



**US NAVY LEAGUE
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**
Meeting Minutes
Draft
March 10, 2015



Board Members - Present (19):

Catherine Brister	Jack Hanscom	Lou Palumbo	Sonia Foster
Cindy Saulog	Jack Veasy	Marybelle Knight	Stan Shanck
Dan Pedrick	Jerry Nelinson	Mike Hurley	Sue Comerford
Eric Rydstrom	John Lively	Nancy Fish	Sumner Hushing
Frank Habicht	Ken Lee	Patricia Reybold	

Board Members - absent (7):

Adele Siegel	George Mastics	Merry O'Donnell	
Jim Wells	Phil Dunmire	Rob Ford	Wayne Diller

Others Present – (5)

Ann Ganzel	Bill Waylett	CDR Robert & Sophia Lopez
Rick Comerford		

Proceedings:

- Board Meeting was called to order at 11:45am at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by President, Jack Hanscom. Agenda for the meeting was emailed to board members.
- President acknowledged the guest honor CDR Robert & Mrs. (Sofia) Lopez, OIC AUTECH Bahamas
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by CDR Robert Lopez to open the meeting.
- Draft minutes written by Ken Lee in Cindy Saulog's absence for February 10, 2015, which were circulated for review by e-mail was approved by the Board by voice vote.
- Treasurer Report which was sent via e-mail was approved by the Board by voice vote.

Old Business:

- 100th Anniversary United States Naval Reserve
 - Question was asked whether to pay tribute in June or participate and provide a cake for NOSC
 - Sailor of the Quarter will be held 29 March 15:30 in conjunction with PBKC dog races at 13:30
 - 160 -200 people are expected
 - Dan P. emphasized the need for more support, not just financial but visual participation (attendance at events).

- The Navy Ball Committee will meet after the Board meeting
 - Eric motioned expense not to exceed income. Sumner 2nd.
 - After an animated discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed.
 - Frank Habicht asked to be kept informed of ball details as he will have committed \$2000 to \$3000

Treasurer's Report: Eric Rydstrom

- A report was sent out via email to all board members.
- Ken Lee noted that the account was impacted by the Navy Seal Museum account which created extra work for Eric Rydstrom. He has done an outstanding work handling over \$700,000 and keeping the council vs SEAL funds clearly apparent in reports

Youth Programs Nancy Fish

- Youth Recognition – change of cost from \$50 to \$60
- Nancy was asked about Color Guard for event. She plans on Young Marines for color guard and will verify with PB Sea Cadets to ensure no misunderstanding
- April 15th Young Marines will have a pot luck at NOSC. Navy League was invited to attend.
 - Jack Hanscom will attend
- Jack Hanscom commented that he was very impressed with all of the activities that the Young Marines participate in. He received a detailed account from Adjutant Cindy Townsend of upcoming events. Ken Lee said he'd re-send by e-mail to Pres. the material Cindy had recently sent via usps.
- April 7th Amvets Seacadets will have a Change of Command take place at G-Star School of the Arts. Navy League members were invited to attend.
- Nancy reported that all four youth group that the Navy League support will be participating in the upcoming Navy Seal event.

Communications: Jerry Nelinson

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Membership: Mike Hurley

- No new members this passed month
- Comment was made by Ken Lee that National membership has dropped considerably within the last five years. Membership went from 70,000 to approximately 42,000 while NLPBC has maintained the same number of membership or slight increase for the last five years.

Executive VP/VP Maritime: Ken Lee

- Sonia Foster presented the Sailor of the Year Awards at AUTECH on March 4th
 - CDR Robert Lopez thanked the Board for their generous contribution. He mentioned that the sailors felt great. He received many positive comments from his sailors. Overall morale was

boosted. CDR Robert Lopez also thanked Sonia Foster for her participation.

- CDR Lopez reported that it now costs his mil. people \$212 round-trip to use the AUTEK daily plane shuttle; this compares to about \$80 earlier. Now mil. and civilian staff pay same. (Pedrick comment – seems unfair unless mil. pay and civilian pay are same and they're not)
- Ken informed the Board that the CO of NOSC will be the guest of the committee at the Seal Tribute Dinner on March 30th.
- Pres. asked how much NLPBC would receive for supporting SEAL Tribute event; Ken Lee said we had received 5% of net proceeds in 2013 but there was no up-front agreement on distributions for 2015.

Programs: Sue Comerford

- Copy of updated events was sent to all Board members via e-mail
- Approximately 30 people are expected to attend the upcoming social at the Croquet Club.

New Business:

- Jack Hanscom asked Bill Waylett to be the Legislative Affairs Officer. Bill Waylett accepted.
 - Bill Waylett educated the Board by explaining the e-mails sent to Congress from personal e-mail address will go directly to junk mail and never gets checked. In order for your Congressman to receive your e-mail, one needs to use their webmail.
 - Bill Waylett offered to give a 30 minute presentation about Legislative Affairs.
 - It was pointed out that Bill was a past president of Palm Beach Council and for the past approx. 10 years has been a very active National Director and the national training leader for council operations.
- Request was made to have a Proclamation made for NOSC 100th year Anniversary. Bill Waylett offered to draft Proclamation.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned promptly at 12:45pm