

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY  
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI  
8 JANUARY 2024

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Peg Murray, Roy Callahan, Tom Feeney, Brandi Bansemer, Brittany DiPippo, Jon Wolstenholme.

Meeting called to order at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary's report – Minutes of 4 December 2023 were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer's report/budget – Financial statement, dated 1/1/2023-12/31/2023, was distributed and accepted. Proposed budget for 2024 was distributed and details were reviewed by Board. Treasurer Walt Wasowski noted that we should receive more rebates from Navy League National. The following changes were discussed:
  - a. Motion to increase newsletter (4 issues) budget from \$800 to \$1,100 by BM Tom Feeney and seconded by Pat Burke. Passed.
  - b. Public Relations Committee – to increase visibility of Navy League events. Budget request of \$500 was discussed, and it was agreed to keep the budget at \$300 as proposed. If more is needed, could be increased. Motion to accept by BM Tom Feeney and seconded by BM Roy Callahan. See notes under expanding member events.
  - c. Two (2) new Expense items were added to the Proposed Budget under Programs and Projects:
    - Social/Membership Event: \$1,000. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme to take the lead on this new event.
    - Vietnam Veteran's Event: \$1,000. Board Member Len DiLorenzo to continue planning for this new event.
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Motion to accept the 2024 Proposed Budget, as amended above, made by BM Roy Callahan and seconded by BM Len DiLorenzo. Passed.

3. Membership Report - Board Member Len DiLorenzo requested to defer report until February board meeting due to National's transition to new website.
4. Sea Cadets: ( Falcon and NCBC Divisions) Report was distributed to Board. No change in members. Budget for 2024 was submitted and discussed in detail. A total of \$4,241 was given by Navy League Newport County in 2023 in support of the two divisions. Proposed budget for 2024 is \$6,400. Discussion of sending an annual appeal letter for Sea Cadets considered, timing, etc. Must prioritize needs, top three. Access to the Navy Base for monthly drills is still needed. President Winneg reached out to the new Base Commanding Officer and he will get back to us, ongoing. Will keep working the issue.

### Current Business:

1. North East Regional Navy League meeting will be held at the Wyndham on Saturday, 13 January, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Board Members from Newport Council are invited. To date, 9/10 members are signed up to attend. May discuss transfer of data base; National's help with "active duty" memberships.
2. 2024 Budget – Treasurer Walt Wasowski
  - a. Newsletter Budget Item - See above under Treasurer's report.
  - b. Public Relations budget – See above under Treasurer's report.
  - c. Website update – V. President/Board Member Matt Griffin – Some delays. Demo will be given at February/March board meeting.
  - d. Expanding Member Events – (Public Relations) – Jon Wolstenholme/Matt Griffin. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme discussed possible social/special events to increase membership, i.e. Polo event, Coddington Brewery. Jon will meet with President Winneg to discuss and bring to the Board in February. Funding added to the Budget, above, to support this new initiative.

### New Business:

1. Military Veterans Advocacy Meeting proposed for 24 June (added to calendar) - Len DiLorenzo
2. Military Appreciation Night Planning – Rob Winneg/Matt Griffin (Ref. MAN hotwash meeting held on 15 December 2023.)
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings reviewed and assignments made.
4. Sea Cadets' annual inspection will be held on 23 March. Details from Brandi Bansemer. Board members are invited.

### Other Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 1828.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5 FEBRUARY 2024, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.**