MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council Mainstay Best Western Inn Newport, RI 02840

> **Chair: Anne Huot Monday, 6 January 2014**

Attendance

Pat Burke	Shirley Hill	Suresh Ramamurthy	George Wardwell
Tony Cercena	Anne Huot	Mike Slein	Walt Wasowski
Len Dilorenzo	Robert Perfetto	Eda Wardwell	
Tom Feeney	Ray Perry		

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:10PM at the Best Western Mainstay. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAIL CALL: Received congratulation and thank you card from ADM. Wescheler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: Jay Corey's mother died. President Huot will send condolence card.

<u>PRESIDENT'S REMARKS</u> (Anne Huot): Anne reported on December NAVALOG issue which included council in its year in review and discussed her and council member Angela Vars' participation in the Christmas in Newport Door Décor contest at Fort Adams.

<u>NEWPORT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:</u> The council was represented in January at following Change of

Command, Events, Receptions and Graduations:

OCS Hi-MOM Reception 9 Jan OCS Hi-Mom Reception 30Jan

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report (Shirley Hill) – Minutes distributed and approved.

T<u>reasurer's Report</u> (**Pat Burke**): Pat distributed December 1-31 Monthly Report. Report approved. 2014 Proposed Budget distributed and tabled for discussion, will be reviewed at the Strategy Meeting 11 January.

Membership Report (Edna Wardwell) – Membership as of today 356, down from 361 last month.

<u>Sea Cadets Report</u> – (George Wardwell) – George reminded board of LT Boll's Recognition Dinner 1/12. Annual Sea Cadet Ball scheduled for 8 March. International Sea Cadet Picnic scheduled for 29 Jun. Board approved \$500 to fund picnic. There were questions as to where the funds would come from since

it was not budgeted for 2014. George reported that NETC Unit having difficulty. Falcon Division will be taking a trip to DC in August 2014.

Council Legislative Report –(Mike Slein): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments: Review tabled for discussion at Strategy Meeting 11 Jan.

Council Web Page (Walt Wasowski/Suresh Ramamurthy): Suresh continue working on a plan.

Mascot for Newsletter: Discussion on hold.

Sea Cadet Donation: \$650 donation from LCDR Grant Thomas, USCG will be distributed to Sea Cadets in January at LT Boll's Reception.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategy Meeting: Meeting is scheduled for 11 January at the Mainstay. Breakfast at 9AM followed by meeting.

<u>Joint Events with The RI Military Order of Foreign Wars</u> (Len DiLorenzo): Len will coordinate with Commandery.

<u>Military Appreciation Annual Dinner</u> – Discussed possible speaker, NWC President (RADM Carter suggested as possible speaker. No decision made at this time.

<u>USCG Persons of the Year</u> – Lisa Rama and Coast Guard working on selection. Name of selectees may be out by end of February.

AREA/REGIONAL PRESIDENTS/NATIONAL DIRECTORS REMARKS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Suresh Ramamurthy voted welcomed as Board member.

ADJOUNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Anne Huot, President presiding Shirley Hill, Secretary