

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

Chair: David Carillo, 1st Vice-President
Monday, 7 February 2011

Attendees

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| Slein, Mike | Hill, Shirley |
| Carrillo, Dave | Wasowski, Walt |
| Cercena, Tony | Webb, Ed |
| Belenger, Bob | Strasser, Adm. Joe |
| Johnson, Arne | Shaw, Eric |
| Ryan, Richard | Arnold, Vince |
| | Sullivan, Mike |

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

Special Guest - Ms. Jordan Brown from Newport Fed gave an overview of products and services offered by the bank. Of particular interest is the bank's organization that channels contributions to community service activities such as the Red Cross. They sponsored the Flag Day event in Newport at the ABC. This could be a partner for some future activity given the proper venue.

B. Chairman's Remarks:

1. Thanks were given to Richard Ryan and Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina for their hospitality at our last Board meeting which included a presentation by Capt. Joe Voboril. Some CA's also attended.
2. Thanks to those who attended the ribbon cutting of the VADM Kenneth R. Wheeler Center, home of the new Navy Supply Corps School. Anne Huot spoke with Barbara Goldberg, Newport NAVSTA BRAC co-coordinator, who is interested in addressing the NLUS Board. The new Supply School XO indicated interest in our Awards program. Board agreed we should include them in the Awards program but will investigate further to determine the extent of support requested.
3. Chairman thanked those who assisted with the NSC Reception luncheon. The change of time for the event was an inconvenience that affected some attendees who did not receive, or see, the notices sent via email. The Lions Club indicated they are very interested in co-sponsoring some future events with Council that we should determine sooner rather than later. Recommendation made to do some recognition of the Mainstay for their support throughout the year and the exceptional services rendered Council at the various sponsored events. This could be done at a Council Board meeting.
4. RADM Wisecup has been promoted to VADM and is being reassigned to Washington in March. Time frame for recognition of some type by Council is very short but appropriate. We will investigate availability of Adm. Wisecup. COC will be 3 March. Suggestion made to invite Adm, Christianson, incoming President NWC, to a future Board meeting after he has time to settle into his new position.

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

OCS Class 0511 Reception 27 Jan
ODS Class 11030 Graduation 4 Feb

NSC Class 78 Welcome Luncheon
Naval Supply School Ribbon Cutting

6. Mention made that all ODS graduation events will take place at 0900 or 1100 depending on scheduling of other graduations that may take place the same day.

C. Reports:

Secretary's Report – Ed Webb – Will be away 24-29 February and 4–19 March. A surrogate will be needed as Secretary for the March meeting. Annual report is in process and will be completed by 20 February for review by the Board prior to submission by Council President. The report is due at national by March 1. Minutes from January meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw – NSC luncheon was basically a break even given the support of the Lion's Club. This could be an annual event with the Lions which has positive impact on our finances.

Membership Report - Richard Ryan – Council now stands at 397 members, 15 CA's and 3 possible CA's. Many CA's are coming due very soon and will require attention to insure they renew membership. Richard suggested we glean the National roster monthly to determine members from New England who are not assigned a home Council and notify them they have been assigned to the Newport Council.

Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell – away and not present

Legislative Report – Mike Slein – Annual Legislative report format to National has changed dramatically from past reports. Continuous record keeping is becoming more important to complete the report accurately. Mike indicated that there are 22 members of Congress in the New England region with whom he is communicating throughout the year on a rotating basis. Efforts made the past three years with a few legislators have been unsuccessful due to their lack of desire to hear the Navy League message. Our efforts will be focused on those who indicate a willingness and desire to support our message going forward.

D. New Business:

1. RADM Landry will not be our Guest of Honor at the Annual Dinner due to travel restrictions. Adm. Hogg suggested an inquiry be made of Vice Admiral D. C. Curtis, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, to determine his availability as GOH. Gen. James Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Gen. James Mattis, Commander, Central Command, was also mentioned as possible candidates if Curtis is unavailable. The fourth possible candidate is Peter Haliburton, Vietnam POW, who speaks at the War College every year. There is general consensus we have a speaker whomever it may be. Plans must now move forward quickly soon as a date is determined.

2. Junior/Senior Sailor of the Year, NAVSTANPT, will take place on 16 Feb at 6 PM at Best Western Mainstay. Junior honoree this year will be Petty Officer IC2 Grant and 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.

3. Future events at National and Regional levels:

- a. Nominations requested for NLUS Distinguished Service Award and Hall of Fame are due 28 February.
- b. Council Annual Reports are due 1 March.
- c. Submission of proposed Amendments to the Bylaws for consideration at the national Spring BOD meeting due 22 March.
- d. Public Recognition and Mackie Award nominations are due at National HQ by 31 March. These items will be included as a reminder on the Council's calendar.

E. Old Business:

1. 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.

F. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks.

G. Other Business:

H. Adjournment:

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