

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, 5 March 2012

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

SPECIAL GUEST – John Kennedy, NWC Museum, and Dean of International Students provide brief review of their positions.

B. Mail call – None.

C. Announcements: Eric Shaw hospitalized, Newport Hospital, and scheduled for surgery. Walt volunteered to act as Treasurer.

D. President's Remarks from Anne:

E. Anne thanked those who represented the Council at the following Change of Command, Events, Receptions and Graduations:

OCS Class 0612 Reception 9 Feb
OSC Class 0712 Reception 1 Mar
COC CAPT Gray, Co OTC, 24 Feb

SEA Class 164 Graduation 16 Feb
SWOS Class 215 Graduation 1 Mar

F. Reports:

Secretary's Report – Shirley Hill (Acting for) – Minutes presented and accepted. Ed Webb will return 19 March. Annual Report submitted to National on time.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw (submitted by email) -report presented and accepted.

Membership Report – Edna Wardwell presented as new Membership Chair and approved by Board. Membership Committee to include : George Wardwell – Recruitment, Mike Slein – Community Associate. Board thanked Richard Ryan, outgoing Chair, for his contributions.

Sea Cadets Report – George presented a written report(see attachment) on the Sea Cadets. George reported on Sea Cadet Ball scheduled for Saturday, 10 March. Since Eric is ill, Guest Speaker at Ball will be Chris Semonelli, President, Middletown Council. Walt Wasowski has identified a lady currently enrolled in a Grant Writing course at college who has volunteered to write a grant request to fund RI Sea Cadet training on board the SS Oliver Hazard Perry. He is currently attending a meeting regarding this proposal. The ROA and AUSA will present a check for \$900 at the Ball. Monies to be distributed to three cadet units. Ray Perry volunteered to represent council at Chief's promotion 10 Mar aboard the USS Massachusetts.

Legislative Report – None.

G. New Business:

- 1. See Membership Report above.**
- 2. Website update – Joanna Bowman has volunteered to assist Roy Callahan with maintenance of the site.**
- 3. SWOS visit for 6 March on track, 26 signed up for event.**

H. Old Business

- 1. 2012 Budget – placed on hold.**
 - 2. Coast Guard Award lunch scheduled for 27 March- Save the Date notices sent. Formal invitations to be sent 6 March.**
 - 3. MAN update – Navy Band confirmed, Pat Burke would like to have meeting 8 March at Mainstay, 10AM. Focus will be on details of event.**
 - 4. NJROTC initiative – George- tabled for now – brief discussion followed. John Kennedy volunteered to work with George on future plans.**
 - 5. Newport Hyundai fundraising project – Anne working with Paul Mika. Nothing new to report.**
- I. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks**
- 1. Members reminder of Convention in Hawaii, June 2012. No details out to date.**
- J. Other Business – George introduced upcoming event War of 1812. There is information out regarding a 50/50 Outreach event scheduled for Providence. The Navy League is not involved. George to check on possibilities for council to get involved in some way.**
- K. Adjournment:**
- Our next meeting will be at the Best Western Mainstay on 2 April at 4 PM.
Anne Huot presiding.**