

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

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

In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Jerry St. Germain, Marty Donner, Roger Betts, Dennis Turner, Pete Ross, 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 February 13, 2015 were approved.

Communications: Jerry says email has been sent out with specifics of Tampa Convention. Info is also available on NL HQ website. Roger has downloaded minutes of recent national Bylaws Committee. The minutes contain interesting info/discussion on proposed changes to President Elect process and changes to number of VPs and National Directors. Proposed changes should be ready for consideration/vote at the convention, but there are still some questions.

Finance & Endowment: Jerry sent out financial report by email to Board members. (Copy attached to original minutes.) Pete had question about Chase card balance/payment data reflected on report which was explained by Jerry. Tim says there are plans for the Sarasota Community Foundation Giving Challenge to be held again this year in early September. More details to follow.

Legislative Affairs: Pete has received extensive info from Regional Legislative Affairs representative. Tim will forward to rest of Board.

Membership: June is continuing to have problems with the HQ membership data base. It isn't showing info on membership expiration dates so she can't follow up and doesn't know who has paid dues in last 3-4 months.

Anchor Line: Roger reports the next edition will be May; then not another until September.

Youth Programs: Steve says this week is Spring break. Their cadet change of command is next week. The following week will be their end of year trip. The council's April luncheon for JROTC awards is on track for April 15 at Plantation G&CC. Tim says recognition luncheon for appointees to USNA/NROTC has been changed to June 3 at Sara Bay Country Club. More info will follow.

Adopted USCG units: Jerry reports that USCGC Crocodile is having major personnel turn over; change of command for OIC Buddy Gilbert is May 26 and six crew members are leaving this

summer. He is in process of getting new supply of plaques for them. USCGS Cortez is still willing to host us for a picnic.

Sea Cadets: Dennis reports that three prospective cadets and their parents attended a meeting March 7 at Cortez. Recruiting efforts continue. Gail Ryan has requested that a new unit be chartered at Manatee School of the Arts.

New Business:

-- **Slim Russell National Flight Academy Scholarship:** It is annually awarded to one of our Sea Cadets. This year Cadet Lauren Paul is nominated by the committee. Motion made to approve her selection for this scholarship. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

-- **Another National Flight Academy:** Nel asked if we could/should try to award a second NFA scholarship this year. Motion made to solicit applications from our other sponsored youth groups to award another scholarship named in honor of John Osterweil in recognition of his contributions to our council. **APPROVED 10/1.** Tim will contact Dick and ask him to begin selection process and send info to the units.

-- **Young Marines Awards:** Annually \$100 is awarded to an outstanding cadet from the DeSota YM and Venice Middle School YM units. Tim will be asking unit COs for nominations and will try to make presentations at our April luncheon.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary