

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

Board of Directors met Monday, October 19, 2015, in the Selby Public Library Conference Room, Sarasota, FL.

In attendance were: Tim Rocklein, Marty Donner, Jerry St. Germain, Roger Betts, June Moore, Dick Petrucci, Dennis Turner, Carol Pearson, Giles Pearson, Pete Ross, Nel Rocklein and nominating committee member Woody Brewer.

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

Minutes of the Board meeting held September 14, 2015 were approved.

Communications: Jerry, our Area President, reported that National continues to struggle with two issues: (1) Efforts to refinance HQ building mortgage are underway this year and they have been shopping around for better source; and (2) Online Financial System/Online Community (which includes membership records) is still not working. Roger commented that NL continues to hemorrhage members with two losses for each new member recruited. Ad Hoc steering committee has been formed to try and solve financial/membership problems.

Membership: June has no information on who has paid dues since last December. Our council total membership is now 150 according to the official HQ list, but it is still very confusing. She is still going to report we have 160 members.

Finance/Endowment: Jerry sent Financial Report via email. (Revised copy attached to original.)

Legislative Affairs: Pete reported that there is no major legislation pending now. Congressional Sub-Committee recently met on USCG Icebreaker requirements for increased Arctic activity.

Anchor Line: Roger said next Anchor Line will include slate of nominees for Board to be voted on in December. He hopes to have it in the mail prior to November 1.

Adopted USCG units: Jerry reported we will have seven guests from USCGS Cortez at next dinner for recognition of SOQs. USCGC Crocodile will be going into the yards for maintenance at the end of the year. The crew will be reassigned to a different ship to be home ported in St. Pete. We need to work out adoption process for new ship and also need to consider if we want to buy "farewell" plaques from Crocodile for all current crewmembers. Do we want to adopt the new ship [Tarpon(?)] which will be replacing the Crocodile? Reports from USCGC Resolute deployment are interesting as they have been participating in search for missing cargo ship after hurricane. They will be returning this week to St. Pete.

Sea Cadets: Dennis expressed thanks for highlighting Sea Cadets at last month's dinner. He now has a Chief working with them trying to train cadets for a drill team for debut in Palmetto Veterans Day Parade. They currently have 12 cadets and are working on recruiting more. He hopes to have 25 by December so unit can be officially commissioned. They will be sponsoring sales for Wreaths Across America and plan other fund raising events to help pay for summer training which will cost each cadet considerably more money this year than in the past. A \$1000 check was presented to Dennis by the council to help fund the Sea Cadet unit.

Old Business:

-- **Golf Tournament:** Tim reminded that the November 11th Golf Tournament is fast approaching. Prizes and money coming in, but we still need more players. Golf Committee will have a meeting soon.

-- **Monument at National Cemetery:** Marty reported it would cost \$2000-\$3000 to place Navy Monument there. Considering the price, maybe it is not such a good idea.

-- **Dinner Event Dates:** Tim requested that dates of our dinner events for next year be changed from the third Wednesday. Since no one else would agree to be President next year, he will stay on for one more year but has already made other commitments for the third Wednesday evenings next year that cannot be changed. He will take a survey of the board members for other options.

-- **Nominating Committee:** Roger reported results of the nominating committee. He recommended the committee stay in session all year to encourage participation from other members and the use of our council Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned: 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nel Rocklein, Secretary