

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council  
Mainstay Best Western Hotel  
Newport, RI 02840

**Chair: Anne Huot, President**  
**Monday, 4 April 2011**

**ATTENDING**

Anne Huot  
Arne Johnson  
Bob Perfetto  
Len Dilorezzi  
Roy Callahan

Eric Shaw  
Adm. Joe Strasser  
George Wardwell  
Dave Carrillo  
Richard Ryan

Shirley Hill  
Tony Cercena  
Mike Slein  
Patrick Burke  
Ed Webb

**A. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**B. Mail call**

**C. Announcements**

- 1. President recognized Vince Arnold who was awarded “Fenian of the Year” for 2010 by the Newport Irish Heritage Association for his service to the community. A well deserved recognition for a distinguished Board member.**
- 2. President noted that Carol Williams, daughter of member Ed Walsh, passed away.**
- 3. Adm. Dennis McCoy and wife Susan will be receive the Newport Daily News Community Service Award at a dinner on April 28 at the Atlantic Beach Club. Attendance is encouraged to salute a Council member.**
- 4. Former Council Chaplain Capt. Don Biadog was recognized by Navallog for his efforts in working with survivors of the disaster in Japan.**

**D. President’s Remarks**

- 1. The focus for Council should be membership and effort will be made to increase same over the course of the coming year. Members are encouraged to enlist new members and support renewals of current members.**
- 2. President discussed an invitation received from the Sea Cadets to sponsor a car in the RI Soap Box Derby. Cost was to be determined and a vote yea or nay will be requested from the Board when all information is made available. There was widespread enthusiasm for the idea.**

**E. NLUS was represented at these Change of Command, Events, Receptions and Graduations:**

OCS Class 07-11 Reception 10 Mar                      Sea Cadet Ball, 19 Mar  
OCS Class 08-11 Reception 31 Mar                      ODS Class 11040 Graduation 4 Mar  
Dedication of the Francis L. Toner IV Bridge 27 Mar

**Change of Command – President of the Navy War College 30 Mar**

**F. Reports:**

**Secretary's Report – Ed – February and March Minutes distributed and accepted.**

**Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw reviewed financials and same were accepted.**

**Membership Report – Richard Ryan indicated Council is now at 350 members. Efforts continue to solicit greater participation by CA's. Agreed also that the Treasurer should screen all incoming mail to affect timely response to invitations from various Commands and others who want Council involvement in their events.**

**Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell gave an extensive report on Sea Cadets. He has a request to pass on any old Seapower magazines from members to the Sea Cadets who use them for training purposes. George's report will be available in full at a later date. The issue of uniform access for the Sea Cadets was discussed. Cadets are unable to visit the Exchange to acquire uniforms. All agreed that access will be arranged in union with a Council member who has base and Exchange privileges.**

**Legislative Report – Mike Slein reminded all that Rep. David Cecilline, RI, will be attending our 6 June BOD Meeting to address us and receive a briefing on NLUS. Mike suggested invitations, asking for an RSVP, be sent to all members of the Council to attend the meeting.**

**G. New Business:**

**1. Speaker for the Annual Dinner and MAN will be RADM John**

**Christenson, new President of the Naval War College who has accepted our invitation. Status and schedule – Pat.**

**2. Invitation from the RI Commandery, led by Dennis Morgan, to RI Independence Day Wed 4 to be held at Quonset Officers Club from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$20.00. – Mike**

**3. Request from RI Commandery: They are offering NCCNL to have a role by way of placing an ad/tribute in the Program Book that is being developed. The ad (black & white) would be 8X10 in size and would contain your message that us or they would compile into the ad. You may send (must be received NLT 20 Apr) the ad by email in PDF or Word format to our editor, COL Dennis Perrino at [zp15@aol.com](mailto:zp15@aol.com). The cost of this full-page ad is \$200.**

**4. Support for active duty sailors and spouses. – Bob Perfetto**

**5. USCG Sailor of the Quarter, Station Castle Hill, request made to Command by Mike Slein for reinstating same.**

**6. Future events at National and Regional levels:**

<b>April 9</b>	<b>Regional Meeting to be held in Castine, Maine.</b>
<b>April 11-13</b>	<b>Sea-Air-Space Exposition</b>
<b>Mid-month</b>	<b>Issue Council Rebates</b>

<b>April 14</b>	<b>Deadline for nominations for Distinguished Services Award And Hall of Fame</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Deadline for registration for Spring BOD meeting</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Deadline for RP to notify HQ of Selection of Region Nominating Committee (with list)</b>
<b>June 22-26</b>	<b>National Board of Directors Meeting</b>

**H. Old Business:**

**1. Donation to Wounded Warriors**

**2. Reminders:**

**a. Committee to be formed to plan for a fundraising/membership drive Polo Match event at the end of September 2011. – Al / Anne**

**b. Consider events to be held aboard the USS Massachusetts.**

**I. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks**

**J. Other Business**

**K. Adjournment:**

**Our next meeting is scheduled at the Best Western Mainstay on Monday 2 May at 4 PM.**

**Anne Huot presiding.**