

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES - NEWPORT COUNTY  
ATLANTIC RESORT, MIDDLETOWN, RI  
2 MARCH 2020

Attendees: Mike Slein, Mike White, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Tom Feeney, Len Di’Lorenzo, Jean Peterson, Jose Taboada, Edna Wardwell, Rob Winneg.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Slein at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mail Call – None.

Appreciation: To Treasurer Walt Wasowski for the 2020 Budget.

To Rob Winneg for timely submitting forms for the Rhode Island Foundation Grants.

To Rod and Peg for participating in the SNA Cemetery clean up.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 3 February were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer/Annual budget (Walt/President Slein) - Hold until budget review discussion under Other Business.
3. Membership Report (Edna Wardwell) – Report of 201 members including active duty spouses (free one year membership). President Slein will send welcome letter to all new members. Report accepted by Board.
4. Sea Cadets (Jose Taboada) – Reminder of the Sea Cadets Ball on 28 March. E-mail Jose for tickets ASAP. Reported the Sea Cadets’ completion of marksmanship training. Annual inspection will be held soon.

Old (on-going) Business

1. Website upgrade (Rod Smith) – In process.
2. Sea Cadet Ball - RSVP to Jose.
3. Fundraiser – Polo sponsorship update – Board Member Rich Rainer confirmed by e mail the date of 2 August 2020 for our fundraiser at Newport Polo. Navy League would print our own tickets and set price. Details will be forthcoming.
4. Community Affiliates (CA) ceremonies for Atlantic Resort and USAA to be scheduled by Walt Wasowski. All board members are invited to attend.
5. CA candidate, “Battleship Massachusetts,” – President Slein sent letter and phoned Exec. Director and reported that this would not be possible due to declining financial condition. Members are 20% of those 5 years ago.
6. Reimbursements 2018/2019 – Walt and Mike are following up.
7. SOQ dates – requested from COs Castle Hill, Ida Lewis, Oak, and Juniper.
8. Naval Underwater Warfare Center:- Mike, and Admiral Mike White will work to bring NUWC SOQ back onboard.

New Business

1. Military Appreciation Night is scheduled for 7 May 2020. Near term actions: Save the date notices out this week (Pat Burke/Mike Slein); Invitations out by first of April. Growth challenge – expand the attendance with goal of 200-300. Include Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, Lions, American Legion, VFW, Red Cross, NWC Foundation. POC – Pat Burke. Cover letter will be sent by President Slein. Follow up by the Board Members. BM Jean Peterson recommended e mails and letters be sent. Centerpieces to be done by Anne Huot.
2. 2018 and 2019 annual reports submitted to NLUS HQ Chair Gerald Saunders – reimbursement in works.
3. Surface Navy Association partnership (Lt. Ken Larson). MOU/Viet Nam Pin ceremony and luncheon with speaker (Capt. Alexander?) to be set up. Board Member Len DiLorenzo will help coordinate date and agenda. Possibly a table at MAN for Viet Nam recipients. Invite those who qualify.
4. Officer/Enlisteds of the Year – expect selections this month.

#### Other Business

1. Budget review for 2020 - Detailed review by President Slein to Board. Proposed 2020 budget distributed to the Board Members. Details of line items were reviewed and discussion followed. (Noted that Recognition ceremony for Viet Nam veterans be added to budget per President Slein and Len DiLorenzo.) President Slein will send letter to MOAA and RIROA for their donation to the Sea Cadets. Motion to accept 2020 Budget by Rob Winneg and seconded by Len DiLorenzo. Passed.
2. MAN/Annual meeting – Slate of officers to be prepared. Send e mail to President Slein if any Officers elect to resign from current position. Also new Vice President required for 2020-2021 Officer slate.
3. Propeller Club (Rod Smith) - Event to be scheduled with Coast Guard at Officer's Club in May Details from Rod at April meeting.

Schedule - April and May reviewed and assignments made.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 13 APRIL 2020 (Note week change)**

**AT THE ATLANTIC RESORT AT 1700.**

Meeting adjourned at 1750.

