

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – NEWPORT COUNTY  
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI  
30 NOVEMBER 2022

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Peg Murray, Len DiLorenzo, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Walt Wasowski, Jean Peterson, Jonathan Wolstenholme, Joan McCarthy.

Meeting called to order by Rob Winneg at 1702 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 7 November 2022 were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report - Monthly budget had been distributed and accepted. Proposed 2023 budget report, as distributed at 7 November board meeting by Treasurer, was reviewed at today’s meeting. Questions by board members were answered in detail by Treasurer. Budget committee included Walt Wasowski Rob Winneg, and Matt Griffin. Treasurer noted that rebates from National need for the Council to add new Community Affiliates in first six months of FY23, and not lose any renewals. Presently we have 12 business members. Discussion of Marine Corps event to be determined; needs of Sea Cadets – still waiting for report of Brandi Bansemer for NCBC requirements and for Falcon Division input for budget. Additional amount to Coast Guard (Tom Feeney) – further discussion. Cost of commissioning ceremonies for FRC Jester next year (questionable); may be changed-Newport Pier? (Our cost, POC); Cost of Coast Guard birthday celebration. Motion proposed by Tom Feeney for the Treasurer to add \$500 to Coast Guard birthday line item. Seconded by Len DiLorenzo and passed. Noted that the board should review budget every six months. Also discussed by Board was the drop in total assets from 2021 to 2022 (and the need to increase number of CAs, which would bring in income from National). Motion to accept Treasurer’s 2023 budget report and passed.
3. Membership (Len DiLorenzo) – Reported 232 members. Len distributed (e mail) a report of attendance at the Commissioning ceremony of the FRC Chadwick on 10 November to the Board. Attended by Board Members Len, Jon, Mike, and Pat.
4. Sea Cadets – Waiting for report and budget requirements from Brandi Bansemer.

Current Business:

- a. Military Appreciation Night Recap – meeting scheduled on 2 December.
- b. Budget vote – see above under Treasure’s Report
- c. Newport Council Holiday Event/Meeting – (Len) Scheduled following the Board Meeting. Good response from Community Affiliates.
- d. USCG FRC – Maurice Jester Commissioning in Bristol Update – see notes under budget above. Committee: Len, Mike, Pat, and Jon.
- e. Annual Appeal letter will be out by end of week.
- f. Expansion of Community Affiliates – Walt, Matt, Rob – See notes above under budget.
- g. Fall Newsletter – in process.

New Business:

- a. Vietnam Veterans Recognition Lunch – Len. To be scheduled in the Spring; committee will be set up. Originally proposed prior to Covid shutdown. Further discussion at January board meeting. Contact Mark Turner.
- b. Calendar – December dates were reviewed and assignments made. No board meeting scheduled in December. Community Affiliates renewal dates (January – March) were posted to calendar.
- c. Annual appeal letter – in process.
- d. Future event possibilities – ongoing.

Other Business:

1. Board Member Mike Slein reported that he was in touch with Coast Guard Castle Hill to discuss Sailor of the Quarter which will take place in early January. Details to follow.
2. Some discussion of grants available from the RI Foundation, possibly for Sea Cadets, (underprivileged kids).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2023, AT THE WYNDHAM 1700.**

Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM