



US NAVY LEAGUE PALM BEACH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Draft

Sept 13, 2016



Board Members - Present (18):

Ken Lee	Cindy Saulog	Jerry Nelinson	Mike Hurley
Sue Comerford	Patricia Reybold	Chuck Stark	Diana Paxton
Jim Wells	Lou Palumbo	Sumner Hushing	Dan Pedrick
Nancy Fish-Averhart	Sonia Foster	Frank Habicht	John Lively
Phil Dunmire	Stan Shanck		

Board Members - absent (8):

Sharon Donahue	Merry O'Donnell	Adele Siegel	MaryBelle Knight
Catherine Brister	Jack Veasy	Reid Moore	Anita Manuel

Others Present – (0)

Elinor Pedrick

Proceedings:

- Board Meeting was called to order at noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by President, Ken Lee. Agenda for the meeting had been emailed to board members and copies were available at the meeting.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sumner Hushing.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for June 14, 2016, was circulated for review by e-mail in June and resent Sept. 13th were approved.
- Treasurer Report for June, July and August was sent via e-mail by Anita Manuel to President 10pm yesterday. Anita was unable to attend due to illness. President will send the documents to the board for review. A vote will be taken via e-mail in a week for final approval.

President's Remarks – Ken Lee

- On the medical list this month: Jack Veasy is in hospice care **on his boat**. Capt. **Chuck** Moore is also not well. **Both in our prayers**.
- Palm Beach Division Sea Cadets has had a change in leadership. The new CO replacing Mr. Potts is Frank Verna.
 - Capt. Lee explained to the board why Mr. Potts was asked to leave.

- Frank Verna, the new CO, seems to be a great guy. He has a solid staff not associated with Mr. Potts. Under Verna's leadership, the unit has gone from 20 cadets to 45 cadets.
- They recently had an open house which Capt. Lee and Nancy Fish-Averhart attended. Over 80 people were in attendance for this event.
- Navy League Headquarters has a new data base.
 - Joan Ross reviewed the new data base and submitted 12 pages of corrections.
 - We have not been able to check if the recommendations were applied.
 - President will address with Area & Region leaders on Sep 15 tele-conference
 - Well done to Joan for her painstaking work!!
- Welcome Back Cocktails will be held Sept. 17th at Ta-boo. If you have not RSVP'd please do so to Joan Ross immediately so we can get an accurate head count.
 - Patricia recommended making an effort to meet & greet all of the new members attending the Welcome Back Cocktail. Mike Hurley will not be there to assist with this.
 - Capt. Lee will ask Joan Ross to mark on the RSVP list who are new so they may be recognized and honored.
- Invitation to the Navy League Dinner has gone out via e-mail.
 - We need donations. The cost for this dinner is approximately \$22,000 and only \$10,000 is received from ticket sales; we need approx. \$10,000 to help fund the hosting of our military and youth group personnel. We have received approximately \$4,000. Each plate is \$125, but we cover majority of the cost for our military personnel; they only pay \$35/person. Our Sea Cadets, Young Marines & NJROTC (40 seats in total) is completely covered by the NL-PBC.
 - We really need to work harder in receiving donations. If it were not for the income from supporting the two Navy SEALs events, we would be in financial straits. Please help work on obtaining donations.
 - Stan Shanck and Jim Wells donated \$100 at the meeting, Sumner Hushing and Adele Siegel donated \$300 at the meeting.

Old Business

- The Sep 25 Dolphin Football Game is quickly approaching. We have approximately 6 seats left. Those seats will be offered to the Sea Cadets. Cadets will not be allowed to attend without a chaperone.
 - Ken Lee and Nancy Fish-Averhart are coordinating this.

New Business

- NOSC Sailors of the Quarter will be held Sept. 18th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - This event will be very special since their “beautification of the facility” has been completed thanks to our support.
 - Sonia Foster will be presenting a check for \$350 to fund that appearance upgrade.
 - It is a feel good hour and we encourage our council members to attend. Please contact Dan Pederick. We have reserved parking for all council members.

VP Programs: Sue Comerford

- Sue Comerford handed updated schedule to the board. Her computer was not working properly and she could not send it out via e-mail.
- February social – originally we did not have anything in concrete but after some discussion, majority agreed to the Chesterfield Club where we had a temporary hold on the room. The plate is normally \$44 but they will give it to us at \$30.
 - The problem with the Leopard Room is that there is restricted viewing because of the columns in the room.
 - There was an issue with valet parking last time. This will be looked into.
 - Sumner Hushing recommend Ballan Isles, he know the catering manager. Ken Lee will look into this venue for future events.
- March social is scheduled to be held at the Croquet Club but that may change depending on the cost. They have advised Sue Comerford that we will be charged a room fee this year on top of the cost for the meal.
 - We may need to change venue to Ballan Isles.
- November our event will be held at the Iron Horse Golf Club thanks to Catherine Brister.

VP Membership: Mike Hurley

- Mike Hurley sent out a detailed report via e-mail to all board members.
 - In June we added 5 new members bringing out total to 215
 - In July we added 2 new members – total 217
 - In August we brought in another 2 members but deleted 4 members bringing our numbers to 215 by the end of August.

VP Youth Programs: Nancy Fish-Averhart

- Nancy reported that the youth groups had a very successful summer. Many attended various trainings

due to the council's generous donations.

- Ken Lee and Nancy Fish-Averhart attended the Open House for Palm Beach Division Sea Cadets where they were warmly received by the unit. Cadet Chief Vasquez & Chief Montenegro who were recipients of donation to attend the Summer Naval Academy STEM program profusely thanked Ken and Nancy. The parents also expressed their gratitude. A thank you letter from Chief Vasquez is forthcoming; Chief Montenegro's lovely letter was received and published this Summer.

Maritime Affairs: Ken Lee

- Marine Liaison – Jim Wells: Marine Ball will be held in November
 - A motion was made to make a \$500 contribution to help with the ball. It was seconded and approved.
- NOSC Liaison – Dan Pedrick: Reminded everyone of the importance to attend these events. We are doing a great job in supporting them financially but we need to work on showing up to their events.

Nominating Committee: Phil Dunmire for Lou Palumbo

- If you have any suggestions for a position, please contact Lou Palumbo.
- The nomination list will be out in a month or two. Nomination committee work has been going strong throughout the Summer under Lou's leadership; he and key assistants will meet with President for a rundown later this week.

Comments from the floor

- Elinor Pederick is working on assigning chairs & tables for the Navy Birthday Dinner. She asked that if you wanted to sit with someone at the same table, please advise her immediately. This would make her job a lot easier.
 - Questions were asked about attire: Cocktail dress, Suit & Tie, Dress Whites for military personnel
 - VADM Konetzni will be the speaker at this event.
- Dan Pederick asked about the Navy Seal Fundraiser. At this time Ken Lee is not sure if NL-PBC will have our 'normal' role in the April 2017 event. At the beginning they needed our help but now they have become more self-sufficient and may need a different level of assistance from NL-PBC. Ken Lee is on the Navy SEAL tribute committee.
- Jerry Nelinson gave us historical facts about WWII. Two famous women who were icons during WWII have passed away; Rosie the Riveter and the Nurse that was kissed in Times Square. Thanks Jerry!!

- Phil Dunmire mentioned that Aviator Lamar Parker will be returning from the Honor Flight on October 8th. It would be great if we can go out and welcome him back home.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm