

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

Chair: Anne Huot
Monday, 4 February 2013

Attendance

Pat Burke	Shirley Hill	Raymond Perry	George Wardwell
Tony Cercena	Anne Huot	Michael Slein	Walter Wasowski
Tom Feeney	Arne Johnson	Edna Wardwell	

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:00PM at the Mainstay Inn. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. **MAIL CALL:** Thank you letter from LTJG Jennifer Harwood USCG Junior Officer of the Year.
- C. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:** President presented a silver plate to Council member Arne Johnson for 25+ years as Council Judge Advocate. Arne requested to be put on Council Emeritus list.
- D. **President's Remarks from Anne.** None.
- E. **Newport Council was represented in February at following Change of Command, Events, Receptions and Graduations:**

ODS Hi-Mom Reception	2/7	SWOS DH Class 220 Award Ceremony	2/21
OCS Class 0613 Hi-Mom Reception	2/14	Council Strategy Meeting	2/24
SEA Class 171 Award Dinner	2/15	NSC Lunch	2/25

F. **REPORTS:**

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

Treasurer's Report (Pat Burke)- Treasurer's report distributed and approved. Budget for 2013 submitted. Budget not approved at meeting due to lack of a voting quorum.

Board suggested giving the Naval Sea Cadets a check for \$600 (\$200 per unit) at the Sea Cadet Ball 2 March. Monies were approved in 2012 budget but never distributed to units.

Membership Report – Membership Chair (Edna Wardwell) reported current membership at 371 down from 373. Membership Chair proposed sending out letters to 123 lapsed members as possible good recovery candidates. Mike Slein distributed recommended approaches to recruit Community Affiliates and recommended that each Board member recruit a CA in 2013 to increase membership.

Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell announced upcoming NETC Annual Ball 2 March 2013. Board member RADM Barbara McGann will be Guest Speaker. Unit inspections final reports due this month (Feb).

Council Legislative Report –Mike Slein – Mike spoke with Senator Reed at the SENEDIA Breakfast.

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Coast Guard Persons of Year: (Ray Perry)- Another outstanding event with Newport Rotary Club as co-host/sponsor.

Naval Complex Persons of Year: Ray working on. Not expecting any activity until end of January/February.

CHAFEE CD – No response from Chafee family, recommended to remove from agenda and proceed with suggested projects.

Tri-fold Membership Marketing Idea – President Anne Huot continues to work on brochure improvements.
Naval Station Status Update – Scheduled for 11 March at Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina following Board meeting. Reception is free for CAs & new members and \$10 for Council members and guest. Cost of event estimated at approximately \$700.

Working Breakfast Strategy Meeting (George Wardwell/Anne Huot)- re-scheduled for 24 Feb 9:00PM with meeting to follow 1000-1200 at the Mainstay.

Annual Military Appreciation Dinner – Scheduled for 6 May, ABC Pavilion. Guest Speaker Admiral Mary Landry, USCG/Ret, Director of Incident Management & Preparedness Policy, United States Coast Guard. Suggestion made to invite Merchant Marine Academy students and Instructors. Mike and Ray to work on invitations.

NSC Lunch Program (Mike Slein) – Scheduled for 25 Feb at Mainstay Best Western Inn. Mike reported that invitations sent.

Chorister's Fundraiser Update(Anne Huot)- Jay Corey and Bonnie Slein volunteered as Asst. Chairs. Event to be held at St. Lucy's Church, 10 May at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$12/single and \$8 for students. Save the Date notices to be sent out.

New Board Members –(Mike Slein) – New Board members Jay Corey and Frank Flanagan nominated. No voted due to lack of voting quorum.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

International Sea Cadet Picnic(George Wardwell)– Date set for 28 June. Board suggested providing \$500 in support of event. No vote due to lack of voting quorum.

Ambassador Middendorf's Secretary Award. Award suggested by Amb. Middendorf at CG Award Lunch. George Wardwell, Anne Huot and Barbara McGann to follow up.

RI Commandery Anniversary Booklet (Anne Huot) – Request to approve a \$250 ad in Anniversary Booklet for recruitment expense. No vote due to lack of voting quorum.

I. AREA/REGIONAL PRESIDENTS/NATIONAL DIRECTORS REMARKS: None.

J. OTHER BUSINESS:

Newsletter Editor – Shirley Hill reported that this is her last year to be editor for newsletter. Council has a year to find a replacement or to come up with an alternative for a Council Newsletter.

1. ADJOURNMENT: 5:20 P.M.

Next meeting will be at the Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina on Monday, 11 March 2013 at 4 PM followed by a reception and Naval Station Newport Status Report by Commanding Officer .

Anne Huot, President presiding
Shirley Hill, Secretary