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# **Palm Beach Council**

## **Navy League of the United States**

### **Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes**

Jan 14, 2020

Location: Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL

**Secretary:** Marilyn Coleman

**Officers/Directors Present:** Ken Lee, Jerry Nelinson, Bob Ames, Chuck Stark, John Limoncelli, Maurice Maccario, Eric Rydstrom, Frank Verna, Jennie Monroe, Phil Dunmire, Marilyn Coleman, Fred Brandt(Webmaster), Richard Ray, Charles Zambrano, Betty Wetherington

Council President John Lively was absent due to family priorities, and Executive VP Bob Ames chaired the meeting; he noted a quorum present and convened the meeting at 1200 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fred Brandt.

#### **President's Remarks:**

- Noted that Council Pres. John Lively was responding to family medical issues this day
- Noted that Lou Palumbo was absent today due to medical issues but looked forward to quick return to council activities
- Noted that December's luncheon at Sailfish Club was commented on very favorably by many members, and said that next week's luncheon at BallenIsles should be similarly successful
- Thanked VP Programs Jennie Monroe for her excellent handling of our recent social events

#### **Approval of November 2019 Board Minutes:**

Motion made and seconded to approve the Dec 10 Minutes as distributed yesterday to all Board members, with comments of Ames, Rydstrom & Wennet incorporated into the original draft Minutes.

#### **Approval of February 2019 Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Eric Rydstrom stated that December financial reports had been distributed to all Board members by email, that our Dec 2019 Net Income was -\$4227 and that our end of year funds balance was \$104, 436.

A question was posed concerning the Dec emails on the subject of \$250 question on the Sailfish Club luncheon reports; it was reported that the excess funds were in fact the proceeds from the cash bar, and Jennie Monroe reported that we were given an unexpected discount on the drink prices.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Dec financial reports as submitted.

### **Old Business**

#### **NLUS Youth Awards/Medals.**

- Jennie Monroe reported that the two NLUS Medals approved at the Dec Board meeting were presented in December by VP Youth Frank Verna and Council President John Lively, and that she would submit some text and photos to document the event.

#### **Passing of Council Member and Benefactor Dean Woodman**

- Director Phil Dunmire noted the December passing of Dean Woodman in California. Dean had been very generous in his support of our council, and his wife Jane is still a primary leader in the Palm Beach Evening of Tribute to Navy SEALs series of events. Phil noted that the Wall Street Journal included an expanded obituary of this most notable financial leader.

# New Business

## Presidential Appointments

- Current Webmaster Ken Lee introduced Fred Brandt and described their council website reviews (including a meeting with our website hosting contractor JWD) conducted since Fred volunteered to take on the Webmaster duties at our Dec 2019 Board meeting. Ken recommended that the President appoint Fred as our Webmaster, and Exec VP appointed Fred on the spot. Welcome aboard, Fred!
- Council Exec VP Bob Ames also confirmed the following Presidential appointments for 2020
  - o Awards Chairman – Ken Lee
  - o NOSC Liaison – Dan Pedrick
  - o USMC Liaison – Jim Wells
  - o AUTEK Liaison – Lou Palumbo
  - o USCG Liaison – still vacant
  - o Daly Scholarship Chairman – Betty Wetherington
  - o Science Fair Judging/Awards – still vacant
  - o Navy Birthday Dinner Chairman – still vacant

## 2020 Programs/Dates/Speakers

- **VP Programs Jennie Monroe** confirmed the following upcoming Programs information
  - o Jan 22 BallenIsles luncheon with LtCol Mel Pollack as speaker
  - o Feb 12 Abacoa Golf Club luncheon with Youth Group leaders as speakers
    - Subj: Brief highlights of unit 2019 events and 2020 plans
  - o Mar xx Port of Palm Beach ..... date and speaker still TBD
    - Bob Ames volunteered to reach out to the leader of the local program that provides full ceremony burials for veterans without families
  - o Apr 25 Ironhorse CC dinner for Youth Appreciation awards night
  - o May 20 Croquet Club ..... speaker still TBD
  - o June xx It was discussed that since we decided in 2019 to discontinue the traditional Individual Augmentee dinner (due to lack of interest from NOSC) we needed to decide whether to substitute a new event or return to pre-2014 “no June event” practice.
    - Phil Dunmire suggested a BBQ at which we “flip burgers” for the cadets
      - Jennie Monroe was tasked to discuss with VP Youth Frank Verna the feasibility/desirability of such event
    - Chuck Stark suggested we consider a return visit to the Navy SEAL Museum
      - Ken Lee was tasked to discuss with museum staff the most suitable date in June for a council visit.
- VP Programs Jennie Monroe made a general request for Board members to be alert to assist in identifying and coordinating good speakers for our events
- **VP Legislative Affairs John Limoncelli** questioned whether politicians could be considered as potential speakers for our events. General opinion was:
  - o Sitting politicians are o.k. as speakers but should be advised that campaign-type speeches are not acceptable, due to our (Navy League) apolitical, non-profit status
  - o Candidates for office are generally not desired as speakers, and certainly not acceptable for any campaign-type speeches
  - o Charles Zambrano volunteered to assist John in seeking good speaker, e.g. Gov DeSantis

## Miscellaneous

- **Director Phil Dunmire** reported that we were presented with two very fine Navy coffee table books and he will be consulting with VP Youth Frank Verna as to the most appropriate way to make these available within our youth programs.
- **Awards Chairman Ken Lee** reported that he and **John Limoncelli** would be presenting our two \$500 Ullman Scholar Awards at the Science Fair awards night on Jan 16. He also reminded that the Ullman family/friends have fully funded these awards since their inception.
- **Directors Jerry Nelinson, Phil Dunmire, Chuck Stark and Ken Lee** reported on their (and Bob Crippen's) recent visits to our centenarian **Sumner Hushing**, currently at Heartland rehab center in Palm Beach Gardens. Sumner continues with his quick wit and clear opinions as his physical condition presents some challenges, and Jerry strongly urged more visits to our good friend and long-time council leader.
- **Treasurer Eric Rydstrom** reminded that we needed to form/appoint an Audit Committee to review our 2019 council financials, sometime in next 2-3 months. There were no volunteers and Bob Ames noted that we needed someone to step forward ..... please consider; 2018 reviewer Ken Lee reported that clear procedures and examples were available for the previous annual financial review.
- Ken Lee displayed the **2019 Year in Review** slide show on his laptop and reported that similar shows were available for all years since 2011 and are archived in the **Summary of Years Past** tab in the **RESOURCES** section at bottom of **HOME** page on our website.
- Someone queried whether or not we have photos of all council members. Answer is (1) we have photos of all Officers/Directors and they're in the Year in Review slide show, and (2) we don't have photos of all council members. **Webmaster Fred Brandt** volunteered to consider the best method for getting photos & short(very) bio from our members.
- **Director Charles Zambrano** suggested that new Webmaster Fred Brandt give our website a fresh overall review and make recommendations on improvements where appropriate.
- Ken Lee reported that the national Navy League organization had adopted a new logo (see at top of p.1 of these Minutes) and we are to convert our physical and electronic media to incorporate this logo this year.

With no further New Business, Bob Ames asked for and received a motion to adjourn and did so at 12:52.