

**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 July 2012**

**Attending**

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| Shirley Hill  | Anne Huot       | MikeSlein     |
| Roy Callahan  | Edna Wardwell   | Karen Ptak    |
| Ray Perry     | George Wardwell | Walt Wasowski |
| Len DiLorenzo | Pat Burke       |               |

**A. CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Guest: Vince Mocini not available due to travel.

**B. MAIL CALL: None.**

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President reported on her exceptional visit to the USS WASP.**

**D. President's Remarks from Anne. None.**

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

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| Junior Officer of the Year – 5 June | COC USCG JUNIPER 22 June                    |
| OCS Class 1212 Reception 14 June    | CAPT Russell Knight, NWC Retirement 22 June |
| ODS Class 12070 Reception 14June    | SEA Class 45 29 June                        |
| COC USCGC IDA LEWIS 22 June         | Current Stratrgy Forum                      |

**F. REPORTS:**

1. **Secretary's Report** – Minutes presented and accepted.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Pat Burke provided preliminary Treasurer's Report- final report will be provided at later date. Len DiLorenzo submitted, final Audit Report. Report reviewed by board & approved.
3. **Membership Report** – Membership is currently at 351, down from previous 355. One new member. Work continues on email database.
4. **Sea Cadets Report** – George reported on busy schedule of Sea Cadet units and International Sea Cadet upcoming picnic at Carr's Point. There is a shortfall in funds for sponsorship. Several members have donated and will be attending. We need more participation from council members. A subscription for the Sea Cadet units was discussed. It was decided to cancel plan for the council to purchase SEAPOWER magazine for the units since each unit's CO is a member of NLUS and receives SEAPOWER. Members are encouraged to donate their used copies to units.
5. **Legislative Report** – Mike Slein to draft and send letter to Senator Reed. He was mentioned at the Convention in Hawaii for his positive support of the military.

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **New Board Members:** Mike Slein received all Ayes for Mark Holden's approval for board membership. Dick Diamond's name was submitted to board for approval a new board member. Board approved.
2. **Bundling of emails and moving mailbox location**– Pat Burke and Edna Wardwell working on bundling all emails to make it easy to distribute messages. Edna was praised for her work on cleaning up the email list. Pat proposed moving council mail box from Broadway Station to Middletown. Board approved with one dissenting vote.
3. **Local Hero Recognition Proposal:** Karen Ptak and Mike Slein recommended initiating a program to honor local sea service military heroes. Proposal discussed in favorable manner. President suggested Secretary put together a list of current programs and events to determine how we could fit this program into annual schedule.
4. **Joint OCAC Activities:** Len DiLorenzo presented proposal to have more joint events with OCAC. Proposal discussed and placed on hold for further consideration. Len to act as liaison.
6. **Ray Perry's Reports:** (a) Ray presented a Council Property List to track and account for council property. (b) Ray working on current Council Operation Manual and setting up a system for maintaining and updating (c) A draft for the NL Person's of the Year Policy was submitted for the board to review. Enlisted Person of Year proposed for 19 September. Shirley assigned to send out official citation requests.
7. **Funding for Persons of Year Programs:** Ray and Walt working on methods of splitting and sharing cost of programs between the NL and other sponsors.
8. **Summer Speaker Series:** First event scheduled for 17 July, Mainstay at 1130am. Captain Vern Kemper, CO, OTC Newport guest speaker. Len encouraged to beef up attendance by coming themselves and bringing a guest.
9. **PayPalMerchant Account:** Pat working on.
10. **Projector Acquisition:** George Wardwell donated a projector. Council to pick up.
11. **Hyundai Fund Raising:** Len to follow up on.
12. **Board of Director Bio Forms:** Karen Ptak submitted Board of Director's Bio form. Form to be distributed by Secretary.

#### **H. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **International Sea Cadet Picnic:** See comments above.
2. **USCG Birthday Celebration:** Ray reported as behind on plans but working on 3 August as date for event. Suggested a planning committee in the near future.
3. **NSC Class 2013 Update:** Vince Arnold not present – no report.

#### **I. AREA/REGIONAL PRESIDENTS/NATIONAL DIRECTORS REMARKS:** Karen Ptak reported on NLUS Convention held in Hawaii.

#### **J. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Thank you letters sent out to all CA's who participated in the May Annual Dinner. President stressed need to communicate frequently with CAs.
2. Walt Wasowski presented 2012 Budget. Budget approved by board.
3. The following board members were approved for Council Emeritus:
  - a. Roy Callahan – Roy was thanked for his many years of dedicated service and contributions to the NL and the council.
  - b. Ed Webb

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT:**

Our next meeting will be at the Best Western Mainstay on Monday, 6 August at 4 PM.  
Anne Huot presiding.