

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
9 JANUARY 2023

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Len DiLorenzo, Roy Callahan, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney, Jean Peterson, Jonathan Wolstenholme, former President and Emeritus Board Member Anne Huot, and guest Merrilee Zellner.

Meeting called to order by President Rob Winneg at 1700 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 30 November 2022 were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s report – Delay in distributing year end report. Still working on report. Balance approximately \$2,500 more than last year. Annual appeal donations total \$3,200, \$1,300 less than last year. Donations are still being received.
3. Membership (Len DiLorenzo) – Reported 233 members. Congratulations to Board Member Peg Murray for bringing in a significant number of new members this past year. It’s possible that Newport County Council may win Sea Power magazine’s “top council of the year,” and also, “fourth highest recruiter in the country.” Thanks to Board Member Pat Burke for recruiting MRC as new Community Associate. Congratulations Pat!
4. Sea Cadets - No report or budget requirements submitted from Brandi Bansemer. Zachary Bartlett, Sea Cadet training officer, will be contacted and asked to attend next board meeting.

Current Business:

1. Annual Appeal Recap: Walt Wasowski – see Treasurer’s report above.
2. Adopted/Sponsored Units review (copy distributed). Reference: E mail received from Kevin Torcolini to President Winneg dated 6 January 2023 with attachment. List was reviewed by Board with updated deletions and recommended additions, i.e. USCG Cutters Tahoma and Campbell. President Winneg will respond to Kevin Torcolini’s request for verification. Note: Emeritus Board Member Anne Huot suggested an article in our newsletter about Navy League adopted/sponsored units for Newport County Council.
3. USCG FRC Maurice Jester Commissioning in Bristol update: Jon/Len/Mike/Pat. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme reported still Bristol location and working on dates, (2 June or 8 June).
4. Levels of Corporate Membership and Associated Rebates – Walt/Len. Board discussion of specific, different levels. Board member Len DiLorenzo will prepare a “breakdown of levels,” and send to Board for a better understanding of rebates (Business Associates/Community Affiliates).

5. Military Appreciation Night (MAN) Speaker Proposals:
 - a. Admiral Scott Swift (suggested by Vice President Matt Griffin).
 - b. Capt. Richard Phillips (suggested by President Winneg.) (Capt. Phillips is a life member of the Navy League). Capt. Phillips will be contacted by Rob Winneg).
6. Fall Newsletters (Anne Huot) - Three newsletters were e mailed to all members of our Navy League, Newport County. Great job by Russ Huot. Motion made to pay Russ Huot \$75 for each newsletter preparation. Four will go out in 2023. Motion seconded and passed. Emeritus board member Anne Huot continued discussion of the newsletter, i.e., a less expensive version of newsletter could be sent; name for newsletter; Navy birthday special edition; charge members for copy (No); some newsletters from other councils were reviewed by Anne; list calendar events in newsletters.

New Business

1. Annual Report due – Rob Winneg/Mike Slein.
2. NE Regional meeting scheduled for 25 February 2023 (tentative) in Portsmouth, NH. President Winneg will attend. If any Board Members would like to attend, notify President. More information will follow.
3. NLUS Membership Database update (Walt/Len): National is in process of contracting a new data base.
4. Vietnam Veterans Recognition Lunch planning – to be determined (Len).
5. Calendar for recognition and CA meetings - assignments made. President Winneg and BM Pat Burke attended CGC Oak SOQ on 5 January. Picture will be obtained for next newsletter (Pat Burke will follow up).
6. Future event possibilities (Ongoing).

Other Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2023, AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.