



# US NAVY LEAGUE PALM BEACH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

**Draft**

**October 11, 2016**



### **Board Members - Present (13):**

Ken Lee	Cindy Saulog	Mike Hurley	Reid Moore
Anita Manuel	Chuck Stark	Dan Pedrick	Diana Paxton
John Lively	Lou Palumbo	Phil Dunmire	Stan Shanck
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### **Board Members - absent (14):**

Sharon Donahue	Merry O'Donnell	Adele Siegel	MaryBelle Knight
Catherine Brister	Jack Veasy	Anita Manuel	Sonia Foster
Jerry Nelinson	Nancy Fish-Averhart	Sue Comerford	Frank Habicht
Jim Wells	Patricia Reybold		

### **Others Present – (1)**

Capt. Peter Petrelis

### **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 Capt. Peter Petrelis.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for September 13th, 2016, was circulated for review by e-mail were approved.
- Treasurer Report for June, July and August and September was sent via e-mail by Anita Manuel. They were reviewed and approved by the board.

### **President's Remarks – Ken Lee**

- Service for Jack Veasy was postponed due to the storm. Ken Lee spoke to Scott (Jack's son) and no service has been planned yet. Pending.
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first year anniversary of our former president Jack Hanscome passing away.
- Ken Lee reviewed treasurer report with Anita Manuel in order to understand how she itemizes income and expense. National dues will be adjusted.

- One of the board members raised a question if we have a finance committee to oversee investment account.
  - Ken Lee advised the Board that no changes have been made in the way investments are handled. They are still with Sun Trust.

**Old Business**

- Miami Dolphins Field Trip was a great success. Five cadets and one chaperone were sponsored to attend the game. Break down of expenses was posted on the Draft Agenda.

-1208	30 tickets @ \$40 + S&H
-815	Bus fee
-80	Bus driver gratuity
250	Dunmire deposit donation
25	Wylett donation
1800	24 paying at \$75
<u>0</u>	<u>6 cadet paying zero</u>
-28	Approx. cost to council

- Welcome Cocktail was a great success. Thank you Sue Comerford for all of your hard work.
  - Sue was not able to attend the meeting because of prior commitment.
  - Taboo is a great venue. They do not charge us for the hors d'oeuvres
  - Some suggested writing a letter to Taboo to thank them for their support. Capt. Peter Petrelis volunteered to write the letter and e-mail it to Ken Lee.
- The nomination committee has filled all slots. They will present the names of the nominees at the next meeting.
- Young Marines Graduation Ceremony is still scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be honoring WWII veterans. Jim Wells is the POC.
- Ken Lee acknowledged and thanked Reid Moore for being able to attend the board meeting today.
- Palm Beach Division Sea Cadets had a change of leadership. The new USNSCC CO is LTJG Frank Verna. Ken explained chain of command.
  - Gary Potts was fired for malfeasance.
  - New PB Division CO Frank Verna requested \$3,000 grant to help them through this leadership transition. Ken Lee held an emergency meeting with several board members and it was

decided to approve a grant for \$1500. A check was sent out.

- Ken Lee offered to pay for a book keeper for a year to help the Palm Beach Division. At the end of the year, the books would be handed over to PB Division CO Frank Verna.
  - Motion was made and approved by the Board

### **New Business**

- All of the arrangements have been made for the Navy Birthday Dinner. Committee update by Anita Manuel.
  - Anita has worked out all of the details for the room, Elenor Pedrick worked on the centerpieces.
  - Nancy Fish-Averhart has coordinated with the four youth organizations.
  - During the meeting Diane gave a \$500 donation towards the dinner
  - \$9,000 received in donations
  - 141 RSVP to attend dinner
  - 20 cadets (4 adults, 16 cadets) are being hosted.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon will be held at Iron Horse. Thank you Catherine Bristol for opening this venue to the Navy League.
- Phil Dunmire & Ken Lee visited Jack Veasy a few days before he passed away. Jack had lung cancer, he had it removed and was well for a while. His sons and brothers were with him at the end.
- Chuck Stark shared a beautiful story of Jack's kindness to others and how he was always available to help others.

### **VP Programs: Sue Comerford**

- Sue Comerford sent out report to the board via e-mail.

### **VP Membership: Mike Hurley**

- Mike Hurley sent out a detailed report via e-mail to all board members.
  - We added one, Jerry Nelinson is the sponsor
  - Three will not be renewing
  - We are 212 strong

- Two more will be joining in October
- The board thanked Mike Hurley for a job well done.

### **Judge Advocate : Reid Moore**

- All is well from a legal stand point.
- Reid Moore commented that Jack Veasy was a true friend and he will do his best to honor Jack Veasy.

### **Maritime Affairs: Ken Lee**

- NOSC Liaison – Dan Pedrick: Thanked the Board for unexpected award.
  - NOSC made a granite plaque
  - A contribution of \$350 was given at the Sailor of the Quarter
  - The board acknowledged and thanked Dan Pedrick for keeping a vibrant relationship with NOSC
- AUTEC Liaison – Lou Palumbo: reached out to CO after the hurricane but was assured they did not need anything. Essential staff stayed on-site while the rest evacuated due to the storm.
  - They are still very reluctant in receiving help. We were able to help with 4 or 5 Sailor of the Quarter awards but that has changed since new rules about Finances came out in October of 2015. It used to cost \$60 to send a Navy League member out to give the awards, now it costs \$300. Now we meet at the airport.
  - Lou invited CO to Navy Birthday Dinner but not sure if he will attend.
- USS FL – John Brandes: sent invitation to the Navy Birthday Dinner. They are in the middle of a crew change.

### **VP Youth Programs: Nancy Fish-Averhart**

- Nancy was unable to attend meeting but the board was assured by Ken Lee that everything for the Navy Birthday Dinner was taken care of . Nancy has been very creative and has come up with great ideas for the dinner.

### **Comments from the floor**

- Chuck Stark inquired about Merry O'Donnell. Chuck has written two letters and has not heard back. Ken Lee has done the same and has also had the same result. Merry has a new secretary.
- Ian Kerry recently had back surgery. He sent in a donation for the Navy Birthday Dinner.
- Phil Dunmire will not be able to attend the dinner because he will be at the commissioning of the USS Zumwalt on October 15th.
- Anita Manuel invited everyone out to the Palm Beach Rotary on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The net gain from this

event will go to Navy League to help support the Sea Cadets. The event will be held at Ester Statement's house. (NOT SURE THE NAME IS CORRECT)

- Palm Beach Rotary is redoing the WWII memorial at the Fountains.
  - Anita will contact Nancy Fish-Averhart to see if the Sea Cadets can provide Color Guard.
- Mike Hurley reminded everyone to use smileamazon.com for their purchases. A percentage goes directly to the NL-PBC.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm