

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

Chair: Anne Huot, President
Monday, 6 June 2011

Attending

Anne Huot	Len DiLorenzo	Dave Carillo
Shirley Hill	Karen Ptak	George Wardwell
ADM. Strasser	Vince Arnold	Al Nannini
Pat Burke	Ed Webb	Mike Slein
Roy Callahan		

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

SPECIAL GUEST - Mr. Jackson Stevens, President of the NL Council of St. Maarten/St. Martin, who gave us an historical overview of his Council and the challenges they have in membership and retention.

B. Mail call

C. Announcements

- 1. Anne announced that ADM. Strasser and his wife will be relocating to Delaware in July for personal reasons. He will be missed for his energy, thoughtfulness, wisdom, and advice. To the Admiral, we wish "Fair winds and following seas and long may his big jib draw!"**

D. President's Remarks

- 1. Suggestion made to make more links on our website with other Councils and CA's.**
- 2. Anne thanked all for their support of Military Appreciation Night. Action should be taken to follow-up on CA opportunities presented that night.**
- 3. Discussion was had on Operation Military Kids and possibility of Council support. George will follow up with Pam Martin who is involved with the program.**

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

Military Appreciation Night 24 May
RI Commandery Dinner 4 May
SWOS Class 211 Department Head Graduation 5 May
NAPS Class 2011 Graduation 13 May
OCS Class 10-11 Reception 12 May
ODS Class 11060 Graduation 13 May
SEA Class 159 Graduation Awards Dinner 26 May

F. Reports:

Secretary's Report – Ed Webb – Report made and accepted
Treasurer's Report – Eric Shaw – Report made and accepted
Membership Report - Richard Ryan – Richard unable to attend due to business needs. He sent word we are at 393 members with 5 new members the previous month.
Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell – Sea Cadets will be in attendance at the pawSox game on 20 June. Tickets are available through George. He also mentioned that the contribution made to the first female Sea Cadet to receive SEAL training was acknowledged. George also said the Sea Cadets Color Guard from NETC have been requested for the Change of Command of the USCGC Willow.

Legislative Report – Mike Slein – Mike reported that Congressman Ciccillini will be attending our meeting on 1 Aug. This meeting has been moved twice but looks firm for the August meeting.

G. New Business:

- 1. A committee was formed for a fundraising/membership drive Polo Match event at the end of September 2011. Al Nannini will Chair and Karen Ptak will be a member. Suggestion made to invite CA's to join the committee also.**
- 2. Vince will continue to do some background work on a fundraiser at the Firehouse Theatre.**
- 3. The NSC Welcome Picnic to be held 29 July. Vince will be requesting assistance for supplies etc. for the event. Helen Staves at the Lions Club indicated they will also participate.**
- 4. Eric indicated the USCG Picnic would be held 30 July at Greenvale Vineyards. Commands will be contacted.**
- 5. The NAVSTA JOY will return in early August for a stay at SWOS. Date TBD for a recognition event. Suggestion made to start looking for donors for the event. Portsmouth Rotary will join us in sponsoring the event.**
- 6. A discussion was held concerning a luncheon program to be held monthly to garner support for the Council and provide visibility of Council to the Community. Len had some spoken with a JAG lawyer concerning a raffle that would take place at the luncheon. It was determined a bad idea for many military legal reasons. Len has been designated Chair with Mike Slein and Roy Callahan as committee members who will all begin lining up speakers for the Fall.**
- 7. Motion made to reserve a table for 10 at the Red Cross Breakfast on 14 June when ADM. Joe and wife Barbara will be honored for their unending support of so many programs, projects and events in the State of Rhode Island.**
- 8. Future events at National and Regional levels:
July mid-month Issue Council rebates
July 26 Submission deadline for proposed amendments to By-laws for consideration at National Convention. Tony, Shirley and Mike will attend.**

H. Old Business:

I. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks

J. Other Business

K. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1650. Next meeting will be at the Mainstay Best Western on 11 July. Anne Huot presiding.