

**PBC NLUS
BOD Meeting Minutes**

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



May 14, 2019

Location: Marriott Courtyard, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Bob Ames acting for Cindy Saulog

Meeting convened 1200.

Present: John Lively, Bob Ames, Eric Rydstrom, Ken Lee, Dan Pedrick, Catherine Brister, Lou Palumbo, Phil Dunmire, Chuck Stark, Jennie Monroe, Maurice Maccario, Patricia Reybold, Betty Parker, Joan Ross, John Limoncelli, Frank Verna

President noted a Quorum present. There were no guests.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary minutes – April 9th, 2019 Meeting Minute’s Revision 3. A motion was made by Phil Dunmire to approve the April minutes as recorded by Ken Lee, seconded by Lou Palumbo and the Board approved.

Treasurer’s report – The April Financial Report. Motion was made by Phil Dunmire and seconded by Ken Lee to accept the April financial reports and the Board approved.

Treasurer Eric Rydstrom briefed that several incoming expense items over the last 30 days will be taken care of and clarified by the next meeting. Eric stated that our cash balance is \$99,499.00

Old Business

Navy Ball Update

Catherine Brister stated that all necessary printing items had been sent to the typist.

The List of Donors page remains to be finished.

The menu items for the Navy Birthday Ball will be selected at the follow-up meeting of the Ball committee, immediately after the regular meeting. The Board will be briefed on the choices at the next regular meeting.

A discussion entertained the possibility of a silent auction. There was no support to do so. The possibility of a round of golf as a “gift” to our speaker was discussed. Catherine is awaiting a donor’s response.

A discussion on PayPal ensued. Catherine was not in favor of PayPal due to fees. Ken Lee argued for the convenience and offered to pay \$22.50 in fees for each \$1,000 raised on PayPal. The Board agreed to proceed with PayPal. Eric Rydstrom stated that our normal procedure is to pay any fees out of the General Business account.

Phil Dunmire stated that the Board needs to raise \$15,000 in pledges towards the Birthday Ball. He further stated that significant progress has been made with donations in excess of \$7,500 thus far.

Programs

Jennie Monroe discussed the May 22 luncheon at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach. She stated that thus far attendance/signups are about 30 and she is hoping for more. Three Board members indicated that they would be attending who were not on the list.

Jennie said that our costs of the Youth Appreciation Dinner, at Iron Horse Country Club, on April 13th, exceeded our estimated costs. She stated that we were \$850 over budget due to many freebies.

Ken Lee advised that we should not count our Awards money in the Profit and Loss statement.

Also, the June 8th dinner at the West Palm Beach Hilton will cost \$60. This hotel is very convenient for the NOSC. A discussion followed and Ken Lee made a motion to set a charge to individuals at \$55 pp. The motion was seconded by John Limoncelli and approved by the Board.

New Business

Audit Review

Ken Lee stated that the internal financial review of the Council is conducted by a Board, appointed by the president. Ken represented the Board, conducted the review, and submitted a 9-page report. As the reviewer he stated that our financial reports accurately reflect the status of the Council and is consistent with every monthly report for the last 9 years. He is very proud of the Council and further stated that no unfair business practices were found.

His report was submitted, a motion to accept was made by Phil Dunmire, and seconded by Lou Palumbo. The Board passed unanimously and Ken Lee was publicly complimented by various Board members for his unselfish efforts on behalf of the Council.

Reports - Richard Winnet, Vice-President of Administration had nothing to report.

Guest Speakers

Jennie Monroe said that there is a need for speakers for next year's luncheons, leading into a discussion and questions regarding politicians being invited to speak. For the record the Navy League does not endorse political candidates. The JAG will clear or not clear the politicians and neutrality.

Youth Activities

Lou Palumbo met with the Iwo Jima Cadets at The Palm Beach Maritime Academy and complimented their serious attention to detail. He thanked Frank Verna and Jennie Monroe for their ongoing youth efforts. Lou sat in on the Advisory Board meeting of the SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce. He mentioned that the Navy League has a great working relationship with the SEAL Museum and its director.

Frank Verna thanked Lou for his talk to the Sea Cadets. Kids love a “spook.” The following week both the FBI and the Secret Service were scheduled to talk to the cadets. The DEA is also on their docket.

Mr. Parker is retiring from the Coast Guard station. The XO said that here would be a retirement ceremony. Details to follow.

A discussion ensued concerning the commissioning of the USS Billings, in Key West, on Aug 3rd. It was agreed that this is something we want to support for our Youth Programs, i.e. the Sea Cadets and the Young Marines in Royal Palm HS NROTC. Travel plans, including transportation and billeting, need to be explored. Larry Saulog may have done this previously.

Frank Verna then told the Board that the JROTC program had 3 appointments to the US Service Academies this year.

Note: Dan Pedrick will pursue data on possible appointments to King’s Point, the Merchant Marine Academy.

Finally, Chief Gonzalez at Royal Palm Beach NROTC, whose program does not yet qualify for Navy subsidies, needs PT gear costing between \$2,500-\$2,600 for 120 cadets. Actual figures were \$2,695 for one vendor (previously used) and \$2,515 from a local vendor. Ken Lee made a motion to approve the expense and let Chief Gonzalez choose the vendor. Phil Dunmire seconded and the Board approved.

Membership

Joan Ross reported one new member in April and six losses. End of April total is 165 members.

Communications

Ken Lee stated that the flyer for the June 8th luncheon will be posted on the website immediate after the May 22nd luncheon: we post just one event flyer at a time, to avoid confusions experienced in the past. We have also posted a Navy Ball donation notice prominently on the website.

Maritime Affairs

Dan Pedrick reported that Commander Bushey of NOSC has met with RADM Carodine; Dan has invited RADM Carodine to our next luncheon and to join the Palm Beach Council.

Dan briefed that the 4th ANGLICO, Lt Col Grasso, is in charge of the Marine Corps Ball this year and asked for Navy League support. Also the 4th ANGLICO’s entire detachment (15-20 Marines) is returning from Afghanistan. We have been invited to a family reception at the NOSC. We are volunteering to provide \$300 to fund the reception. Dan made a motion to fund the reception. Chuck Stark seconded and the Board approved.

RADM Carodine is invited as our guest to the May 22nd Luncheon. Ken Lee made the motion. Phil Dunmire seconded and the Board approved.

Motion to adjourn at 1252.