

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, 10 September 2012

Attendance

Vincent Arnold	Anne Huot	Ray Perry
Pat Burke	Al Nannini	Edna Wardwell
Tony Cercena	Karen Ptak	George Wardwell
Shirley Hill	Robert Perfetto	Walt Wasowski

A. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:55PM at the Mainstay Inn. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. MAIL CALL: None.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

D. President's Remarks from Anne. President remarks on NUWC Spouses Club Welcome for new members event. George & Edna Wardwell, Karen Ptak and President Anne Huot attended event and set up table. Karen sold six Xmas card packages. Karen is working on distribution to members.

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

OCS Class 1612 Hi-Mom Reception 9/6	ODS Class2100 Hi-Mom Reception 9/13
SEA Class 168 Graduation Awards Dinner 9/6	Navy 2011 EPOY 9/19
NCC Picnic 9/7	SWOS Class 218 Dept. Head Graduation 9/20
OCS Class1712 Hi-Mom Reception 9/27	

F. REPORTS:

Secretary's Report – Minutes presented and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Burke provided abbreviated Treasurer's report.

Membership Report – Membership Chair (Edna Wardwell) reported current membership at 337, down from previous 344. There is one new member, an active duty spouse. George, Edna and Karen working on sending out applications. Ways to recruit more members discussed. Proposal made for Council to sponsor. This was not approved by the Board. Suggestion made to try to attend the Transition Seminars for retiring members. Barbara McGann to check out possibility. No CA report.

Sea Cadets Report – George reported on Sea Cadet units. NETC Unit has 25 members and doing very well. George requested volunteers to help with Sea Cadet Program.

Council Legislative Report –None.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **NSC Class 2013 Update:** Program on 23August a success, well done by all who participated. Suggestion made for a need to critique program.
2. **NCC Picnic:** Picnic 7 September well done. Much beer and sodas left over. Suggestion made to critique program for future.
3. **Council Mail Box: Pat Burke)** Mail box chang from Newport Broadway to Middletown completed.

4. **Enlisted Persons of Year:** (Ray Perry)- Plans are progressing, excellent turn out. Seniors are coming from the Navy, need to encourage junior enlisted to come. George reported 9 gifts collected so far. Ray is sending invitations to local elected officials.
5. **Ops Manual (Ray Perry):** Ray working on updating Council Operation Manual. Expressed need to limit future activities due to work/travel demands. Would like to keep Coast Guard Award/Santa Programs.
6. **Partner Co-host with American Legion (George Wardwell):** Plans placed on hold for now.
7. **BankNewport- CA Spotlight(George Wardwell):** Excellent idea. BankNewport has provided input for the Newsletter.
8. **Director's Bio Forms** The Secretary reported receiving only one form to date.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CHAFEE CD (Pat Burke):** Pat asked Board for ideas of what to do with the CHAFEE CD. Secretary asked to locate correspondence relating to the disposition of the CHAFEE funds.
2. **Board Member Status Update:** Council President reported on limited availability of two Board members. Ray Perry will have limited time in the future due to work/travel commitments of job. Karen Ptak will be leaving RI to relocate to GA at the end of the year. We will need replacement for Karen.
3. **Christmas Card Update: (Karen Ptak):** Karen updated on sale and distributed cards to members.

I. AREA/REGIONAL PRESIDENTS/NATIONAL DIRECTORS REMARKS:

1. **NLUS Director's Meeting scheduled for October 17-21, Hyatt Regency Crystal City.**

J. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Captain Yaw presented a picture to Council President at the NCC Picnic. Picture was shared with the Board.
2. Castle Hill USCG Station has offered to host a meeting at the station for future consideration. The Command is also interested in re-starting their Coast Guard Member of the Quarter Program. Woods Hole Coast Guard Station is also interested in a Coast Guard of Quarter for their Command.
3. Suggestion made to sponsor a table at the Flying Santa event in December.
4. President Huot congratulated Edna Wardwell for appointment as National Director by the NL National President. George Wardwell was also appointed to the National Executive Committee by President Dunmire.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**Our next meeting will be at the Best Western Mainstay on Monday, 1 October at 4 PM.
Anne Huot presiding.**