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Palm Beach Council

Navy League of the United States

Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

Location: Marriott Hotel, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Marilyn Coleman (absent) – Ken Lee drafted attached Minutes

Officers/Directors Present: Bob Ames, Chuck Stark, Maurice Maccario, Jennie Monroe, Charles Zambrano, Catherine Brister, Ken Lee, John Lively, Eric Rydstrom, Lou Palumbo, Phil Dunmire, Frank Verna

Guests: Ken Lee introduced his guest, Mr Patrick Hidalgo. Patrick is a new Navy League member and has already provided a classroom presentation at the Royal Palm Beach NJROTC unit.

Council President John Lively convened the meeting at 1200 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chuck Stark.

President's Remarks:

- Noted quorum present
- Asked Ken Lee to please record Minutes of today's meeting
- Noted that Director John Limoncelli was on the cruise ship still idling off Fort Lauderdale awaiting final Coronavirus testing results before docking
- Noted that Mar 18th council luncheon at North PB CC was cancelled due to a combination of low and decreasing reservations amid increasing Coronavirus concerns
- Noted that we would jump to VP Youth Frank Verna multiple agenda items first today as Frank has a scheduled real estate closing requiring his early departure.

Approval of February 2020 Board Minutes:

Motion made and seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the Feb 11 Minutes as distributed with Agenda to all Board members.

Approval of February 2019 Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Eric Rydstrom noted February's detailed monthly Financial Reports were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting and noted that our Treasury's balance was approximately \$111K with no outstanding obligations.

Motion made and seconded and approved to accept February 2020 Financial Reports as submitted.

New Business

1. **VP Youth Frank Verna** was recognized for his new business items, which were handled as outlined below:

- (1) **Young Marines** detailed funding request for \$4200 to support their planned attendance for 8th consecutive year as lead cadets in national Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC. It was noted in discussions that this was a 20% increase over last year's funding for this item. Motion was made and seconded and approved by voice vote to approve this item, with a caveat that a funds accounting and appropriate returns be provided to the PB Council in the event this travel is cancelled for any reason.

- (2) **AmVets Sea Cadets** submitted a funding request just previous evening for
- a. \$1500 for Summer training transportation support
 - b. \$1500 for unspecified unit operating expenses
 - c. \$1100 for new T-shirts

This request created considerable discussion that included:

- Not ready to approve a multi-\$K request submitted last night, giving no time for BoD review and evaluation v-a-v past practices and other youth funding (Lee)
- Not ready to approve \$1100 T-shirt request without discussion with unit since there is a known source for suitable T-shirts in the \$1+ price range (Verna)
- Not ready to approve funding requests without some indication of the types and quality of unit fund-raising events completed and planned (Monroe)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the two \$1500 items and table the \$1100 item; the motion failed to pass and VP Youth was directed to advise the AV Cadets unit, noting that request would be reconsidered at next Board meeting, and hopefully with some more information from requesting unit.

- (3) **Boynton Beach MCJROTC** Unit leader MSGT L. Patterson requested support for two end-of-year awards. Turns out he was requesting for two awards similar to those **Sub Vets** awards presented and funded by Director Ken Lee at PB Gardens NJROTC for past 5 years. Ken Lee said he would take for action this awards request and handle it with local Sub Vets organization; he showed an example of a Sub Vets award already prepared for this year.
- a. Discussions ensued and general consensus was reached that our PB Council was not ready to add this fledgling MCJROTC unit to the six youth groups already sponsored by the council. Council would reconsider in future if/when unit is chartered as a JROTC program. Treasurer Rydstrom led these discussions and no dissenting comments were put forth.

- (4) Verna as **CO, Iwo Jima Div Sea Cadets** requested any possible assistance in gaining access to PBI for a cadet contingent when POTUS arrives. Director Charles Zambrano volunteered that he had friendship with an official that might be able to help and he (Chas) would contact him and report back to LT Verna.

