

Navy League of the United States, Sarasota-Manatee Council Board of Directors Meeting February 24, 2020

Board of Directors met Monday, February 24, 2020, at Selby Public Library, Sarasota, FL.

In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Jerry St. Germain, Steve Horton, Roger Betts, George Hofmann, Steve Bartek, John Hanna, and Nel Rocklein.

Absent: Dennis Turner, Jeannine Rusch, Al Burda, Bo Hamrick and John Osterweil.

Council President Tim Rocklein called the meeting to order at 11:20am.

Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 21, 2020 were approved.

Email Votes taken since last meeting were reaffirmed: none

Youth Groups: Steve Bartek

Luncheon to honor JROTCs and Young Marines is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice. Questions related to selection for the new Superior Senior Cadet award still need to be resolved. Jerry clarified that money was only budgeted for \$100 award for a senior from each of our two JROTCs. If there is a senior qualified from another youth organization we sponsor, we could revisit it. Venice HS MJROTC cadets are raising funds to build an Obstacle Course at the school. They have been very successful, but still need more money. He recommends we consider helping them with a loan so project could be completed. Jerry suggested we contact some of our contributors and see if we could find money for a grant for them.

Communications: Jerry St. Germain

The next NL Florida Region Meeting will be held March 13-14 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. NL President Bill Stevenson and Executive Director Mike Stevens will be attending. Any NL member is invited to attend. It should be an interesting meeting. Roger added that he was glad to see Jerry forwarding the NLUS Legislative Weekly Roundup to Board. It contains some very interesting info.

Membership: Jerry St. Germain for Jeannine Rusch

We currently have 101 members. There are at least three more potential new members who should be joining soon. We need to work on getting more new members.

Treasurer: Jerry St. Germain

He sent out Financial Report and yearly Endowment Fund Statement to Board by email. (copy attached to original.)

USCG: Jerry St. Germain

USCGC Brandt: Making plans to offer rides to us in the next few months. More specifics when available.

USCGC Resolute: Cruise is set for April 7. He has 22 signed up, but there is room for others.
USCGS Cortez: Tim attended quarters there January 24 to recognize their Sailor of the Quarter.
Jerry and Tim attended the USCGC Blackthorn Memorial service and wreath laying January 28.
To honor the 40th anniversary of the Blackthorn's sinking, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf and USCG Commandant ADM Karl Schultz delivered remarks. It was a very moving service.

It was recommended that we consider gifting a subscription to Sea Power to our sponsored USCG units and youth groups (total of 8). It has been done in the past, but we are not currently doing it. Jerry will check on cost and details. Roger suggested that we collect past copies of Sea Powers and send to the units.

Old Business:

Golf: John Hanna discussed status of Annual Golf Tournament is planned for Saturday, November 7. The committee has several proposals from various clubs, but Heritage Oaks G&CC seems to be the best so far. John is looking for prospective hole sponsors for the tournament. Let him know if you know of anyone who might be interested. Tim will send an email to all members asking for inputs.

Giving Challenge: Event will be help noon to noon on April 28-29. Al Burda has set up account for us, and we are ready to participate.

New Business:

Bylaws: Steve Horton led discussion on updates needed for bylaws. He would like to have proposed changes ready as soon as possible for a vote by membership.

Chaplain: Don Roser has been asked to serve as Chaplain. Tim recommends that he also be appointed to the Board of Directors. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

March Meeting: The March meeting will be a joint meeting with several other organizations held at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda on Saturday, March 28. Lunch will be at the Captain's Table in Punta Gorda prior to meeting. More details to follow when available.

Next Board meeting will be Monday, March 23, 1:00pm. Next NL function will be lunch at BKYC on Wednesday, Feb 26.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary