

PBC NLUS
BOD Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

Location: Marriott Courtyard, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary designee: Recording by Peter Petrelis and substituting for Cindy Saulog

Meeting convened 1202.

Present: Deirdre Krause, Sonia Foster, Peter Petrelis, Dennis Zannucci, Lou Palumbo, Phil Dunmire, Jerome Nelinson, MaryBelle Knight, Diana Paxton, Steve Wiggins, Catherine Brister, John Lively, Ken Lee, Reid Moore, Jr., Dan Pedrick, Richard Wennet, Eric Rydstrom, Charles Stark, and Joan Ross. (19)

Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Deirdre Krause

Special Guest: CDR Keith Bushey, USN, NOSC CO

December 2017 Minutes:

Motion made by Deirdre Krause to “Accept” the December 2017 Minutes, Seconded by Diana Paxton.

Discussion: Phil Dunmire noted Adjournment time was incorrect and cost for the January 2018 luncheon is \$40, vice \$35.

Vote to “Accept” the December 2017 Minutes was unanimous, with above corrections.

President’s (Ms. Foster) remarks:

- 1.) Requested for CAPT Dan Pedrick to introduce special guest CDR Keith Bushey, USN, NOSC CO.
 - a. CDR Bushey thanked the Council for the continued support and relationship, not only from himself but from the NOSC personnel.

- 2.) Thanked the Council for getting the job done during her term in office, with specific appreciation to out-going Executive VP Deirdre Krause and Legislative Affairs Officer Reid Moore. The aforementioned Council members were presented with awards/gifts of appreciation.
- 3.) Battle of the Bulge Event. Good Council representation and appreciated Youth Unit and Color Guard participation.
- 4.) Achilles International (AI) Event. Ms. Foster and CAPT Krause noted a Letter of Appreciation from the AI vice president regarding the Palm Beach Council and Palm Beach Gardens Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participation. The event was held on December 2, 2017 at Mar-a-Lago honoring World War II Veterans.

Reports:

Reports were sent in for the file; Ken Lee - Maritime reports; Peter Petrelis - VP Development; Anita Manuel – Treasurers; VP Communications – Jerry Nelinson; Deirdre Krause – VP Youth and USCG; Lou Palumbo – AUTEK; Jim Wells – Marine Corp Liaison.

Additional discussion on Council reports:

Treasurers report - Anita Manuel (Excused absence)

- 1.) Anita Manuel provided the budget report via email. Due to her absence and not able to take questions, the vote to “Accept” the report is on hold until Ms. Manuel returns at the next Board meeting.
- 2.) Ms. Foster reports the Audit has been completed with no issues. At the time of the Board meeting the report results were not be distributed to the Council and with Ms. Manuel not present, a motion to “Accept” the Audit will be made at the February Council meeting.

Membership Report – Joan Ross

- 1.) 4 new members in December 2017. 238 total members.
- 2.) Smooth transition from outgoing VP (Steve Wiggins) to Joan Ross.

VP Development – Peter Petrelis

- 1.) Lockheed Martin Grant. Funds (\$4000) received to the PBC Treasurer.

VP Youth – Deirdre Krause

- 1.) Application received for Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award (\$100) for CPO Richard Verna from the Palm Beach Division of the USNSCC.
- 2.) The Council voted unanimously to approve the certificate and \$100 award.

Other items for the good of the Council:

- 1.) January 16, 2018 Social Luncheon and Installation of new officers.
 - a. U.S. Congresswomen Lois Frankel (D-21st FL) was scheduled to address the membership, however due to other commitments her Field Representative, Jenny Ceasar, will address the membership.
 - b. Catherine Brister expressed concern that politicians should not be speakers.
- 2.) Legislative Affairs (LA). Reid Moore now the Regional LA Officer.
- 3.) Council approved to reimburse Ken Lee's \$60 gift to Marriott-Courtyard – West Palm Beach staff for assisting the PBC over the past year. Sonia Foster provided additional funds in appreciation to the Marriott staff.

New Business for the good of the Council:

- 1.) Immediate Past President, Sonia Foster, introduced incoming Council President, Steve Wiggins.
- 2.) New Palm Beach Council President (Steve Wiggins) Remarks:
 - a. Thanked Sonia Foster for her great efforts this past year and looks forward working for the Council.
 - b. Thanked CDR Bushey for attending today's meeting.
 - c. Asked the Board for agenda items for the coming month.
 - d. Promotion of our mission is paramount with continuation of:
 - I. Support our nations Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine components and their families,
 - II. Support sea service youth programs,
 - III. Educate our communities and elected representatives on how important our sea services are to our nations success.
 - e. Requested the formation of several committees, one being an audit committee. Ken Lee, Eric Rydstrom, and John Lively have stood and up and agreed to help in anyway they can. Ken will chair and have John and Eric helping.

3.) PBC Website: Concern over ownership, cost, and maintenance.

a. At the time of the meeting questions were addressed to the aforementioned, however recent discussions between Steve Wiggins and Richard Dowell answered the following. Please see below email excerpt from Steve Wiggins:

- He and his team are standing by to provide whatever support we need regarding our website. For the immediate future, he will be our contact to consult, update or make changes to our website,
- There are no increases in Council costs from previous years (\$550/year),
- Indicates there should be no issue in members being able to pay via PayPal for future events,
- Heather Tercel and Richard Dowell to plot a way forward.

4.) Other discussion items.

a. Ken Lee suggested making Youth Group items/issues visible at Board meetings.

b. Phil Dunmire asked the Board to have a yearly budget for the sea cadets.

c. Navy Birthday Ball - Catherine Brister

- Birthday Dinner scheduled for October 13, 2018 at Sailfish.
- The Navy Birthday (October 13th) for 2019 falls on a Sunday. Catherine Brister recommended we schedule the Beach Club for Saturday, October 12th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 1306

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