



**US NAVY LEAGUE
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**
Meeting Minutes
Draft
May 12, 2015



Board0. Members - Present (21):

Adele Siegel	Eric Rydstrom	Patricia Reybold	Dian Paxton
Catherine Brister	Frank Habicht	Ken Lee	Phil Dunmire
Cindy Saulog	Jack Hanscom	Merry O'Donnell	Sonia Foster
Chuck Stark	Jack Veasy	Mike Hurley	Sue Comerford
Dan Pedrick	Jerry Nelinson	Nancy Fish	Sumner Hushing

Board Members - absent (7):

George Mastics	Jim Wells	Marybelle Knight	Rob Ford
Helen Rivera	John Lively	Stan Shanck	

Others Present – (2)

Rick Comerford	Irina Hurley	Gary Potts (Palm Beach Div. – Sea Cadets)
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Proceedings:

- Board Meeting was called to order at Noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by President, Jack Hanscom. Agenda for the meeting was emailed to board members.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Stark.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for April 14, 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 by Eric Rydstrom was approved by the Board by voice vote.

Old Business:

- 15 APR 15 Young Marines had their annual Recruit Graduation pot luck buffet. PBCNL President Jack Hanscom attended event. Very professional ceremony was conducted. Bravo Zulu to Cindy Townsend – adjunct.
 - Division is in need of male staff especially in summer months.
- 23 APR 15 JNROTC Awards Ceremony was held at Palm Beach Gardens.
 - Navy League T. Roosevelt medal was presented for outstanding leadership.
 - Cadet Commander passing of the Sword took place.
 - Jack Hanscom and Capt. Deidre Krause attended event. Outstanding event.

- There were 386 Cadets present, 10 scholarships were handed out including the Daly scholarship.
- Jack Hanscom proposes Capt. Deirdre Krause as Liaison Officer for the T. Roosevelt Youth awards program. Motion passed. It was also pointed out by Jack that Roosevelt Award applies to Sea Cadets also, so we may be incorporating that in Deirdre's work.
- 8 May 15 USNSCC American Veterans Division – Sea Cadets attended Fleet week. Thirteen cadets toured the USS Cole.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Rydstrom

- No new business to discuss
- SEAL Tribute event on 30 MAR 15. Money distribution not complete but all bills are paid. \$855,000 net.
 - Chairwoman of event will make decision how to distribute monies soon.

Birthday Ball Committee

- Planning meeting to be held right after Board meeting.
- Catherine Brister adamantly requested that her name not be used if anyone plans to make phone calls to guests for contributions.

New Business:

- Request for Board approval of Nominating Committee for December elections.
 - Nominees: J. Veasy – Chairman, S. Hushing, S. Shank, M. O'Donnell and M. Hurley
 - Motion passed.
- Ken proposed Sharon Donohue for VP Development and submitted her name by memo to Chairman of Nominating Committee.
- Eric Rydstrom presented the following motion: Under Bylaws Art. 1, Sec. 3, the principal office of the corporation is changed from c/o Froehlich & De La Rua, LLC, 12008 South Shore Blvd., Suite 211, Wellington, FL 33418 to c/o Gellis Consulting, LLC, 601 Heritage Dr. #123, Jupiter, FL 33458. The mailing address shall continue to be P.O. Box 14344, N Palm Beach, FL 33408
 - Motion passed.
 - **Upcoming Events:**
 - 12 MAY 15 Birthday Ball Committee meeting to take place right after Board meeting.
 - 14 MAY 15 Luncheon Meeting at PGA – Guest speaker Phil Dunmire, Naval War College, DC Sea, Air & Space. Our host for the event Frank Drennan will be unable to attend and sends his

regrets.

- 25 MAY 15 Young Marines will march in Washington D.C.
- 13 JUN 15 Navy Reserve Appreciation Dinner - 100 year Anniversary. Elected officials invited.
- 16 JUN 15 NL National Convention –Grand Hyatt Tampa. The cost of rooms has been reduced.
- 12 JUL 15 NOSC Family Day. NL invited, location TBA
- 22 AUG 15 Field trip to UDT-SEAL Museum. There will be a 56 passenger bus available, 2/3 of the building has been refurbished with new displays. Navy Seal Museum did not borrow a dime. Seal obstacle course was donated by Mrs. Rush Limbaugh (Katherine).
- 12 SEP 15 Welcome Back Port of Palm Beaches – 5-7pm
- 10 OCT 15 240th Birthday Ball – will be held at the Beach Club
- 11 NOV 15 Luncheon at NPB CC guest speaker – Bill Waylett, CAPT USN Ret. , VP for Legislative Affairs and NL National Consultant.
- Feb. 2016 – Social at The Chesterfield Palm Beach. Bob Milne – Ragtime Piano Player will play for us.

Youth Programs Nancy Fish

- Gary Potts, CO of Palm Beach Division Sea Cadets attended meeting. He requested assistance with purchasing uniforms.
 - Due to past history with previous CO, the unit does not have funds for new uniforms.
 - Currently has 46 active cadets. 6 new recruits recently signed up. Potts plans to cap off at 110 cadets maximum for his unit.
 - Sonia Foster motioned \$5,000 be given to the unit to help off-set the cost of new uniforms.
 - Eric Rydstrom stated that there was approximately \$22,000 in the Goldberg fund specifically for the Sea Cadets Palm Beach Division for such purposes.
 - Motion passed to give West Palm Beach Division \$5,000 from the Goldberg fund.
- A request was made by Nancy Fish on behalf of Young Marines for \$500 to help with cost of trip to Washington DC.
 - They have a \$2,100 short fall but planned on borrowing funds from their Paris Island fund to offset deficit. Total cost is \$13,000 for the Washington trip. They have raised \$6,200 for this event. 22 Adult Staff and cadets will be attending this event.
 - Eric Rydstrom moved to give Young Marines \$2,200 from NL Operation funds to assist with cost of trip to Washington DC. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Membership: Mike Hurley

- Per Mike Hurley, May looks good for membership. There are a couple of potential candidates.
- 1 new member in April
- Patricia Reybold followed up with new member

Executive VP/VP Maritime: Ken Lee

- Should wind up the UDT-SEAL benefit by the month end. The income to our Council will be 3.5% or about \$29,500. \$12,000 more than in 2013
- Nothing going on with Coast Guard; Ken Lee suggested calling to ensure stay connected; e.g. there's been no recent Guardian of the Quarter

Proposed Senior Advisory Council

- Held a discussion of having an Advisory Board.
 - Jack Veasy against it. The current Board are the advisors.
 - Dan suggested a committee
 - Sonia mentioned a mentoring program
 - Proposal tabled.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned promptly at 1:00 pm