

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
4 DECEMBER 2023

Attendees: Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Peg Murray, Roy Callahan, Pat Burke,
Brandi Bansemer, Tony Cercena, Brittany DiPippo, Tom Feeney, Jean Peterson, Jon Wolstenholme.

Meeting called to order at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report - Minutes of 6 November 2023 were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer's Report/Budget – Distributed and reviewed. Good financial shape through December 2023. Annual letter of appeal will be mailed to members this week. Have all ready received \$2,000 before end of year. Review detailed of MAN AND AD. Budget of 2024 not distributed at this meeting. Budget committee will review proposed 2024 budget at separate meeting as soon as possible. Board Member Brandi Bansemer distributed Sea Cadets 2024 budget and details were discussed and details will be reviewed with President Rob Winneg. Many items are proposed. E mail will be sent to Walt Wasowski, Mike Slein and Rob Winneg.
3. Membership Report – 228 Members. Distributed BA/CA expiration dates with assignments for 2024 with added back up for visits. Discussion of possible Coast Guard boat cruise for BAs/CAs, and other activities. Motion to accept by Board Members Mike Slein and seconded by Pat Burke.
4. Sea Cadets – As noted above, budget discussed and will be reviewed in detail. Noted still need Base access which will be discussed with new Commanding Officer of Naval Station. Items on Budget must be prioritized, i.e. need for new set of flags and poles for Falcon Color Guard, and advertising. Navy League Newport County allocation of \$1,000 to Sea Cadet Falcon Division was discussed and motion made to increase NCBC Division allocation from \$250 to \$1,000. Passed.

Current Business:

1. President's Holiday Reception Hotwash – Board Member Len D'Lorenzo will schedule.
2. Expanding member events: Proposed Happy Hour (appetizers, no host bar) – Matt Griffin – February?

New Business:

1. Navy League Northeast regional meeting tentatively scheduled for 13 January – Walt. Vice President Matt Griffin to follow up.
2. Potential tours of USCGC Campbell and the Bigelow – Board Member Jon Wolstenholme.
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings reviewed and assignments made. Discussion of participation in OCS graduations and presentation of gift restarted – request meeting with

Commanding Officer. Also discussion with CO for startup of SOQ/SOY. Note: USCGC Oak SOQ presentation scheduled for 20 December 2023.

Other Business:

1. Board Member Tom Feeney reviewed comments from Board Member Emeritus Anne Huot with confirmation of distribution of third quarter newsletter to members.
2. Board Member Roy Callahan requested update on "Website." Update next meeting by Vice President Matt Griffin.
3. Board Member Brandi Bansemer distributed invitation to attend ceremony for Sea Cadet Grace A. Rutherford who will be pinned Chief Petty Officer on 16 December. Board members are invited. Details distributed.
4. January board meeting will be moved to Monday, 8 January due to holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 1812.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 8 JANUARY 2024, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.