- (5) **VP Youth** was asked for completing as soon as possible his earlier assignment to develop a recommended procedure(s) for our youth groups to request financial support, especially in light of everyone's knowledge of our council's receipt of an annual \$25K bequest in support of cadets. Associated discussions included:
- a. Recommendation that a standardized form be considered as part of the request process
 - b. Recommendation that other unit fund-raising information be part of the request process
 - c. Understanding that the funds are provided to the PB Council, and it is the Council that will ultimately determine who/where/how/how much funding flows to our youth support

VP Youth Frank Verna was commended for his outstanding work in running his own Sea Cadets unit while also serving the Council as VP for Youth Programs, and he was excused to proceed to his business appointment.

2. AUTEK SOQ Awards. Two SOQ Awards were requested by CO AUTEK 2 weeks ago. The awards are ready and Lou Palumbo and Phil Dunmire will be flying on the AUTEK charter plane March 13th to present the awards at the AUTEK Bahamas facility on Andros Island. CO AUTEK indicated he hoped this practice would become the norm for future AUTEK awards. After multiple communiques with this CO and his predecessors, these are the first two awards requested by AUTEK since 2018; the Council hopes this signals a return to quarterly awards.

3. **DALY Scholarships.** Ken Lee reported that annual scholarship notices have been sent to our six youth groups plus to the Boca NJROTC; the notice provides the detailed eligibility requirements and simple application procedure and deadlines. General discussions ensued that included:

- this is first year that DALY Scholarships are \$3K (were \$1K previously)
- DALY Scholarships have been funded 100% by Director Merry O'Donnell and family
- we commit to one scholarship per year but retain prerogative to award more if situations indicate this could/should be done
- Betty Wetherington is chairing the scholarship review/recommendation committee

4. **NOSC SOY/SOQ Awards.** Ken Lee reported that 12 awards have prepared for NOSC's FY2019 4th Quarter SOQs and FY2019 Sailors of the Year. This will be presented soon (TBD).

5. **Youth Appreciation Dinner Awards.** Ken Lee reminded that we need to fund \$1800 of awards for our April 25th Youth Appreciation Dinner. General discussions ensued, including:

- as before, we'll fund 7 seats for cadets/chaperone from each of our six units; additional cadet or parent or staff attendance will have a price attached.
- Treasurer requires detailed accounting of attendees by unit for the dinner, to support calculations of youth activities funding
- Today's Coronavirus realities tell us that our annual Youth Appreciation Dinner may have to be cancelled, but in that case we'll prepare the normal awards and give them to the individual units
- Six awards are already sponsored and then Council President John Lively committed to sponsoring two more, and Exec VP Bob Ames committed to three more Thank you!!!!
- VP Youth to arrange for April 25th Color Guard, hopefully from among the 42 'seats;' notify K. Lee if more seats needed to accommodate Color Guard

6. **Book Donations:** Phil Dunmire showed the two encyclopedic Navy books donated recently by Allyson Samiljan; he is turning over to CO Iwo Jima Sea Cadets, to be resident at PB Maritime Acad.

7. **Picture Donation:** Phil Dunmire reported that the amazing painting of Lamar Parker and his WW-2 Kingfisher aircraft will be turned over to CO, NOSC under a memo of understanding that this and the Iwo Jima Sands and Plaque are property of and on loan from PB Council.

Old Business

1. Luncheon Venues Planned

- a. March 18th – cancelled; refunds in progress
- b. April 25th – Youth Appreciation Dinner at Ironhorse CC
- c. May 13 – National Croquet Club WPB with speaker
- d. June 17 – SEAL Museum Visit + Harbor Cove lunch

VP Reports

- VP Membership report distributed by email prior to meeting
- No VP information beyond that already recorded in Minutes above

**Motion was made, seconded and approved for adjournment;
President Lively gavelled the meeting to a close at 12:58pm**