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Palm Beach Council

Navy League of the United States

Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

Location: Marriott Courtyard, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Cindy Saulog (Ken Lee - acting Mar 12)

Present: Philip Dunmire, Catherine Brister, Betty Parker, Ken Lee, John Lively, Jennie Monroe, Jerry Nelinson, Louis Palumbo, Joan Ross, Eric Rydstrom, Bob Ames, Maurice Maccario, MaryBelle Knight, Diana Paxton, Patricia Reybold, Dan Pedrick, Jim Wells, Chuck Stark, John Limoncelli,

Executive VP John Lively chaired the meeting in the absence of Council President Steve Wiggins; he noted a quorum present and convened the meeting at 1200.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jerry Nelinson

President's Remarks:

John noted the recent resignation of our President Steve Wiggins, due to Steve's employment requiring that he and Lynne relocate to Washington state. He remarked on the outstanding service Steve had provided over the past 15 months, and it was apparent this opinion was shared by all the Directors present today.

John then asked Nominating Committee Chairman Phil Dunmire to report his committee's recommendation on filling the now vacant Council President slot. Phil noted his committee had reviewed the situation and asked Ken Lee to provide remarks nominating Exec VP John Lively to fleet up and serve as Council President for remainder of calendar year 2019.

Ken provided a fine nominating speech noting John's consistent support of participation in council activities, especially in his role as Exec VP. The nomination was seconded by Catherine Brister and the Board voted unanimously by voice vote to approve John Lively as the new Council President. As new Council President, John asked the Nominating Committee to work on finding a suitable replacement to fill the now-vacant Executive VP slot, and he appointed Ken Lee to serve as Acting Executive VP until a new permanent replacement is in place.

Approval of February 2019 Board Minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the February Minutes with after incorporating revised explanation of Treasure/Quickbooks situation provided in writing by the Treasurer. The Minutes were approved subject to incorporating the Treasurer's revised text, and the updated, approved February Minutes are attached hereto for info.

Approval of February 2019 Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Financial Reports for February (Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses Detail for Feb, and Income & Expenses Year-to-Date) were distributed by e-mail last week to all Board members for review and comment. December financial report:

- (1) A motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote to accept the Feb financial reports distributed last week.
- (2) The Treasurer pointed out for those interested that all money contributions to the council could be easily viewed in Sect.s 410 and 430 of the Income & Expense Detail report each month.
- (3) In response to question from Director Limoncelli, Treasurer reported that approximately \$54K of our \$107K cash balance is in a SunTrust investment account; the remainder is in low-

interest earning bank accounts. Ken Lee reported the SunTrust investment holdings have a projected rate of return of 3%/yr and the actual returns for 2016, 2017 and 2018 were 3.1%, 1.9% and 0.6% respectively noting that S&P500 & DJIA suffered a loss of 4 – 6% in 2018 while our SunTrust investment account still provided a small positive return.

Old Business

- (1) **Membership: Membership VP Joan Ross** reported that we had 1 new member join in February and 1 membership lapse (Gail Warfield), with a resultant roster of 172 members. Joan also mentioned that we already have new members in March.
- (2) **Daly Scholarship:** Steve Wiggins reported by e-mail that he had attempted contact with Daly Scholarship chairman Deirdre Krause without success. **Former DS Chairman Eric Rydstrom** volunteered to get the appropriate notices out to Palm Beach County School Board and to our Youth leaders asap, and to manage the application review/recommendation process. Thanks Eric for stepping up once again!!!
- (3) **VP Youth Search: Nominating Committee Chairman Phil Dunmire** reported that they identified and interviewed candidates for the VP Youth slot left vacant by Jeff Leibowitz's February resignation. Phil moved that we have LT Frank Verna step up to that position, noting that he was the exceptional candidate with a strong record of dedication to the Sea Cadets programs. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr Verna as Palm Beach Council Vice President for Youth Programs. Ken Lee noted that LT Verna had immediately stepped forward last month and took charge of the multi-unit cadet brigade supporting the upcoming Navy SEAL Evening of Tribute at Mar-a-Lago.

