

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, December 1, 2008

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

B. President's Remarks:

- 1) Mike welcomed two new Board members; Dave Carillo and Mike O'Sullivan.
- 2) There was a moment of silence for former Sea Cadet SPC Corey Shea who was killed by Iraqi insurgents in Mosul on 12 November.
- 3) Mike thanked the participants who attended the Newport County Chamber of Commerce Dinner on 14 November.
- 4) Mike noted that a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to David Burns (Raytheon) for his work in printing the Annual Dinner program.
- 5) Annual NL Newport County Council appeal letter will go out this month.
- 6) Mike has forwarded an official invitation to VADM Kevin McCoy (NAVSEA) to be our guest speaker for the Annual Dinner.
- 7) Thanks were given to Dave Carillo, George, Walt, and Roy by Mike for volunteering to cook, set up, and serve the NAPS/OCS Thanksgiving Dinner on 23 November. Over 500 students and staff attended this function.
- 8) Mike reported that there was good attendance at the Coast Guard Awards luncheon on 25 November. Representative Kennedy and RADM Gabel attended. Roy did a superb job on the press release for this event and it appeared on the NL web site.
- 9) A "thank you" letter was received from the CPOA Galveston Chapter concerning the \$200 we forwarded to them for hurricane relief.
- 10) A courtesy call was made in November with the new NCC head, CAPT Senteio. He prefers an earlier date for the welcome reception by Eric Shaw and would welcome doing it in the picnic format that has worked so well for Vince Arnold. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have the picnic at an earlier date.
- 11) Mike met with Keith Stokes (Chamber of Commerce). They believe there are opportunities for networking possibilities. It could help facilitate growth of our NL Council membership. Mike will go the Chamber to see if they will "co-sponsor" an event with the NL and do due diligence prior to the trial one year membership.

C. Council Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke – Minutes previously distributed by email and posted on web site
- b. Treasurer's Report. Walt Wasowski. Walt is projecting good income in December with the addition of Third Quarter National NL rebate
- c. Membership Report – Anne Huot. Anne reported 12 new members for the October/November time frame. (Anne – 4, Tony – 4 had the best performance). Anne is promoting the "Spousal NL Membership" that costs \$30.
 - i. New Members – Personal e-mail letter from Mike to all new/unassigned members.
 - ii. Community Affiliates
- d. Quarterly Newsletter (July-September) – Shirley. Mike noted that Shirley did a great job on the Newsletter as always. Shirley needs input for the Oct-Dec release.
- e. Sea Cadets Report — George Wardwell. George noted the Sea Cadet website for our inspection: WWW.RISEACADETS.ORG.

- f. **Legislative Affairs Report – Mike Slein – 2009 shipbuilding budget and comments distributed. January NE phone-in meeting with President Mike McGrath in work. Mike noted that he sent the Phase II Briefing to Rep. Kennedy.**

D. Upcoming Events:

Event	Date	NL Rep
<i>DECEMBER</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	1 Dec 1600	All
OCS (3-09) Graduation Dinner	4 Dec 1800	Mike
Rep. Langevin Christmas Party – Warwick	6 Dec	Mike
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	7 Dec	All
Sen. Reed Christmas Party – Roger Williams Zoo	7 Dec	Mike
Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) Graduation	11 Dec 1730	Mike
OCS (4-09) Graduation Dinner	11 Dec 1800	Roy
OCS (5-09) Graduation Dinner	18 Dec 1800	Mike
Christmas	25 Dec	
<i>JANUARY</i>		
New Years Day	1 Jan	All
Board Meeting	5 Jan	All
New Member/CA Reception following Board Mtg.	5 Jan	All/New members
NCC Luncheon	(tbd)	Eric/All
Naval Staff College (NSC) Welcome Reception	21 Jan 1800	Sponsors
OCS (6-09) Graduation Dinner	22 Jan 1800	Mike

E. New Business:

- a. **Council website –Roy Callahan has updated our website. Please send information to Roy that you think should appear on our site.**
- b. **Chamber of Commerce membership. Cost is \$315.00 per year. Possible networking and event co-sponsorship opportunities.**
- c. **Raytheon IDS: Raytheon is considering the sponsorship of a Sea Cadet group. Tim will provide details.**
- d. **USCG Station Cape Cod. Sponsorship opportunity for either our Council or Mass. Bay. Mike is working this issue and has sent a letter to the president of the Mass. Bay Council.**

F. Old Business:

- b. **Annual Appeal Letter will be mailed in early December.**
- c. **CG Award Luncheon 25 November: George Wardwell (Mike): Lt Ferrell (SE Sector Staff), PO1 James Weaver (USS Willow). Desire Colors (Unit?) and Picture Boards**
- d. **Annual Appeal letter- Complete. To be mailed this week**
- e. **Grant request for Sea Cadets from RIROA submitted (\$900). No response at this time.**
- f. **RADM Shuford Farewell Gift: NLUS Desk Clock presented from the Board**
- g. **RI Reserve Officer Association activity with our District**
- h. **Need mentioned to help sponsor NAPS students**

F. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors

- a. **SNE Area Report: George Wardwell**

b. New England Region –Shirley Hill

c. National Director- Tony Cercena

G. Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 5 January 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Mike Slein

Roy Callahan

Len DiLorenzo

Al Nannini

Bob Belenger

Gloria Slavens

Anne Huot

Vince Arnold

Shirley Hill

Ed “Knobby” Walsh

Walt Wasowski

Keith Humphries

Edward Webb

Pat B.

Roy Fitzherbert

Mike O’Sullivan

Cory Shaw