

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council
Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina
Newport, RI 02840

Chair: Anne Huot, President
Monday, 10 January 2011

Attendees

Huot, Anne	Dilorenzo, Len
Carrillo, Dave	Callahan, Roy
Cercena, Tony	Webb, Ed
Belenger, Bob	Strasser, Adm. Joe
Johnson, Arne	Shaw, Eric
Slein, Mike	Arnold, Vince
Ryan, Richard	Sullivan, Mike

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

B. President's Remarks:

1. President thanked those who attended the following, Events, Receptions and Graduations:

OCS Class 0311 Reception 2 Dec	SEA Class 156 Graduation 9 Dec
SWOS Class 209 Graduation 2 Dec	OCS Class 0411 Reception 6 Jan
NWC Mahan Literary Award Presentation 5 Jan	

C. Reports:

Secretary's Report – Ed Webb – Minutes accepted with no changes.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw – Year-end financial statement was presented and discussed. Rebates from National were reduced by a surcharge of 20%. This may continue, or even be increased, in 2011. The net effect on Council's 2011 budget will be negative. Discussion ensued on fund raising events to offset the decrease in funding. While no specific event decisions were reached several good ideas were made that will be explored further. Financial reports and the 2011 budget were approved by vote and accepted.

Membership Report - Richard Ryan – Membership stands at 394 members. Council presence at a vendor/merchant event at Salve Regina University on 2 Feb from 4 to 7 PM. was discussed and agreed upon. One issue arose in discussion: specifically, that we inquire if Military recruiting presence would be allowed at the event. If not, then Council will participate with information on NLUS and disseminate brochures on the educational advantages of a military career. Brochures will be requested through the local recruiting office. Anne, Mike and Richard will support the event. The goal is new membership. Council picked up 12 unassigned members when George did a search of National's roster for unassigned members. A letter will be sent to those new members welcoming them to Council.

Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell – George was not present.

Legislative Report – Mike Slein – Mike will make a request of Congressman David Cicilline, RI, to attend one of our meetings during the course of the year.

D. New Business:

1. NSC Class 78 Welcome Luncheon will take place on 28 Jan. The class this year has 40 students who represent 36 countries. Vince and Ed will coordinate.

2. Plans are set for Junior/Senior Sailor of the Year, NAVSTANPT, to take place on 16 Feb at 6 PM at Best Western Mainstay. Co-sponsor will be the Middletown Rotary Club. Junior Honoree this year will be Petty Officer IC2 Grant. Senior Honoree will be Petty Officer MA1 Thomas. Invitations are in the works. The event will be co-sponsored by Middletown Rotary Club. RSVP is no later than 14 Feb. Dave will coordinate.

3. Future events at National and Regional levels were mentioned to Council. They include NLUS Distinguished Service Award and Hall of Fame nominations, Council Annual Reports, submission of proposed Amendments to the Bylaws, the Spring BOD meeting, and Public Recognition and Mackie Award nominations. Events will be included as a reminder on the Council's calendar throughout the year.

E. Old Business:

1. Annual Dinner and Military Appreciation Night - Rear Admiral Mary Landry, USCG, has accepted our invitation to be our Guest of Honor this year date TBD. Pat Burke will chair the event. Pat was not at the meeting.

2. Council agreed to send a check for \$200 to the Wounded Warrior Fund in honor of the Marines from Maine who lost their lives in Afghanistan late in 2010. Original request for support was for the families but without knowing the contact points it would be extremely difficult to ascertain to whom support should be provided. Council agreed a contribution to Wounded Warriors in their name would be most appropriate.

F. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks. – No comments.

G. Other Business: None.

H. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1655 when all were invited to attend a special presentation by Capt. Joseph Voboril. Several CA's were also present for the presentation.

Our next meeting is scheduled at the Best Western Mainstay on Monday 7 February at 4 PM. Anne Huot presiding.

I. SPECIAL GUESTS

1. Capt. Joseph Voboril, CO, NAVSTANPT assisted by Lisa Rama, presented an excellent status overview of NAVSTANPT. Information presented was timely, informative, and enjoined many questions from those present. The scope of presentation was broad and included many topics, among others, such as infrastructure, construction and demolition projects, staffing, funding, and reduction of real property. Those attending appreciated his time and candor. After the presentation, Council President Huot presented the Captain with a Council memento as a thank you for his time and effort.

2. President Anne Huot presented Mike Slein with the plaque he received from NLUS National at the last Annual Meeting held in November. She noted his dedication and loyal support to all things Navy League. Those in attendance clearly approved.