Navy Ball 2019 Update: Ball Chairman Catherine Brister reported that two financial contributions were already in hand and that she would be holding a Ball Committee meeting immediately following today's Board meeting, with agenda items to include: fund-raising, challenge coin decision and program layout discussions. It was suggested by members of the Board that a Navy Ball Pro Forma of Income and Expenses be put together as soon as possible.

VP Programs: VP Programs Jennie Monroe

- (1) In response to several comments on the unsuitability of the Chesterfield Leopard Lounge for our multi-speaker program, Jennie mentioned that she is seeking a suitable replacement venue for next year. Some members voiced their support for the Chesterfield in spite of drawbacks but didn't object to evaluating new venues.
- (2) Jennie reported 35 persons already signed up for the March 20 luncheon aboard Grand Classica cruise ship; Lou Palumbo and Phil Dunmire offered to provide reception and drink ticket assistance when Jennie voiced her need for help. JM also reported valet parking should be \$5; it was last year. PD highlighted that our guest speaker will be past-Council President Admiral Frank Drennan and that Admiral Drennan is excited with the upcoming event.
- (3) Jennie asked for thoughts on whether our May event at PGA (or possibly Bear Lakes CC) be kept as a luncheon or change to be a dinner; solid support was voiced for luncheon option.
- (4) Jennie asked for thoughts on member/cadets seating arrangements for the April Youth Appreciation Dinner at Ironhorse CC, and solid support for member/cadet-mingled seating like 2018 event was the preferred choice.
- (5) Jennie thanked Catherine Brister and MaryBelle Knight for offering to provide centerpieces for the April youth dinner.

New Business:

- (1) Financial grants: **Treasurer Eric Rydstrom** provided four separate Youth grant motions with detailed back-up information by e-mail last week. These written motions and back-up info are provided as attachments to these Minutes. All 4 motions were approved, including:

- a. \$1320 to NJROTC Palm Beach Gardens for equipment trailer upgrade
 - b. \$619 to NJROTC Royal Palm Beach for uniform storage cabinets/hardware
 - c. \$1470 to NJROTC Royal Palm Beach for Color Guard Equipment
 - d. \$3500 to Young Marines for Wash, DC Memorial Day Parade expenses support
- (2) **VP Maritime Affairs Ken Lee** moved that we provide \$200 contribution to USCG Station Lake Worth Inlet morale, welfare & recreation fund (money already provided to CO at Guardian of Qtr event March 8th); motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Ken will seek reimbursement for having provided this from his personal funds.
- (3) Youth Support: **Director Lou Palumbo** was cited and thanked for his traveling to Royal Palm NJROTC Unit and providing a security/CIA talk to assembled cadets. He was invited to speak by Unit Commander CPO Israel Gonzalez, who also provided Lou with a tour of the facilities.
- (4) **Lou Palumbo** reported continued attempts to communicate with new AUTEK OIC Cdr Woodcock, trying to resurrect their Sailor of Quarter program; so far, no response from AUTEK this has gone on for over year
- (5) **NOSC Liaison Dan Pedrick** announced that we'd be having Sailor of the Quarter Awards at NOSC on Sunday, April 7th and encouraged a strong attendance; he also mentioned we'd have a happy hour at PB Kennel Club preceding the SOQ event – flyer to follow.
- (6) **Dan Pedrick** also announced that he would speak with CO, NOSC and see what appropriate recognition and appreciation we could provide to returning deployers. Attendance at the IA Dinner we've held each June for 5 years has dwindled to 1 or 2 sailors. Perhaps we'll piggy-back on SOQ events to recognize deploying personnel.
- (7) **USMC Reserves Liaison Jim Wells** passed around a very nice thank-you plaque from C.O. 4th ANGLICO Marines. This plaque expressed great gratitude for the consistent and strong support of the Palm Beach Council to the 4th ANGLICO Marines.

President John Lively asked for motion to adjourn and did so at 1pm. Thanks, John!!!

Submitted: Ken Lee (Acting Secretary-Mar 12)

**** Note: Funding motions & Feb Minutes Edit will be attached to final Minutes*



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