sue reported Bear Lakes CC also reserved for April 15, 2017 for Youth Dinner*

### **VP Maritime Affairs – Ken Lee**

- Dan Pedrick – NOSC: Addressed potential landscape assistance with CO; will not mention again unless and until NOSC raised the subject

- Sonia Foster – USCG: Nothing new this meeting
- Lou Palumbo – AUTEK: Reported that plaques and cash (\$900) were delivered to XO LCDR Vaughn in Feb for SOQ and SOY awards that will be presented by CO, AUTEK at the Andros Is. facility. Also reported that he and Dan Pedrick had run into AUTEK Chief Sandoval just before the Board meeting and had nice discussion
- USS FLORIDA – Out of communication
- USMC – Ken Lee noted Col. Jim Wells’ volunteering to add \$200 for Young Marines funding request and will send check to NL-PBC this week

**VP Youth Programs -Nancy Fish**

- Ken Lee noted that Nancy had contacted all 4 youth groups in early Feb and got confirmation of their readiness to participate in Youth Appreciation dinner on April 16<sup>th</sup> ..... now a message has been sent to all 4 groups asking for their support for the dinner with a date change to April 23, 2016 – responses are pending.

**VP Membership -Mike Hurley**

- Mike reported the 5 new members for February and that we broke the 200 barrier; now at 202
- Mike suggested that E-memberships would be a cost-friendly approach to getting membership from parents of our youth group members

**VP Communications – Jerry Nelinson**

- Jerry reminded everyone of the excellent News Clips published for every council event
- Jerry led the council in a moment of silence for the two recently deceased Master Chief Petty Officers of the Navy (MCPON Robert Walker) and MCPON William Plackett) and for Nancy Reagan.

Both MCPONs were friends of Jerry’s, and Jerry was involved in the commissioning of aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and embarked upon Reagan for underway operations.



**Palm Beach Council challenge coins were presented to guests South Florida Area President Lynn Drucker and Boca NJROTC Senior Instructor Tim Core**  
*(Photo by Palumbo)*

Minutes submitted by Ken Lee, in the absence of Cindy Saulog, Secretary  
 Meeting adjourned promptly at 1:00pm, to be followed by Navy Birthday Dinner Committee meeting (at which Anita Manuel and Catherine Brister agreed to be Chair and Co-chair of the Oct 15<sup>th</sup> event).