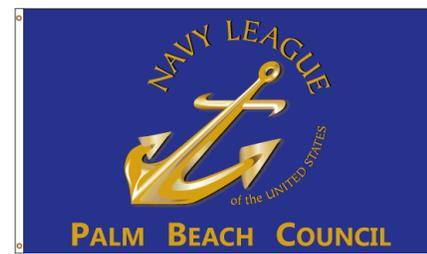




**US NAVY LEAGUE
PALM BEACH COUNCIL**
Meeting Minutes
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September 8, 2014



Board Meeting convened at 12 noon at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by Pres. Frank Drennan. Pledge of Allegiance was recited to open the meeting.

Attendees (14):

Frank Drennan	Jack Hanscom	Ken Lee
Phil Dunmire	Cindy Saulog	Eric Rydstrom
Patricia Reybold	Stan Shanck	Peter Knight
Chuck Stark	Dan Pedrick	Sumner Hushing
Jack Veasy	Marybelle Knight	

The following Board Members were absent (13):

Sue Comerford	Jerry Nelinson	Rob Ford
George Mastics	Jim Wells	Frank Habicht
Adele Siegel	Wayne Diller	Helen Rivera
Nancy Fish	Catherine Brister	Harriet Arndt
Merry O'Donnell		

Meeting was conducted without an Agenda; following items/comments noted:

Secretary's Report/Minutes:

- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for June 2014, which was circulated for review by e-mail were approved by the Board by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report submitted by Treasurer Eric Rydstrom for 31 August (sent via email to Board Members and distributed by Treasurer to Board at the meeting) was approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer thanked Pres. Frank Drennan for the donation received from Lockheed for \$3,000

Programs: Program VP Sue Comerford absent due to travel. Jack Hanscom assisted in answering questions concerning programs.

The following Programs comments occurred during Board meeting:

- Navy Birthday Party October: Pres. Frank reported essentially on track for 11th
- In discussion of possible new social venues, Jack Hanscom reported that WPB Marriott would do a buffet for nice price for 45 in the same room we have Board meetings; two members commented that it would be step down in ambiance to have NL meeting here instead of our typical nicer venues.
- Other future venues were discussed. Board tabled the discussion until Program VP Sue Comerford is available to attend board meeting.

Membership:

- Phil Dunmire commented on progress of new membership. He did a comparison study based on last years' numbers. Last year, we had 15 new members, this year, same time, we have 9 new members.
 - Retention: 44 paid dues vs 47 last year
 - Phil reported names of 8 members still not responding to local dues notice or calls; Ken Lee volunteered to follow up on Clew, Childs, and Lea.
- At this time we do not have any new community affiliates. Jack Veasy said he would talk to Taboo management about becoming a Comm. Affiliate.
- Patricia Reybold reached out to Kate Arizza – a retired Navy Officer who was interviewed in the newspaper and invited her to join the Navy League.

New Business:

There was a discussion about asking Taboo and Marriott Hotel to be a community affiliate.

- Ken Lee suggested offering the Marriott WPB Bistro (where we currently meet for our Board meetings) a 50% discount for community affiliation.
- Phil Dunmire disagreed stating we would be setting a trend when obtaining community affiliates.

- Motion was made by Sumner Hushing to vote. Vote was conducted by hand – 7 yes, 5 no

There was a discussion on obtaining other venues for future use. The following suggestions were made:

- Port of Palm Beach
- Palm Beach Yacht Club
- Pool Room at Chesterfield Club

Discussion ended with Frank stating that he will contact Sue Comerford and have her work on that since she is in charge of Programs.

Nancy Fish has retired from Young Marines and is interested in being the VP of Youth Programs. No further action, awaiting Nancy's attendance at Board; Ken Lee will contact her as youth program items arise between Board meetings.

Seal Museum Foundation will be having their annual dinner in March. Ken Lee and Kathy Gellis will help out with this event.

- They need help with obtaining VIP for each table
- Ken Lee noted this is likely to be a \$1000/plate dinner and wasn't sure would be able to get lower cost tickets for Navy Leaguers, except, if people worked on the event Ken would get some ticket cost reduction for workers.
- So far work consists of:
 - Funds handling & documentation (Kathy G);
 - Military units liaison (Ken);
 - Arranging for VIP attendance (Generals, Mayors, Admirals, Astronauts, etc);
 - Event Committee volunteer member (Ken)
- Contact Ken if interested in taking on the Mil. Liaison or VIP Arranging duties.

Navy Birthday Dinner was discussed again at end of meeting. General consensus was that no invitations have been received via snail mail or email.

- Admiral Chaz Richard will be the guest speaker
- Photographer hasn't called back; plan to get full photos access

- Frank & Sue have the caterers etc under control
- Jack volunteered to resend Navy Birthday invitation to all members.
- Jack and Phil would handle phone calls

Jerry Nelinson proposed that our Facebook account be posted on the webpage for easy access. Jack Hanscom pointed out that a link is already on our website Home Page for access to our Facebook account.

Jerry also suggested that all communiqués to members (example: News Clips) should include links to our website and Facebook pages. Ken Lee said he does this in some news clips and will try to be more vigilant about doing it in all such publications.

Jerry thanked Jack Hanscom for his excellent work on maintaining both our website and Facebook pages; applause for Jack ensued.

Jerry Nelinson reported on the USCG Cutter commissioning he attended last month in Key West and passed around the commissioning program materials. He mentioned that the new USCG Commandant was at the commissioning and Jerry reminded him of Admiral Papp's considering naming an FRC after Jerry's USCG shipmate that spotted the Germans on Long Island in WW-II (Seaman 2/c John Cullen).

He mentioned that another cutter commissioning will occur in Key West in next several months and he will try to get information out to our council as soon as possible so that a group attendance may possibly be organized.

Jerry also mentioned that he would be bringing ex Navy Nurse Sonia Foster to the Taboo social; Sonia is a veteran of first responder actions during the 9/11 disaster in NYC.