



**US NAVY LEAGUE  
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT**  
**October 13, 2015**



**Board Members - Present (20):**

Ken Lee	Cindy Saulog	Jerry Nelinson	Mike Hurley
Nancy Fish Averhart	Sue Comerford	Catherine Brister	Chuck Stark
Dan Pedrick	Diana Paxton	Frank Habicht	Jack Veasy
Jim Wells	John Lively	Lou Palumbo	Phil Dunmire
Sonia Foster	Sumner Hushing		

**Board Members - absent (9):**

John Hanscom	Eric Rydstrom	Rob Ford	Adele Siegel
Marybelle Knight	Merry O'Donnell	Patricia Reybold	Stan Shanck

**Proceedings:**

- Board Meeting was called to order at Noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by Executive Vice President, Ken Lee in Jack Hanscom's absence. (Jack is in hospital prepping for hip surgery) Agenda for the meeting was emailed to board members by Jack Hanscom. It was explained that Jack was in the hospital for hip replacement surgery.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lively.
- This meeting was called specifically for the purpose of considering a bylaw change increasing the board members from thirty to thirty-six.
- A salute and standing ovation was made to Ball Chairman, Catherine Brister for the outstanding Ball on preceding weekend. Both Sumner Hushing and Frank Habicht were also saluted; Sumner for being the oldest sailor present and Frank Habicht as our Beach Club host.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for September 8<sup>th</sup>, which were circulated for review by e-mail were approved by the Board by voice vote.
- Treasurer Report ending 09/31/2015 which was sent via e-mail by Eric Rydstrom was approved by the Board by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

- In Jack's absence and following the agenda, Ken requested a call for a motion to amend the Bylaws of

the Navy League, Palm Beach Council as approved on 2 September 2008, in Article V the Board of Directors, "Section 2, the maximum number of directors shall be changed from "thirty" to "thirty-six."

- Both Catherine Brister and Diana Paxton questioned the purpose of the amendment.
- Ken Lee explained that several directors desired additional spots be open to keep long-time Directors on the Board even though they can seldom make a meeting.
- The measure was passed by voice vote with 1 NAY, no abstentions and remainder AYE

### **New Business**

- Birthday Ball recap
  - Lessons Learned meeting will be held soon after. Ken requested all Board members that attended to think about the top 3 good and top 3 bad things about the Ball and send by email to Catherine or Ken
  - Catherine Brister, Chairwoman of the Ball, wanted to acknowledge the following people that were key in making the Ball a success; Jack Hanscom, Elinor Pedrick, Joan Ross and Ken Lee.
  - Catherine was profusely thanked by many of the enlisted military men and women who attended the Ball. They made her feel appreciated and she said it was one of the most rewarding events that she has chaired.
  - It was announced that the photographer would be late in sending pictures.
    - Some of the photographs will be posted in the Shiny Sheet in the next edition.
  - Catherine announced that she has received several phone calls from the Four Seasons Hotel offering to sponsor and host the NL-PBC's next major event. They wanted to send a proposal but the dates Catherine asked for are taken.
  - It was mentioned that only \$12,225 was received in donations. \$14,500 was made on ticket sales. The cost of the Ball was between \$40,000 - \$45,000. Next year we will have to work harder on fundraising for this event.
- Guest Speakers needed for 23 March 2016 and May 2016. Please give Ken Lee any recommendations you may have.
- A motion was requested and made to help support USNSCC American Veterans Division with a contribution of \$5,100 to buy much needed equipment. A list was attached to the agenda describing the materials needed and its purpose. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Phil Dunmire attended the interment of Past Council President, Col David Jones, USMC ret. (Thursday, July 31, 2014 RIP) at the National Cemetery near Marine Base Quantico.
  - It was a very impressive ceremony according to Phil Dunmire and he related a couple of

anecdotes from council actives of those times

- Sumner Hushing thanked Phil Dumir for his eloquent remembrance speech about his brother at the last meeting.
- A motion was requested and made to add to council policy that from this day forward all new council members are to receive a complimentary name tag. Dan made the motion, Sumner second. The motion passed.
  - Mike Hurley is the gentleman in charge of ordering name tags. Average cost of the name tags is \$10.

### **Maritime Affairs – Ken Lee**

- NOSC Change of Command will take place. This is a closed event. Both Dan & Ken will be attending. Ken offered to add anyone from the board that would like to attend.
- The Board would like to invite the new Commander of NOSC to the next board meeting.
- Sonia Foster reported no contact with USCG SL WI. They will have an award ceremony in about two weeks.
- Dan had a good conversation with two chiefs from AUTEK. Still trying to open communication with this division. Lou also spoke to the two Chiefs and gave them business cards, hopefully, this will be a segue way into a stronger relationship.
  - Lou will contact AUTEK to find out about upcoming event.

### **Youth Programs – Nancy Fish Averhart**

- Ken mentioned NL-PBC support Sea Cadet unit visiting Kingsbay, GA
- Nancy Fish Averhart mentioned that the youth that she spoke to at the Ball were overwhelmed and thankful for such an amazing event.
- The combined Color Guard that Nancy put together for the Navy Birthday Ball was one of the finest. All four youth organizations that are supported by NL-PBC came together and worked with very limited time and preparation and put on a fantastic show, ending with a grand rifle spin performance by one of the NJROTC Cadets .
- Nancy's son, Alex Averhart flew in to attend the Ball. It was a pleasure to see this former PB County Young Marine in his Marine uniform complete with aircrew wings.

### **Membership- Mike Hurley**

- As of September, we have 5 new members. 197 members since January
- In Sea Power, NL-PBC is ranked #11 in the world for having the greatest growth increase.
- NL-PBC had two articles written in the Sea Power quarterly magazine.

### **Programs – Sue Commerford**

- 11 November 2015 – Luncheon at NPB Country Club. Guest speaker will be NL-PBC, Council Liaison for Legislative Affairs, Bill Waylett CAPT USN Ret.
- 15 December 2015 – Luncheon meeting, Election of Officers will be held at the Sail Fish Club Palm Beach, Fred Rustmann (CIA ret.) will be the guest speaker. Cost \$50
- 06 January 2015 Luncheon will be held at Sandpiper Cove for Installation of Officers

### **Communications – Jerry Nelinson**

- Jerry volunteered to write an article about the Ball

### **Discussion**

- A motion was requested and made to make a contribution towards the Marine Birthday Ball. The original motion was for \$200 which was passed and then an amendment was made to increase the amount from \$200 to \$500. Amendment to the motion passed.
  - It was mentioned that it is very important to have contact with the Marines. Several attempts have been made but there has been very little communication. They do not have a Sailor of the Quarter like NOSC so it is hard to find ways to support them.
  - Jim Wells will be attending the Marine Birthday Ball
- Jack Veasy will hand out the recommended Slate of Officers & Directors for 2016 from the Nomination Committee at the next meeting.
- Catherine Brister received flowers and a nice bottle of wine from one of the youth she has sponsored in the past. She shared her story in the hope that others will be inspired to sponsor youth at these events.
- 14 November 2015 There will be a Wounded Warrior of South Florida Military Ball in PGA
  - Ken will be attending. IF you would like to go, please let Ken know. The cost is \$100

Minutes submitted by Cindy Saulog, Secretary

Meeting adjourned promptly at noon.