



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
Palm Beach Council

MINUTES
of
the Board of Directors' Meeting of 2 October 2012
Marriott West Palm Beach

Call to Order and Pledge At 12:00 pm by President Ken Lee.

Present Beckwith, Comerford, Green, Habicht, Hushing,
Knight, Lee, O'Donnell, Pedrick Rydstrom, Shanck,
Siegel, Veasy, Wells.

Absent Brister (excused), Drennan (excused), Flicker (excused),
Froelich (excused), Karman (excused), Kass, Krause
(excused), Marum, Mastics (excused), Stark, Stein
(excused).

President's Remarks Ken Lee opened the meeting by mentioning what a great event the TABOO night was. He thanked Frank Drennan for hosting the event as Ken was unable to attend. Some new members attended as well.

Secretary's Report The minutes from 4 September 2012 meeting were presented. A motion to accept them was seconded and approved after mentioning that it was left out of the minutes that the board approved supporting the Toys for Tots program at the December event.

Treasurer's Report Jay was not present, but e-mailed his report. A motion to accept it was seconded and approved. Reynolds suggested that the council be provided with the 2013 budget. Jack Veasy and Eric Rydstrom commented that the accounts structure made it difficult to tell what was going on and maybe a change to the structure should be made. They asked that the comments be passed to the Treasurer, and Ken Lee said he would pass along via email.

Vice Presidents' Reports:

Judge Advocate No report as George Mastics absent.

Membership No report as Eric Stein was absent due to medical reasons.

- Communications** No report as James Karman was absent due to medical reasons.
- Maritime Affairs** Dan Pedrick reports that he is in contact with the INI LTCol Todd Peery at the Marine Reserve Center. NOSC will be sending quite a few members to the Navy Birthday Dinner.
- Youth Programs** Deirdre Krause was not present, but Ken reports that the Sea Cadets will be doing the escorting at the dinner, and they will have an integrated Color Guard with the Navy Reserves. Some JNROTC students may be attending as well.
- Programs** Sue reports that the next event will be the 236th Navy Birthday Dinner at the Sailfish Club on Saturday, December 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm. There are 51 reservations so far, with 26 being reservists. Ken expects about 76 people from the military will attend, but we need more council members to attend. The November event will be the Youth recognition Night at Bear Lakes Country Club on Friday, November 16.
- OLD BUSINESS** Ken pointed out in the Treasury Report that the council did pay off the M/V Valor for the Sea Cadets.
- NEW BUSINESS** Ken gave an update on the Navy Seal Tribute that he is consulting on. It will be on January 29th at the Beach Club. The cost will be \$500 per ticket, but \$100 for council members. Admiral Eric Olson will be the guest speaker.
- The council voted to contribute 150.00 for Wreath Across America for 10 wreaths to be placed at the National Cemetery.
- Eric Rydstrom reports for the Nominating Committee that it will be the same lineup as this year with a few new names. He will submit the list next month. He would like to nominate Ken Lee for a 3rd term. Ken has agreed but in order to do that we would have to change the by-laws. Ken wrote to the State President and he said that it was no problem. It was moved that “the Palm Beach Council Bylaws Article VI, Section 2 limitation that the Council President ‘may not serve for more than two consecutive one-year terms’ be waived for the Slate of Officers/Directors presented for the 2013 term”. The motion was seconded and approved 16 votes for, and 0 against. Below is the verbatim motion as it was provided to the Board at the meeting:

Council President’s Motion to Waive Two-Term Limit, for Board of Directors Consideration & Approval Sep 11, 2012

Background:

1 – Palm Beach Council Bylaws provide that, “**The President is elected by the General Membership for a one-year term and may not serve for more than two consecutive one-year terms**” (Article VI, Section 2)

2 – Palm Beach Council Bylaws establishes the responsibility for **“assures compliance with National and Council Bylaws” to be the responsibility of the President. (Article VI, Section 2)**

3 - National Navy League Operations Manual provides recommended council bylaws, which provide that: **“The President should not serve more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms, or more than a total of four (4) terms. Service beyond two (2) successive one (1) year terms must be approved by the Region President.” (Section III.B.1)**

4 - The Florida Region President has been consulted and restates that **the Navy League Operations Manual provisions are a recommendation, not a requirement, and that he feels it’s council prerogative to set the term limits and he has no objection to more than two consecutive terms for Council President (Florida Region President E-mail of 29 Aug 2012 (attached))**

5 – The Nominating Committee proposes that **the current President (Ken Lee) be nominated to serve a 3rd consecutive term (Nom.Comm. Chair email of 10Sep2012 (attached))**

Motion:

Therefore, as President, I submit the following motion for Board of Directors approval at the Oct 2012 BoD meeting:

Motion: In light of background considerations published above, I move that the Palm Beach Council Bylaws Article VI, Section 2 limitation that the Council President “may not serve for more than two consecutive one-year terms” be waived for the Slate of Officers/Directors presented for the 2013 term.

Second: _____ Votes for: _____ Votes against: _____ Approved or Disapproved

**Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 1:15 pm.
The next Board of Directors’ meeting will be
Tuesday, 6 November , 2012
Marriott West Palm Beach**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Green
Secretary**