



Palm Beach Council

Navy League of the United States

Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

Dec 10, 2019

Location: Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Marilyn Coleman

Officers/Directors Present: John Lively, Catherine Brister, Ken Lee, Jerry Nelinson, Bob Ames, Dan Pedrick, Chuck Stark, John Limoncelli, Maurice Maccario, Eric Rydstrom, Frank Verna, Jennie Monroe, Phil Dunmire, Lou Palumbo, Diana Paxton, Patricia Reybold, Rich Wennet

Council President John Lively chaired the meeting; he noted a quorum present and convened the meeting at 1200 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chuck Stark

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Pearl Harbor and Pensacola.

President's Remarks:

- Noted that Sumner Hushing had suffered a recent fall at home and is in rehab for a while
- Thanked Jerry Nelinson for outstanding presentation at November PGA luncheon (applause)
- Thanked Dan Pedrick for orchestrating a good turnout of council members at the NOSC Christmas Party on Dec 8 Catherine Brister joined in mentioning how inspirational it is to participate in events with our youth and military groups
- Mentioned that NOSC WPB is apparently in the running for NOSC of the YEAR consideration

Approval of November 2019 Board Minutes:

Motion made and seconded to approve the Nov 12 Minutes that were sent to all Board members after Nov meeting and again with today's Agenda.

Approval of FebruaryNovember 2019 Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Eric Rydstrom stated all financial reports had been completed and distributed by email last week, with a Nov fund balance of ~\$106,000. He gave a quick-look assessment of ~\$2,000 positive balance from the Navy Birthday Ball and reported we were about \$3200 net in Nov, including the first quarterly payment of \$6250 from the Gwinn Estate bequest. Motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote to accept the November financial reports.

Old Business

Updates to 2019/2020 Programs.

- VP Programs Jennie Monroe stated about 42 people had signed up so far for the Dec 17th luncheon at Sailfish Club and asked that a reminder flyer be sent (Ken Lee for action)
- Jennie also mentioned that our next 3 luncheons would be held at Sailfish Club (Dec) with SR-71 pilot LtCol Bill Burk as speaker, at Ballen Isles (Jan) with USAF LtCol Mel Pollack as speaker, and at Abacoa Golf Club (Feb) with youth group leaders speaking.

Navy Birthday Ball funds accounting

- Catherine Brister asked that 2019 Navy Ball net proceeds be maintained in separate account so that they're available for the next (2021) Ball and not lost track of. Treas Eric Rydstrom

opined that taking on the extra administration of yet another separate account was undesirable. A motion was made and passed by voice vote to enter the 2019 Navy Birthday Ball net proceeds amount (expected to be ~\$2000) in the Board minutes so that they are readily findable for reference when needed; Treasurer tasked to report the net proceeds amount for entering in the Minutes.

Added 12 Dec 2019 from Treasurer Rydstrom:" The following is to be included in the December board meeting minutes per motion Lee, second Rydstrom, passed: Navy Ball 2019 had net income of \$2,108. /s/J. Eric Rydstrom, Treasurer"

November funding to Sea Cadets/Iwo Jima Division.

- VP Youth Programs Frank Verna thanked Treasurer Eric Rydstrom for his personal \$600 contribution to fully fund the division's November request (\$4000 approved by Board in Nov; remaining \$600 provided by Eric on own initiative). (applause)

New Business

NLUS Youth Awards for Iwo Jima Division Sea Cadets

VP Youth Frank Verna referenced his Dec 6th email (copy attached to these minutes) nominating Iwo Jima Div Sea Cadets Daniel Fellows and Lila Turner for the NLUS Youth Award and Medal as 2019 Outstanding Cadet(s) for the Iwo Jima division. Both cadets were recently promoted to Cadet Chief Petty Officer rank and were cited making outstanding contributions to the unit and for being outstanding examples of the young Americans the Sea Cadet program seeks to mentor.

The Board approved the medals as requested, and further approved adding a \$100 honorarium to be presented to Cadet CPO Fellows and to Cadet CPO Turner with Board's appreciation for their outstanding performance.

Potential 7th Youth Group

Ken Lee reported that MSGT Lawrence Patterson, formerly the lead instructor at PB Gardens NJROTC, is now associated with a Boynton Beach high school JROTC program and is inquiring about possible support. VP Youth Frank Verna tasked to contact the MSGT and determine the relevant facts and make a recommendation for further Board action, if any.

Science Fair Judging and Awards

Ken Lee reported that the 4 council members listed below would be judging at the 2019 Palm Beach County Science and Engineering Fair per normal council procedures and would be selecting a Middle School entrant and a High School entrant for receipt of \$500 Ullman Scholar Awards for outstanding performance. These awards are funded by the Ullman Family and will be presented by our council at the county Science Fair Awards Program in January. Thanks to judges John Limoncelli, Ted Blake, Murray Gero and Ken Lee.

News Clip and Awards Help Requested

News Clip author and Program Awards Chairman Ken Lee announced that he is seeking assistance in each of these jobs and is ready and willing to provide all necessary training to execute these tasks. Phil Dunmire suggested that it might be a good way for some cadet parents to get involved with the Navy League.

Slight Snafu in Website Registration for Social Events

Jennie Monroe highlighted a problem in paying and/or getting acknowledged for payment when paying by credit card. Webmaster Ken Lee has tasked our website support contractor with finding and fixing the problem.

Youth Alumni Tracking

Director Phil Dunmire suggested to VP Youth that tracking and reporting on cadet alumni highlights would be a good way to foster even more financial support to the youth groups. Phil Dunmire also requested possible help for NL Directors with things such as awards and newsclips; from Sea Cadet parents – as he feels it is a good way to get parents involved with the Navy League directly, Frank Verna to research.

Catherine Brister requested all youth groups provide calendar for events and fundraisers, as board members may want to attend and participate in fundraisers individually as well as through Navy League.

REPORTS

Judge Advocate Rich Wennet

- Reported no current issues and “everything looks legal from here”

VP Legislation John Limoncelli

- Distributed to each Director a folder with Navy League-Palm Beach Council pre-printed letterhead and envelopes
- Nothing further to report

VP Youth Frank Verna

- Reported many holiday activities supported by multiple youth groups with good success, including several parades, color guard duties and fund-raisers.

VP Communication Jerry Nelinson

- Reported outstanding Color Guard provided by AmVets Div Sea Cadets at the Beach Club for Achilles Foundation
- Suggested we remove our personal labels and leave our already-read Sea Power magazines in doctor/dentist offices as an easy means of increased exposure and possible recruitment of new members

Webmaster Ken Lee

- Nothing to report beyond credit card snafu already being worked by JWD site supporters

VP Maritime Affairs Ken Lee

- NOSC Liaison Dan Pedrick reported that a relief for incumbent CO NOSC has been identified; she is a naval aviator LCDR nothing more known yet. Dan emphasized will be difficult to match outstanding performance of CDR Bushey, who has truly excelled in NOSC spirit and morale and close connections with Navy League.
- VP Ken Lee reported no Sailor of the Quarter nominees recently from USCG, AUTEK or 4th ANGLICO, in spite of repeated fact-to-face conversations with COs and XOs who indicate they're excited about the support and will submit nominees. Will continue to 'encourage' these activities to use a recognition program for their troops – we remain ready to come with the plaques and cash.

Bob Ames made motion to adjourn; seconded by John Lively.

12:51 pm