

## **Navy League of the United States, Sarasota-Manatee Council Board of Directors Meeting January 21, 2020**

Board of Directors met Monday, January 21, 2020, at Selby Public Library, Sarasota, FL.  
In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Dennis Turner, Jerry St. Germain, Steve Horton, Al Burda, Roger Betts, George Hofmann, Steve Bartek, Jeannine Rusch, Bo Hamrick, and Nel Rocklein.  
Absent: John Hanna and John Osterweil.

Council President Tim Rocklein called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting held December 12, 2019 were approved.

Email Votes taken since last meeting were reaffirmed:

January 8, 2020 – USCG Support for Brant of \$1006 for new challenge coins. PASSED 5/0

January 20, 2020 – Appointment of 8 additional BOD members. PASSED 5/0

Jeannine Rusch – Membership

Roger Betts – Legislative Affairs and Facebook

Al Burda – Youth and Scholarships, and *Anchor Line* Editor

George Hofmann – Young Marine and Venice MCJROTC

Steve Bartek – North Port NJROTC

Bo Hamrick – Publicity

John Hanna – Golf Tournament Fundraising

John Osterweil – Fundraising and VIP Speakers

Treasurer: Jerry St. Germain

December Financial Report has been sent to all BOD MEMBERS. End of year report for the Endowment Fund is pending receipt of Report from Sarasota Community Foundation. The end of year balance in accounts was \$12,168.42.

USCG: Jerry St. Germain

Check has been written to BRANT for \$1006 for purchase of new challenge coins. RESOLUTE has invited NL members for an underway opportunity. The cruise is tentatively set for March 7. More info will follow.

Sea Cadets: Dennis Turner

The Maritime Eagles have 19 NSCC Cadets plus 5 NLCC cadets. There had been two recent promotions to First Class. September is the month in which Sea Cadets are traditionally recognized by NL.

NJROTC: Steve Bartek

Gave update on North Port HS NJROTC unit. He will be taking up liaison for that unit for council.

Communications (National/Regional/Area): Jerry St. Germain and Roger Betts  
New logo has been approved for NL and sent out for use. Sun Coast Council has been resurrected in Punta Gorda and currently has 58 members.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2020 Budget – Jerry St. Germain

Proposed 2020 budget was discussed line by line. Motion to accept the proposed budget as modified was PASSED unanimously. [A copy of the modified budget is attached.]

Anchor Line: Al Burda

He needs input for February Anchor Line. Please check draft that he sent out to see what info needs to be added.

Giving Challenge: Al Burda

He is our contact with Sarasota Community Foundation for Giving Challenge and Giving Partner, a data base maintained by SCF showing info about charitable organization including our council. This year's Giving Challenge will be from noon to noon on April 28 & 29. There are many opportunities to win special recognition/awards and Paterson Foundation will be matching first \$100 given from each unique donor. We need ideas on how best to make this work for us. Tim will prepare a letter to our members about it.

Dinners/Meetings for 2020: Tim Rocklein

He has been working on a proposed schedule for meetings for the next year. He will update it and try to get it out to everyone soon. Our next meeting should be at BKYC on February 26.

Endowment Fund: Tim Rocklein

Five new trustees for the Endowment Fund needed to be appointed. Current President, the two most recent Past Presidents, and two other members appointed by BOD required.

Proposed Trustees: Tim Rocklein, Dennis Turner, Al Burda, Roger Betts and Steve Bartek.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

USCG Cutter Blackthorn Memorial: Tim Rocklein

Annual Memorial service and wreath laying will be held on January 28, 11:00am, at the Blackthorn Memorial Park just off the Skyway Bridge. A wreath has been purchased by our Council for presentation as in years past. All are encouraged to attend this moving event.

Membership: Jerry St. Germain & Jeannine Rusch

There are now 101 members in our Council. We need to pay more attention to keeping our members and getting new ones. NL is offering free membership to spouses of active duty service members.

Audit: Jerry St. Germain

He would like to have an audit of the Councils finances scheduled. Al Burda will do it with help from Bo Hamrick.

Publicity: Bo Hamrick

He thinks we should encourage members to join more than one council. He would also like to see us co-sponsor activities with USNA Alumni and other nearby NL Councils. That would help raise our Council profile and raise knowledge regarding rebuilding of the Fleet. NWC Foundation's visiting speakers could work.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nel Rocklein, Secretary