



**US NAVY LEAGUE  
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Draft**  
**April 14, 2015**



**Board Members - Present (16):**

Catherine Brister	Jack Hanscom	Merry O'Donnell	Stan Shanck
Cindy Saulog	Jack Veasy	Mike Hurley	Sue Comerford
Dan Pedrick	John Lively	Nancy Fish	Sunner Hushing
Erik Rydstrom	Ken Lee	Patricia Reybold	Chuck Stark

**Board Members - absent (10):**

Adele Siegel	George Mastics	Lou Palumbo	Phil Dunmire
Frank Habicht	Jim Wells	Marybelle Knight	Wayne Diller
Jerry Nelinson	Rob Ford		

**Others Present – (1)**

Rick Comerford

**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 said to open the meeting.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for March 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 by Eric Rydstrom was approved by the Board by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United States Naval Reserve
  - Party went very well.
  - Good turn out from PBC Navy League – Dan thanked everyone for their participation.
  - Navy personnel very thankful for PBC Navy League support.
  - Thanks to PBCNL group we now have better communication with NOSC.
- Peter Knight Award
  - Mary Knight was very appreciative of how her husband's memory was honored at the Youth

### Recognition Night Dinner

- Phil Dunmire put Peter's biography together. Thank you, Phil.
- Phil contributed \$500 towards the Peter Knight Fund. This will help keep it going for next year.
- Excellent recipients were selected for the awards including Color Guard Commanders of each unit.
- Dan Pedrick spoke to several youth at the dinner and they were very appreciative.
- Jack Hanscom had an opportunity to speak to the Jr NROTC scholarship recipient, both cadets informed him that they had earned a full ride to college.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Eric Rydstrom

- A report was sent out via email to all board members.
- No new business to discuss

### **Youth Programs** Nancy Fish

- Norman Daly award was given out last month but an application was lost in the mail. Emily Ternus sent her application on time to the P.O. Box address. Her application will be taken into consideration.
- Boca Raton High School Unit is #1 in the country. Very sharp unit. \$1000 scholarship was given out to this unit.
  - CO Ken Bringham will be retiring this year. He started the unit in 1994 with 39 cadets and has led the Boca NROTC unit to #1 in the nation on two occasions including 2015

### **Membership:** Mike Hurley

- 4 New members joined in March
- We have 44 life time members
- A report listing the new and life members was sent to the Board by email before the meeting

### **Executive VP/VP Maritime:** Ken Lee

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Seal Fundraiser was a success
  - Eight PBC Navy League members attended. Several of them making contributions
  - Phil Dunmire \$1000, Bob Krippen \$2000, Judge Wynette \$500, Ken Lee \$500, Elizabeth Rodgers \$300
  - Over 700 people attended the event, including Jimmy Buffett, Capt. Philips and Jessica Buchanan

- Navy Seals did an amazing demonstration for the people attending the fundraiser. They jumped out of helicopters, did combat demonstrations and drove around in ATV. Rick Kaiser wore a go-pro as he jumped out of the helicopter. The video was shown during dinner.
- Cocktail were served for an hour. The Dining room was adorned with a 30 foot American Flag.
- The Audio/visual was outstanding
- They raised double the amount of what they did last year.
  - Final account will be available in 2-3 weeks.
  - PBC Navy League will be acknowledging NL book keeper Kathy Gellis for her outstanding support and dedication. The photo/plaque was shown to the Board.
- Jack Hanscom will be attending event being held by Young Marines this month.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, NOSC Family Day
  - Jack will try to stay in contact and attend
  - \$200 for morale fund was approved by the board to be distributed at Dan's discretion

#### **New Business:**

- Catherine Brister nominated Diana Paxton for the Board for this year, 2015
  - Board approved

#### **Navy Birthday Ball**

- Navy Ball Committee has been working diligently.
  - Catherine handed each board member a donation letter. The letter was reviewed and approved by the Board.
    - Donation letters were sent out to those members who have contributed in the past and all new members.
    - Ken & Jack will send the letter to all PBC Navy League members via e-mail.
    - The committee is estimating 300 people will attend the Navy Ball
  - Catherine announced that we have a band for this special event. She distributed a music list so that everyone can add what type of music they would like at the Ball.
  - Capt. Deirdre Krause has volunteered to help in any way she can.

#### **Blessing of the Fleet**

- The question was asked by the board, how can we help get involved?
- Sonya Foster would like to volunteer to help bridge the gap. She will contact George Mastics and Jean

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Navy Reserves Appreciation Dinner will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> in Lake Worth; flyer to come out soon

- Navy Reserve Admiral will be the speaker at the Navy Ball (RADM Scott Jerabek) in honor of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Navy Reserves force.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned promptly at 12:45pm