

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

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

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

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

Minutes of the Board meeting held June 15, 2015 were approved.

Communications: Roger reported some changes were made to Bylaws at NL National Convention in Tampa and some changes were referred back to committee for reconsideration. New officers were elected including new President Skip Witunski. NL Financial Report should have been updated, but has not yet been done

Tim accepted the Meritorious Award for 2014 on behalf of our council at the NL convention. He thinks there was a lot of good info put out at the convention. The Presidential election was somewhat contentious, but Skip won 2 to 1 of votes and his opponent was very gracious. Next year the convention will be held in Charleston, SC. Marty attended several committee meetings at the convention. He thought the Communications and USCG ones were great, but the Membership one not so good.

Membership: June submitted two pages of corrections to HQ but had problems. She resubmitted them last night. She thinks we currently have 160 council members.

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

Legislative Affairs: Pete said emphasis seems to be on contacting members of Congress urging them to fund DOD and avoid sequestration.

Anchor Line: Roger will be working on September issue after August luncheon. Dennis will provide update on Sea Cadets for that issue.

Youth Programs: Steve reported they are doing summer program for cadets now; they graduate this week. Next week they will be going on their summer trip to Pensacola, USS Alabama and Tallahassee. This year's enrollment should be up in numbers. Tim recommended that during the budget process this year we consider funding a scholarship (\$700) for a cadet for next summer's Sailing Program Steve runs. USMC Silent Drill Team will be coming to North

Port HS in September or maybe January. Steve will keep us informed as to date so we may attend.

Adopted USCG units: Dick, Marty and Tim attended USCGC Crocodile Change of Command. There were lots of positive comments about our council and our contributions to the ship/crew. SCPO Tom Cairns is new OIC and looks favorably on NL.

Sea Cadets: Dennis reported the Maritime Eagles have recruited two new adults. They had one cadet graduate boot camp. Cadet Lauren Paul is really looking forward to attending National Flight Academy with our scholarship next week.

Luncheons: Roger stated that we have 24 reservations for July luncheon at Cafe L'Europe.

Spirit of 45: Marty sent report by email. (Copy attached to original.) He is working with group for Tuxedo Junction event August 15 and event to be held at Unconditional Surrender statue earlier on that date.

USCGC Resolute: Tim forwarded email to board from "newer" CO of ship who expressed interest in being adopted by our council. He made proposal to sponsor Resolute and authorize up to \$1500 to support them as an adopted unit...but money not to be expended until all info from the CO is received. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Golf Tournament: Tim reported that all questions regarding the Golf Tournament have finally been answered and flyer is ready for the printer. The 10th Annual Earl Fowler Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, Nov 11 at Heritage Oaks. Problems encountered with previous golf dinners have been discussed and plans now call for a Buffett with Beef and Chicken for under \$30.

Community Foundation of Sarasota Giving Challenge: Tim attended an educational program on the Giving Challenge last week. It is going to be a great fund raising opportunity for us. We all need to work on looking for donors who would contribute to our endowment.

American's Strength: This is a new organization that has put together a program which had its debut at the NL Convention. Jerry is our point man. It looks like it is very organized and will help us get our NL message out to community about need for sea power and funding for it.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary