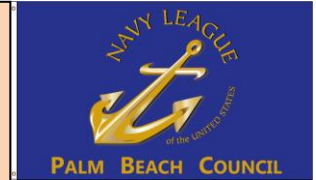




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## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING 1 Oct 2013

Meeting convened as scheduled at 12:00 at BISTRO in Mariott WPB, chaired by Council President Ken Lee. Other attendees:

Frank Habicht  
Stan Shanck  
Eric Rydstrom  
Jack Hanscom

Sumner Hushing  
Merry O'Donnell  
Sue Comerford  
Jerry Nelinson

Dan Pedrick  
Harriet Arndt  
Chuck Stark  
Nancy Fish

Final Agenda for the day was distributed with only minor changes from the Draft Agenda that had been circulated for comment.

Also distributed:

- (1) Copy of excerpt from Naval Submarine League quarterly journal, citing Palm Beach Council's support of USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728)
- (2) Volunteer Opportunity card v-a-v Sea Cadet Petty Officer Leadership course to be conducted in late Dec/early Jan ..... see end of minutes for text
- (3) Copies of Treasurer's Monthly Reports for monthly & YTD financials through 30 Sep 2013

Meeting was conducted per Final Agenda with following additional items noted:

- 1) Pres. noted that 3 new member applications had just arrived, all from the Taboo cocktail social. The new members and sponsors are:

Paul LaChance	Chuck Stark, sponsor
Alan Sells	Patricia Reybold, sponsor
Ted Tarone	Sumner Hushing, sponsor

- 2) Minutes of Sep 3 (sent to Board with draft agenda for today) approved by voice vote
- 3) Harriet Arndt provided a progress report on Navy Ball preparations, including:
  - a. Ball committee working meeting to be held tomorrow Oct 2 at Bistro
  - b. Well over \$ 35,000 in contributions already collected, with <\$5K pledges outstanding

- c. Total of about 315 attendees, including 100-ish military & their guests
  - d. Attendees from council = 40 (Pres. stated that no. active members per event is always in the 40-50 range (out of 215 members))
  - e. HARRIET RECEIVED A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HER HARD WORK
- 4) Treasurer gave verbal report of financials, referencing the printed handouts and the full copy that is in each Board member's email in-box; Treasurer's report Sep & YTD approved by voice vote.
- 5) Eric Rydstrom (Chairman, Nom. Committee) gave oral report on committee process and status, without revealing names for 2014 slate. He indicated that committee working hard and getting some good results but still have significant offices to fill. Noted that Nomination Committee would report to Board in writing for Nov board meeting, i.a.w. council Bylaws and encouraged Board members to step up for small but important support tasks (e.g. Community Affiliate liaison, New Member liaison, etc.)
- 6) Jerry Nelinson reported that he and Patricia Reybold would both be assisting Elizabeth Rogers in hosting the AUTECH contingent on the Friday before the ball.
- 7) Sumner Hushing pointed out that BallenIsles has no space between "n" & "l" when spelled correctly
- 8) Stan Shanck inquired as to programs planned for our upcoming monthly luncheons; Pres. said several speakers are on tap but haven't been attached to individual luncheons yet.
- 9) Pres. noted that Capt Deirdre Krause announced she has 3 Sea Cadet parent/staff volunteers to fill the complimentary PB Council membership slots offered (Donna Machaca, Juan Machuca and Loretta Gamble)
- 10) President added "Council Investment Fund" to new business agenda, noting that:
- a. Our financial professionals in council can't (in general) take active role in our investments
  - b. Two specific investment options for a sizable chunk of our approx. \$80K liquid assets have been investigated (a UBS bank offering and a SunTrust bank offering)
  - c. The SunTrust approach is recommended for its simplicity, branch adjacent to our Treas. and bookkeeper locations, solid history of performance (esp. through 2008 market drop) and zero fees.
  - d. Stan Shanck moved that President & Treasurer be empowered to establish the Palm Beach Council investment fund at SunTrust bank selecting from their very conservative to conservative approaches, not from the aggressive approaches, in their program for not-for-profit organizations. The motion was seconded by Sumner Hushing and

approved by voice vote. The President noted that investment performance results would be part of normal monthly Treasurer reporting and the Board could always make changes to today's decision. Jack Hanscom pointed out these investments would be subject to market performance with no guarantee of retention of principal; Pres. agreed and noted that SunTrust's performance thru the 2008 market turbulence was the best seen in several investigated.

- 11) In "Items from Floor" Jack Hanscom raised some superb recommendations on things to be done to/with/for new members in order to bolster council retention. Stan Shanck and Harriet Arndt added to the discussion with their experiences in prior council and in other organization programs for new members. Pres. lauded the suggestions as great to do and pointed out that someone needs to agree to do the recommended things, as a Membership Assistant for New Member Affairs for example. No one stepped forward for such a post, but Jack Hanscom agreed to contact this week's 3 new members' sponsors and encourage them to take some of the recommended actions, e.g.: get them assigned to a VP as potential task assist, escort them to next council events, ensure they're introduced at upcoming events, etc.
- 12) In general discussions Frank Habicht suggested that not all Board meetings should be open to general membership attendance as some sensitive issues may need to be addressed; Pres. thanked Frank for the opinion and replied that Board Meeting attendance as observer would still be offered as normal procedure, unless and until some circumstance dictated otherwise. Pres. thanked Frank for his active recruitment of many new members over the years.
- 13) President offered to VP Programs (Sue) that he'd like to do a Happy Hour at Spoto's (Community Affiliate member) sometime soon, with council hosting the hors d'oeuvres and having a no-host bar ..... similar to popular Ta-boo cocktail social. Stan Shanck suggested that making this a New Members-focused event would be a good idea; Pres. concurred and asked Sue to begin plans on such an event. Thanks Stan and Sue.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at precisely 1:00 pm.

Submitted: K. Lee 1 Oct 2013 Council President (in absence of Secretary)



### **SEA CADETS – SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Need some volunteers to participate in Sea Cadet leadership course that runs in late Dec/early Jan ..... show up at class and relate the Powerpoint materials to the cadets and include stories of your relevant experiences.**

**CAPT Deirdre Krause is running this course and needs us volunteers to assist in some of the classes.**

**Please tell Deirdre at [captdakrause@bellsouth.net](mailto:captdakrause@bellsouth.net) (copy to me at [kennethalee@yahoo.com](mailto:kennethalee@yahoo.com)) to put you on the volunteers assist list.**