

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

Board of Directors met Friday, February 13, 2015, in the Conference Room at Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota, FL.

In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Jerry St. Germain, Marty Donner, Roger Betts, Dennis Turner, Pete Ross, Steve Bartek and Nel Rocklein.

Council President Tim Rocklein called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

Minutes of the Board meeting held January 12, 2015 were approved.

Communications: Jerry reported that at Regional meeting Tim was nominated as a National Director; Jerry was nominated as Florida Central Area President. They will be presented in June at the NL National Convention in Tampa and elections will take place then. Plans for the Convention June 16-21 are coming together. Everyone is encouraged to try and take advantage of at least some of the speakers and events planned. Financial aspects of NL seem to be coming around, but membership problems continue. The HQ website has been improved greatly. They have now taken down online community temporarily; but it should be back up soon and be much better. The NL Ship's Store is also down pending new arrangements with vendor.

Finance & Endowment: Jerry sent out financial report by email to Board members. (Copy attached to original minutes)

Legislative Affairs: Pete reports NL has so far defeated the McCain amendment and continues to fight against Sequestration. Efforts to fully fund Homeland Security are being followed closely.

Anchor Line: Roger reports the next edition will be March with flyer for March dinner. Deadline is February 20. Jerry added congratulations to Roger for all his hard work on our Facebook page.

Youth Programs: Steve took 25 cadets to Kings Bay and they had a great tour of facilities and submarines there. End of March will be their end of year trip, probably to Orlando. Instructor training is planned for early June. Steve has confirmed plans for luncheon like last year's at Plantation G&CC on April 15 for recognition of JROTC cadets.

Adopted USCG units: USCGC Crocodile OIC Buddy Gilbert has orders for June to another local command. His Change of Command is scheduled for late June.

Sea Cadets: Dennis reports that the second drill was held at the gun range. Only two cadets were able to attend as there were conflicts with senior cadets and insurance/liability problems limiting guests. The next drill will be the first Saturday of March at USCGS Cortez and there will be a big push for membership.

New Business:

-- **SGT Bonelli:** Jerry says the Bonellis are moving to the Virginia Beach area to be nearer family after having some recent health problems. He sends his appreciation for the NL membership we awarded him. Jerry has touched base with the Tidewater Council and let them know the Bonellis are moving into their area.

-- **March Dinner:** We now have speaker promised from USCGAS Clearwater; also possibility of retired USCG VADM Ret. who is in area. Jerry will check with our USCG units and invite them.

-- **December Meeting:** Roger presented info from Sally regarding possibly having December meeting as a luncheon on December 2 at Sarasota Yacht Club. **Board approved** concept and Tim signed contact for event.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary