

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

Board of Directors met Monday, January 12, 2015, at Selby Public Library, Sarasota, FL.

In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Jerry St. Germain, Marty Donner, Roger Betts, June Moore, Andy Anderson, Dennis Turner, Pete Ross, Alex Morris, Steve Bartek, Dick Petrucci and Nel Rocklein.

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

Minutes of the Board meeting held December 15, 2014 were approved.

Communications: Jerry says Nominating Committee meeting for National Directors is coming soon. Roger added our Region Meeting will be Feb 6-7 and will also include nomination of new Area & Regional officers who will be voted upon at the June NL Nation Convention in Tampa.

Membership: June reports we are holding our own with 161 members this month. She is going to remove 1 member who has been a Life Member since 1960 since she has been unable to contact him. HQ removed him 5 years ago.

Finance & Endowment: Jerry sent out financial report by email to Board members. (Copy attached to original minutes.) Today he delivered a \$20,000 check to be deposited into our Endowment Fund.

Legislative Affairs: Tim has asked Pete Ross to take this office and he has accepted.

Anchor Line: Roger reports that January is the first edition for 2015 and plans editions in March, May, September, October and December for total of six issues. He also reported that 30 RSVPs have been received for the January dinner.

Youth Programs: Dick says this is the quiet time of the year. He has several Blue & Gold nominations waiting for decisions. Steve added that his unit has been very busy with drills and has a trip to tour of a submarine coming up in February. The NJROTC Cadet Change of Command is also in February. He would like to receive their support contribution check earlier if possible so it can be used to help fund these. Motion was made to pay NJROTC and MCJROTC support now. **APPROVED.** Jerry says he would be glad to put links to JROTC and Sea Cadet websites on our NL website if someone would provide them to him.

Adopted USCG units: Tim and Nel attended the USCGC Crocodile holiday party and presented a check to their MWR and gift cards to personnel. Still haven't heard from USCGS Cortez about acceptability of donation for them.

Sea Cadets: Dennis reports that the first drill for this year was held last Saturday aboard Cortez. Three cadets, one prospective new cadet, and four instructors attended. Discussions about leadership positions are still ongoing. He plans to continue to work with Cortez for support. Recruitment is the big thing right now. Hopefully, next drill at shooting range will bring in more new cadets. Drills have been scheduled for 1st Saturday of each month.

New Business:

-- **Area Meeting/Nominating Committee:** Tim will be forwarding info on how to apply to be considered for Area and Regional offices. Nom packages are due NLT Feb 2.

-- **Spirit of 45:** Marty hasn't done a lot this year, but is trying to work with other organizations in the area.

-- **Joint NL/Propeller Club meeting:** Marty would be willing to do publicity for the joint meeting in February, but needs more info.

-- **50/50:** Tim has two tickets for Busch Gardens that were donated by Pete after he bought them at the Golf Tourney auction. He also has two Carabbas \$20 gift cards that were bonuses from buying USCG holiday cards. He plans to use these for raffle items at next dinner meeting rather than doing a 50/50.

-- **Council Scholarship Program review:** Nel has completed this review (copy attached to original). After discussion, Roger moved following recommendations be adopted:

1) Council Vice President for Education and his committee assume responsibilities for all scholarship programs, including oversight of the selection and awarding process for both college scholarships and National Flight Academy scholarships. VP-E establish procedures to ensure all sponsored youth groups are aware of scholarships and deadlines and post those procedures on our website.

2) The College Scholarship Program for High School seniors enrolled in council sponsored youth programs, specifically include:

-- One senior cadet from Northport High School NJROTC annually.

-- One senior cadet from Venice High School MCJROTC annually.

-- One optional third scholarship which may be awarded to an eligible senior from any of our sponsored youth programs, including JROTC, Young Marines and Sea Cadets.

3) The National Flight Academy Scholarship Program, specifically include:

-- One annual Slim Russell Scholarship to be awarded to a member of our sponsored Sea Cadet unit.

-- One annual John Osterweil Scholarship to be awarded to a member of any of our sponsored youth groups, when funds become available. **APPROVED.**

-- **June 17 luncheon:** Recommendation made to move June 17 luncheon to another date since the National Convention will be held in Tampa June 16-21. Tim will check with SBCC to see if it could be held June 10 instead.

-- **SGT Bonelli:** Tim suggested that the council buy a joint husband/wife NL membership for the Bonellis in recognition of their service. Cost is \$117. **APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary