

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
7 FEBRUARY 2022

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Mike Slein, Matt Griffin, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Brandi Bensemer, Jasminka Ottin.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Rob Winneg at 1706 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Raytheon representative Jasminka Ottin.

Appreciation:

- a. Len DiLorenzo for preparing the “farewell plaque” for RADM White.
- b. Pat Burke for the recognition packages.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 3 January 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer’s report – Distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report. Highlighted continued receipt of contributions for 2021 Annual Appeal. Total of \$3,600 received to date which is well over budgeted amount. Anticipate a couple more contributions still to come. We are in very good shape financially. Motion to accept as distributed by Board Member Pat Burke, and seconded by Board Member Mike Slein. Treasurer distributed copies of the proposed 2022 budget as approved by the Budget Committee consisting of RADM White; Capt. Rob Winneg, 1st Vice President, and CDR Wasowski, Treasurer. It was highlighted that due to the restrictions on activities (COVID pandemic during 2021), the Council was almost \$8,500 over budget for the year. The proposed 2022 Budget anticipates spending down this surplus as a result of holding additional events in 2022 to make up for events canceled in 2021, and providing all budgeted Sea Cadet support for 2021 and 2022 during this calendar year. Motion to approve by Board Member Mike Slein and seconded by Board Member Pat Burke. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Membership Report – Brief update by BM Walt Wasowski from Navy League National regarding rebates. Some discussion of Community Affiliates status, sponsors, and calendar. BM Len DiLorenzo will update at March board meeting.
4. Sea Cadets – Board Member Brandi Bensemer discussed the Sea Cadets Ball to be held on 2 April 2022 (changed from 26 March) at the Wyndham Atlantic Resort. She is working on details. Possibly 125+ in attendance. Guest of honor/speaker will be LCDR

Stephanie Hyland, Commanding Officer of the Nautilus 571 Division based out of Submarine Station Groton. BM Brandi Bansemer also reported that a "Recruitment Open House" will be held on Saturday, 12 February, 11-3 PM. Trying to find local recruiters to attend. BM Bansemer reported that it is very difficult to access the base for the Sea Cadets, other challenges, i.e., contact with the Oliver Hazzard Perry in Newport (no response). BM Mike Slein will reach out to MOAA for a donation to the Sea Cadet Ball. Brandi was asked to develop a budget for the Sea Cadets by 7 March. Motion made by Board Members Mike Slein and Pat Burke to earmark \$1,000 to the Sea Cadets for the Ball. Passed.

Current Business:

- a. Annual Report due 15 February – Board Member Mike Slein is preparing.
- b. Calendar for recognition events and Community Affiliates (CA) visits (assignments made) and will be posted.
- c. U.S. Coast Guard Sailor of the Quarter presentation (Cutter Oak) was held on 11 January by Admiral White and other board members. Follow up with other CG Cutters (Mike Slein).
- d. Planning for "active duty" memberships
 - Awaiting JAG opinion on contact methods (NWC email?)
 - Information from National – what is value proposition for active duty?
- e. 2022 Budget Review and Approval – See Treasurer's report above.
- f. Sea Cadet Ball – 2 April 2022
- g. Motion made by Board Member Walt Wasowski and seconded by Board Member Pat Burke to confirm Jasminka Otton, Raytheon Representative, to the Board of Directors. Passed.

New Business

- a. Succession Planning for President – Update
- b. Volunteer needed to visit NETSIMCO (CA lapsed) – Rob Winneg/Pat Burke

Other Business

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2022 AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1800.

