

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGU OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
6 NOVEMBER 2023**

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Brittany DiPippo, Tom Feeny, Jean Peterson, Jon Wolstenholme, Jean Peterson.

Meeting called to order at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Minutes of 2 October 2023 were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer's Report – Distributed. In good shape, about where we expected it to be. MAN summary reviewed; reported a net cost of \$850. Motion to accept by Board Member Mike Slein, seconded and passed. Noted that Commanding Officer of the Jester has become a member of the Navy League Newport County and the Sea Power magazine hard copy will be on the ship.
3. Membership Report – 229 members.
4. Sea Cadets – Report, with a list of things to do on Page 2, was distributed by Board Member Brittany DiPippo. This included fundraising in the Fall and Spring, and budget for 2024. Discussion of solicitating donations for the Fall 2023 fundraiser planned for 18 November. (Letter of solicitation to NLNC members and direct donate.) Motion by Board Member Roy Callahan for team effort (Mike Slein/Len DiLorenzo). Passed.

Current Business:

1. Military Appreciation Night (MAN) Hot Wash (Brief): Pat Burke/Mike Slein/Matt Griffin/Walt Wasowski.
 - a. Walt summarized 180 reservations; 79 military guests (half of what expected).
 - b. Shortest MAN and Annual Meeting
 - c. Net Cost: \$850

Matt Griffin – review continued, start planning earlier (six months), specific tasks; contacts assigned to call; RSVP earlier; hand deliver mail on base to invitees and follow up in person. Other details, discuss, and identify early (NL banner too small). A more expansive review will be held and all lessons learned will be written down. Walt suggested we make it a “signature event.” A “mandatory” event for Board to attend.

Len: send to other companies with invitation and copies of newsletters – Network! Chamber of Commerce; Letter to Walmart.

2. Expanding membership: Rob: Current CAs and BAs become more engaged, i.e., attend OCS graduations, SOQs, etc.
3. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme will ask CDR Jonathan R. Harris, USCG, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Campbell, to attend a Navy League Board meeting.

New Business:

1. Holiday Social scheduled for 28 November at the Wyndham. Invitations will be sent.
2. NE Regional Navy League meeting in January 2024; date to be determined. Rob Winneg/Walt Wasowski.
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meeting reviewed and assignments made.

Other Business:

1. Any other board business?

Meeting adjourned at 1815.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 4 DECEMBER 2023, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.

