

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

Board of Directors met Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Selby Public Library Conference Room, Sarasota, FL.

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

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

Minutes of the Board meeting held March 13, 2015 were approved.

**Communications:** Roger says HQ online community is OOC again...a long-term, continuing problem. There are still some questions about proposed bylaw changes, including policies relating to succession to National President. Hopefully, issues will be addressed before June convention in Tampa when vote on changes should be taken.

**Membership:** June still has gotten no help from National HQ on membership details. It has been over 4 ½ months since she has been able to get any updated info, but she assumes we still have 163 members. New (semi-updated) council rosters should be ready and in the mail soon. Tim is picking them up from the printer today.

**Finance/Endowment:** Tim passed out Financial Report Jerry prepared and sent by email. (Copy attached to original.) Endowment statement should be received in next few days.

**Anchor Line:** Roger reminded that the deadline for the May issue of the Anchor Line is Friday, April 30. That will give plenty of time for RSVPs for May 20 dinner meeting. June 3 meeting will be luncheon at SBCC to honor sea service Academy and ROTC appointees.

**Youth Programs:** Dick says all plans are completed for the April 15 luncheon and award ceremony for medals and scholarships for NJROTC and MCJROTC cadets. Steve says NJROTC Spring trip went well. Dick will present NL awards to cadets at their upcoming school awards ceremony.

**National Flight Academy Scholarships:** Dick reports the Slim Russell NFA scholarship was awarded to Sea Cadet Lauren Paul. He is expecting application from cadet at Venice Young Marine unit for new John Osterweil NFA scholarship soon.

**Adopted USCG units:** Tim has been in contact with USCGS Cortez folks to set up a picnic there. They are coming up with some possible dates in first part of May to us to consider.

**Sea Cadets:** Dennis has some good news. Capt. Baker has begun paperwork for Maritime Eagles Change of Command between LTJG Forcucci and himself. He has received over 40 applications from students interested in Sea Cadets at Manatee School of the Arts. He is working now to get teachers from MSA lined up as instructors, etc. Motion was made to purchase, as necessary, uniforms for new officers as incentive for volunteering. **APPROVED.**

**Young Marines:** Tim and Marty went to Venice to present \$250 check to YM unit and individual outstanding cadet \$100 award. Tim will present same to DeSoto unit on April 25.

**Challenge Coins:** Tim is still waiting to hear from NL HQ Ship's Store on status of our design and order. There was change in personnel at store, so hopefully things will improve now.

**New Board Members:** Tim nominated two new board members and an email vote was taken to approve them. Carol (Daunt) Pearson and Giles Pearson will be joining the board. Since they will both be attending the April luncheon and will plan to swear them in at that time. Tim would also like to nominate John Osterweil to be a member of the board. **APPROVED.**

**Memorial Day Float:** Tim announced that Festive Floats will again donate a parade float for our use in the Sarasota Memorial Day parade on May 25. More details to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 1:55pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nel Rocklein, Secretary