

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, 2 April 2012

PRESENT

Len DiLorenzo	Pat Burke	Anne Huot	Ray Perry
Arne Johnson	Walt Wasowski	Karen Ptak	Mike Slein
Vince Arnold	Ed Webb	Bob Perfetto	George Wardwell
Edna Wardwell			

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

SPECIAL GUESTS – Mark Holden and Dick Diamond, both of whom will become more active in Council affairs and duties.

B. Mail call

C. Announcements - announced that Mike and George have been nominated by National to serve as National Director and National VP respectively.

D. President's Remarks

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

OCS Class 0812 Reception	22 Mar	CG Awards Luncheon	27 Mar
ODS Class 12040 Reception	8 Mar	SWOS Visit	6 Mar

F. Reports:

Secretary's Report – Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw/Walt Wasowski – Financial report in preparation; an audit will be performed when date is set; 2011 annual appeal receipts are less than in 2010 though some continue to arrive.

Membership Report – Edna Wardwell – has been working on cleaning up the database; sending out notices to members whose membership is about or has expired; 357 members and 13 CA's.

Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell – submitted an extensive Sea Cadets report that was sent to all by email prior to the meeting; Council agreed to provide 3 subscriptions of Sea Power to the 3 Sea Cadet units.

Legislative Report – Mike Slein – Legislative presentations are proceeding with several activities scheduled; meeting with Congressman Longevin April 23 and Congressman Keating on April 6.

G. New Business:

1. Monthly luncheon series speakers (CDR Brian Donahue, Willow) and schedule - Len is working with next one scheduled for 4 June. Speaker will be CAPT Vern Kemper, OTC.

2. STEM initiative at Middletown High School – George on point. Meetings being held to keep interest alive but budget restraints will likely prevent progress with the initiatives; discussion of joining Rotary in a fundraising event at Tall Ships Newport this summer; appropriateness of helping fund a robotic project at the high school discussed with general consensus it is outside mission scope.

3. Request from Dennis Morgan for an ad for RI Commandery RI Independence Day observance. Cost is \$200 for a full-page 8x10 ad. – Voted and accepted

4. Acquisition of a projector for Council presentations – Pat will research expense and report at next meeting.
5. Consideration of a merchant account with PayPal – Walt will investigate further.
6. Motion passed to purchase flags for all events with approved expense of approximately \$450. Ray will take point.

H. Old Business

1. Budget for 2012 on hold till books are balanced.
2. Status of MAN and Annual Dinner on 10 May– Pat sent out invitations 4/9. Everything in motion; GOH arrangements being handled by NAVSTANPT; Lisa Rama offered her assistance as necessary with logistics from the base side; Ed will provide list of all Board members for voting at the MAN event.
3. Status of fund raising project with Newport Hyundai to be held in the Fall – Len indicated it moves forward; some of the monies raised will go to the NSC.
4. Hot-wash of the CG Awards luncheon held prior to the meeting. Changes will be made as necessary to improve the next event; suggestion made to place the OPS manual on the web-site when completed.
5. Karen is working on her project for Christmas cards with pictures of members and former military members; received the legal waiver form; suggested we do a PR release for every event we do and send out via email using social media also for exposure.

I. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks

J. Other Business

K. Adjournment:

Adjourned at 1730. Our next meeting will be at the Best Western Mainstay on 7 May at 4 PM. Anne Huot presiding.

L Upcoming Events

<i>APRIL</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	2 Apr 1600	All
SEA Class 166 Graduation Awards Dinner, O'Club	5 Apr 1700	Anne / George
Passover Begins	7 April	-
Easter Sunday	8 April	-
ODS Class 12050 Hi-Mom Reception	12 Apr 1730	Mike
OCS Class 0912 Hi-Mom Reception	12 Apr 1700	Pat
<i>MAY</i>		
OCS Class 1012 Hi-Mom Reception	3 May 1700	Len
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	7 May 1600	All
SWOS Class 216 Department Head Graduation	10 May 1000	Anne
NAPS Graduation	10 May 1700	-
Annual Dinner & Military Appreciation Night	10 May 1730	All
Mothers Day	13 May	-
ODS Class 12060 Hi-Mom Reception	17 May 1730	Mike
Armed Forces Day	19 May	-
National Maritime Day	22 May	-
OCS Class 1112 Hi-Mom Reception	24 May 1700	Mike

SEA Class 159 Graduation Awards Dinner, O'Club	24 May 1700	George
Memorial Day	28 May	-
<i>JUNE</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	4 Jun 1600	All
NWC Graduation (by invitation)		
OCS Class 1212 Graduation Reception	14 Jun 1700	Roy
Flag Day	14 June	-
ODS Class 12070 Hi-Mom Reception	14 Jun 1730	
Fathers Day	17 June	-

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