

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

Board of Directors met Monday, August 17, 2015, in the Selby Public Library Conference Room, Sarasota, FL.

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

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

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

Communications: Jerry encouraged all to check out the website of the new public information service program sponsored by America's Strength. The group is funded by private companies and individuals with an aim to inform about importance of strong Navy and Marine Corps and promote increased funding for those organizations. They will help you write Letters to the Editor and/or OPEDs for your local newspapers, etc. They may also pay for local newspaper ads to help inform public of needs. There is already a lot of useful info available on the website: www.Americas-Strentgh.org Marty is going to research possibility of having posters printed from their info to display at our meetings. Jerry also said problems with NL HQ membership on line community continue, but some progress has been made. Notices for membership renewals for this year have finally been sent out...for the first time this calendar year.

Membership: June thinks we still have around 160 members. Exact membership details are still difficult to determine from NL website.

Finance/Endowment: Jerry submitted Financial Report via email. (Copy attached to original.)

Legislative Affairs: Pete echoed the info about America's Strength being good source for public outreach. He is following several other legislative initiatives.

Anchor Line: Roger will be working on September issue after August luncheon.

Adopted USCG units: Jerry reported nothing new except info about Resolute to be discussed later.

NJROTC: Steve reported they had great summer trip including tour of National Flight Academy. He will send pictures and info for Anchor Line. School starts next week so they will be very busy.

Sea Cadets: Dennis gave update to Tim for meeting. There has been no real news since last meeting. Cadet Lauren Paul attended National Flight Academy with our Slim Russell scholarship. She will plan to attend our September meeting to tell us about her NFA experiences.

Spirit of 45: Marty reported that the three Spirit of 45 events this past weekend went very well, but regrets that more of our members did not attend.

Community Foundation of Sarasota Giving Challenge: Tim reminded that the Giving Challenge will be held from noon September 1 until noon September 2. Donations must have both new name and new credit card info to qualify for matching funds from the Patterson Foundation. This year MCJROTC Venice High will also be participating. Tim proposed that we use our council credit card to donate a portion (\$250) of unit support to this year's Giving Challenge. **MOTION APPROVED.**

USCGC Resolute: Tim and Jerry went to St. Pete to visit the Resolute last week. The ship's leadership was very interested in becoming more closely associated with us. CO will be attending our next luncheon. Plans will continue to adopt the ship.

Golf Tournament: Tim emphasized that there is less than three months until 10th Annual Earl Fowler Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Nov 11 at Heritage Oaks. He distributed a list of 2014 solicitors and asked everyone listed to re-contact any they got last year. He is looking for any other ideas for businesses or individuals who might donate items or money to the fundraiser. Brochures have been printed and were distributed. Tim has more if needed.

Upcoming Events: Roger reported that only 18 people have signed up for the August luncheon, including CDR Matt Brown, CO of the USCGC Resolute. The September dinner will be held at Bird Key Yacht Club. RADM Larry Chambers will be the guest speaker.

Official Email Votes: Tim has had to do several votes by email recently because of time sensitive issues. He plans to continue to do so when necessary with a policy that six votes constitutes a quorum of the board and the motion passes with a majority of the votes. Info on vote will then be presented and added to minutes at the next board meeting.

Recent votes:

-- 28 July 2015, Conflict of Interest Policy: Motion to approve new Conflict of Interest policy for council as emended by Alex Morris (Copy attached to original.) **APPROVED.**

-- 31 July 2015, Sarasota Veterans Commission Membership: Motion for council to re-join the Sarasota County Veterans Commission and pay the \$50 dues as invoiced. **APPROVED.**

-- 10 Aug 2015, Spirit of 45: Motion authorizing \$1000 check to be written to forward donations received by council specifically in support of Tuxedo Junction event. **APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned: 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nel Rocklein, Secretary