

**PBC NLUS
BOD Meeting Minutes**

Navy League
of the United States
Palm Beach Council
Citizens in Support of the Sea Services



April 9, 2019

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Location: Marriott Courtyard, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Cindy Saulog

Meeting convened 1200.

Present: Lively, Ames, Lee, Rydstrom, Saulog, Brister, Stark, Nelinson, Pedrick, Parker, Palumbo, Limoncelli, Maccario, Ross, Paxton, Monroe, Dunmire, Knight and maybe one or two more

President noted a Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Remarks:

Luncheon at Port of Palm Beach/Grand Classica went very well.. thank you to all

Sailor of the Quarter – good turn out from NL

Secretary minutes – Minutes of March Board Meeting were approved by voice vote

Treasure report – Report had been e-mailed to Board members and was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer noted that the approx. Balance \$54,300 balance in SunTrust investment account is made up of 40% Daly, 30% Goldberg, and 30% Operating Account funds.

It was noted that \$3400 had been received in contributions for award sponsorships, readily covering the \$1800 needed for upcoming awards at Youth Appreciation Dinner on April 13.

Rachel Gwinn bequest – Phil Dunmire spoke to one of the trustees' lawyers this morning (Janine Guastamachia). Confirmed that estate property has not sold yet, but outlook is still favorable for it to sell 'soon,' and plans to make a distribution soon. Treasurer pointed out that the trust is already about 50% funded in cash and there should be no delays in making annual distributions waiting for the property sale. She said would advise us as soon as possible and understands that we need to plan for this year. Treasurer has prepared a communique to get a more formal response and plan from Trustee, but it was agreed to go forward for now in manner discussed. Treasurer also noted that he has had separate professional review the Trust documents we have, and this individual confirmed the Gwinn Trust appears to be properly established v-a-v the Palm Beach Council interests there is a proper sub-trust to the mother-trust. .

Treasurer announced the 2019 Daly scholarship (\$1000 cash award) winner – American Veterans Division Sea Cadet MA3 Skylar Hansrote . She has been accepted and plans to attend Air Force Academy.

Nominating Committee: Phil : Nominating committee, including Marybelle Knight, Dan Pedrick, Jerry Nelinson, and Lou Palumbo, was tasked to review candidate(s) for vacant Executive VP position. They have interviewed Director Bob Ames (Colonel USAF(ret)) and are very impressed with him he steps up when a volunteer is needed. Bob spent full career Air Force. Achieved rank of Full Colonel. Also served at Omaha Strategic Weapons Command (RADM Drennan served on same.) Flew for American Airlines – president of the Pilots union during 9/11. Nominating committee recommends Bob unanimously. Motion Dan. 2nd by Maurice. Unanimous approval by voice vote of Board for Bob Ames as new Exec VP.

Navy Ball Catherine Brister provided brief update. Ken Lee will be the MC. Phil – fundraising. Looking at number revenue vs expenses. We will have a \$15,000 deficit if no donations are made. Phil will continue calling and meeting with individuals seeking donations. Phil opined that everyone on the Board of Directors should make a contribution of some kind, even if unable to attend. Catherine noted that individual tickets to the Ball will be \$250 abt. We bring 40 youth for free and invite Military at \$60/ticket.

Programs: Jennie Monre: April 13 Youth Dinner on track. Approx. 50 council members and 50 youth/staff/parents. 18 Cadets receiving Top Performer awards + Daly Scholarship for P.O. Hansrote.

Ken Lee is MC for the evening and noted that Jennie and Tammy Fernandez doing a fantastic of organizing and administering the dinner.

May social – Will be Bear Lakes CC on May 22. Need a speaker. (Lee will invite USCG C.O.)

Ken Lee & Dan Pedrick met with CO of NOSC; will do a June 8th Navy Reserve Dinner. Similar to past five June dinners recognizing returning deployers at NOSC.

Contribution: Iwo Jima Sea Cadets division has a detailed request for donation of \$4,400 – equipment and training needs. (Need copy of request for Minutes) Phil moved approval. Ken Lee 2nd. Unanimous vote approved

Additional items:

Ken Lee reported that 5 cadets from each of our six youth groups supported the April 1st Navy SEAL event. They did honors and escorting and all the odd jobs. Looking very sharp. Thanks to Frank Verna for stepping up and running the youth participation in the event. Least expensive tickets \$1,000/person. Catherine & Jerry attended and included Doc Stark as their guest.

Membership – Joan. Two new members , 7 renewals. End of march 167 members

Jerry Nelinson - International Ambassador – will be traveling to Moscow for WW-2 Victory 74th anniversary celebrations in Red Square as official invitee. Will take challenge coins with him to hand out.

August 5th Jerry will be in Key West Commissioning of a Navy Littoral Combat Ship is being planned in Key West later this year news to follow.

Webmaster – Jupiter Website Design continues their excellent support to our site.

Maritime affairs:

Dan – we had the best turn out ever at NOSC. Emphasis how important it is for them to see us at their activities. Many came up to Dan and thanked him.

Coast Guard – Guardian of the quarter. Ken needs to ask the CO at Lake worth

Autec – no communication despite Lou's efforts

Palm beach post photo of LtCol Grasso in Mar-a-Lago.

New Businesss:

- Sand brought from Green Beach, Iwo Jima by Greg "Doc" Emery in 1945, was circulated to the board. It is in a blown glass container for protection and display purposes. The sand is being donated by Doc Emery to the youth groups supported by the Palm Beach Council to perpetuate the memory of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Plans are in progress for a suitable presentation ceremony and for its permanent display at the NOSC. Frank Verna asked that the IWO JIMA Sea Cadets be given consideration for special presentation(s) of the sands as the final plans are put together.
- John Limoncelli noted Lauren Bergsman put up an excellent Gold Star Memorial on Flagler Drive
- Bernie Bennett – 100 year birthday – former National NL President; 1 of 4 from PB Council
- This summer 100 year birthday Sumner Hushing. Should get Certificate of honor from National NL for Sumners birthday. Motion. Robert Ames 2nd. Approved. Action: Ken Lee (awards chair)

Motion to adjourn. 1pm