US NAVY LEAGUE
PALM BEACH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
DRAFT
October 13, 2014

Board Members - Present (18):

Frank Drennan	Jack Hanscom	Ken Lee	Phil Dunmire
Cindy Saulog	Sue Comerford	Jerry Nelinson	Catherine Brister
Nancy Fish	Frank Habicht	Sumner Hushing	Merry O'Donnell
Dan Pedrick	Patricia Reybold	Stan Shanck	Adele Siegel
Chuck Stark	Jim Wells		

Board Members - absent (7):

Rob Ford	Eric Rydstrom	George Mastics	Harriet Arndt
Wayne Diller	Helen Rivera	Jack Veasy	

Others present:

Lou Palumbo

Proceedings:

- Board Meeting was called to order at 11:50 at BISTRO in Marriott WPB, chaired by Pres. Frank Drennan. Frank had to leave early and handed the floor over to Jack Hanscom at 12:45pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited to open the meeting.
- Meeting was conducted without an Agenda due to computer issues.
- The Board had a moment of silence in honor of Peter Knight who passed away.
- Draft minutes written by Cindy Saulog for September 2014, which was circulated for review by e-mail were approved by the Board by voice vote after information omitted was acknowledged and added.
    - Comment was made to have minutes done within a week. Secretary acknowledged.

President Frank Drennan comments:

- Thanked Sue Comerford and committee for a job well done with the Navy Birthday Dinner.
- Board applauded Frank D., Sue C., Phil D. and Jack Hanscom for an excellent job.
    - Many positive comments were made around the table of having had one of the best Birthday dinners so far.

    - Comment was made by a board member that Eric Rydstrom was over worked at the Dinner and did not have time to mingle. Need to look into better organizing of drink selling for future events.

- The Navy Birthday was so well attended that unfortunately people had to be turned away at the door.
- Pres. Frank Drennan thanked contributor's generosity.
- Pres. Frank D. requested that any suggestions for future Navy Birthday Dinners be sent via e-mail directly to him and he would collect and forward to the Board for next committee.
- Pres. Frank D. assigned committee for the Nomination Committee:
    - Jack Veasy – Chair
    - Sumner Hushing – Co-chair
    - Patricia Reynold

Treasurer's Report:

- Eric Rydstrom was absent for the meeting. Pres. Frank Drennan requested vote on Treasurer Report for 30 September 2014 which were sent by Eric Rydstrom via e-mail to Board Members.
- Board approved Treasurer's Report.
    - Finances from Navy Birthday Dinner will be reported in future meeting by Treasurer. It was too soon to give an account.

Programs:

- Sue Comerford distributed via e-mail updated calendar for the upcoming months.
    - Correction was made on the Sandpiper Cove Lunch date. It is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th, 2014.
    - Please RSVP and contact Sue with your lunch preference.
    - Jack H. will send out flyer immediately.
    - Guest speaker TBA
        - Ken Lee offered to contact new CO of the Coast Guard in Miami
- Dec. 9th, 2014 – Sailfish Club of Florida. Luncheon.
- Jan. 14th, 2015 – Sandpiper's Cove – Installation of 2015 slate of officers & directors
- Feb. 12th, 2015 – Marriott Bristro – approved as new luncheon venue
    - Clarification made – current room used for Board meetings will be used.
    - Luncheon buffet
- March 25th, 2015 – National Croquet Center
    - Clarification made – it is a luncheon.
- April 11th, 2015 Bear Lakes Country Club. Youth Appreciation Dinner. Credit Card Bar.

- May 6th, 2015 Yacht Club – cancelled due to limited space.
    - Ken suggested looking for another venue with more space.
    - Frank D. offered to look into P.G.A. National that may accommodate 100 guests.
    - Board approved PGA National as a new social venue
- June 13th, 2015 E.R. Bradley's Beach Club – Sue and Jack H. proposed as new venue for Navy Reserves Appreciation (IA) Dinner. Board approved by voice vote.
- September 2015 – Kick Off
    - Several noted we're getting too big for Taboo – too crowded & hot this year
    - Phil suggested Palm Beach Port as a venue and Board agreed, wanting to get there again. Sue C said she would contact Port people.
    - Other venues mentioned: Majestic Princess Cruise Boat (pier side)
- Sue mentioned having a potential understudy. One name was proposed but comments were made that there might be problems with that nominee …. No action was taken in this regard.

Membership:

- Phil Dunmire mentioned a discussion he had with the Manager of the Sailfish Club.
    - They have a strict policy of not publishing events before or after that take place at the Sailfish Club.
    - A comment was made that Jack Veasy asked permission to have it published in Shiny Sheet. This brought in a few extra guests to the event.
    - Ken mentioned this has not been a policy discussed by club in past 4 years, and extensive publicity has been made of events there; need to clarify before instituting potential new policy
- Stan mentioned the need for more community affiliates.
- Question was made – if a life member pays annual dues. Response: Life members do not pay annual local dues however they are highly encouraged to pay dues and even make larger contribution during annual dues drive.
- A need to establish better communication with our members so information is given out on a timely basis was mentioned.
    - Sumner mentioned that having a phone committee has been a very successful form of communication in the past.
    - Phil mentioned sending invitations and flyers via regular postal mail to members that do not have email.
    - Ken mentioned that Board voted 2 or 3 years ago to stop spending the time and money to mail newsletters and flyers to non-email members …… few if any participated in any events even

when material was mailed, and effort was considerable on part of 1 or 2 tasked persons.

  - Ken mentioned that he downloaded our membership database from national last week, and there were 216 members, 145 of which had e-mail addresses, and 13 of those turned out to be returned as bad addresses.

New Business:

- Frank D. wanted to bring to the boards' attention that the Amvets Division SeaCadets request support to visit Kings Bay, GA.
  - Frank D. will look into it.
- Frank D. asked Jerry to look into having video clips put on the website of young cadet's testimonial on how Palm Beach Council Navy League support has helped them.
  - Example of Nancy Fish's son was mentioned.
  - Nancy Fish was asked to assist with this.
- Ken nominated Nancy Fish to be the VP of Youth Programs. Nancy accepted.
  - Phil motioned, Dan P. second.
  - Board approved.
- Nancy Fish gave a brief speech of some ideas that she has:
  - Nancy plans to reach out to Capt. Deidre Krause to ensure all youth groups are reached and supported.
  - Nancy would like to work on having meetings held at a time when key youth leaders are available to attend.
- Ken mentioned that we lost our supplier for our plaques that are handed out.
  - Ken passed around new plaques that he was able to obtain through a new supplier. Cost of the plaques are between $10- $12 compared to $30 for the old ones.
  - Besides price, the biggest difference is that the new plaque will not have a clock on it. Ken has about 11 of the original plaques left.
  - Ken mentioned he is open to ideas.
- Jack H. mentioned the need to start planning for the Navy Birthday Ball now.
  - Jack H. noted that he and Frank D. need to find a chair.
  - Stan S. suggested Harriett. He will contact her and discuss with her. She has planned several events for the Navy League and is well qualified to chair the Navy Birthday Ball.

- Catherine B. suggested The Beach Club
    - Frank Habicht agreed to endorse the venue
- Sumner suggested looking at other venues – possibly the Marriott.
- Catherine B. pointed out that we would lose attendance if held at a Marriott instead of a more exclusive venue.
- A motion was made to authorize Sue Comerford to proceed with making a temporary reservation at The Beach Club. The board approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Saulog, Secretary