

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

Attendees: Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Roy Callhan, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney, Jon Wolstenholme.

Guest: Sean Kelley

Meeting called to order by V. President Matt Griffin at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report - Minutes of 8 January 2024 were distributed at February board meeting. Due to lack of quorum, motion to approve was postponed until March meeting. Motion to accept January minutes by Board Members Mike Slein and Roy Callahan. Passed. Minutes of 5 February were distributed. Motion to accept by Len DiLorenzo and seconded by Tom Feeney.
2. Treasurer's Report – January report was distributed in February. Motion made to accept January report. February report was distributed to Board. Noted that check was received from National for the January event (not posted on report). Motion to accept February report by Pat Burke and seconded by Mike Slein. Passed. Noted that the Newport County Council of the Navy League of the United States Annual Report for 2023 was submitted to National. Thanks to all who helped put report together.
3. Membership Report – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported 208 members from the roster data base. Phase 2 of roster will have new and renewing memberships on a monthly basis. News from National regarding Community Affiliates and Business Affiliates – renewals can be done by credit card over the phone; checks can be sent directly to National. BM Walt Wasowski and President Rob Winneg have not been able to view roster. Recommendation that President Winneg e mail Navy League National President with copy to National membership to express dissatisfaction with membership database. Discussion of Community Affiliate SEACORP. Renewal information was sent. Need point of contact at SEACORP. Motion to accept Membership Report by Pat Burke and seconded by Tom Feeney.
4. Sea Cadets (Falcon and NCBC Divisions) - Board Members Brandi and Brittany were unable to attend meeting. Discussion of e mail dated 3 March from Brandi Bansemer to board members regarding the 2024 Sea Cadet Annual Inspection for both NBC Battalion & TS Walter Boll and Falcon Division. Inspection will be held on Saturday, 23 March 2024, 1030, at the USCG STA Castle Hill. The NLUS Theodore Roosevelt Award, and the George Wardwell Award will be presented. Board Member Tom Feeney will reach out to Brandi regarding checks, gift cards. Navy League Newport County Board Members President Winneg, Mike Slein, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot and Peg Murray will attend.

Current Business:

1. Pop-up Social Event: Board Members Anne, Len and Jon. Update on informal social event, tentatively scheduled for 4 April, 5-7 pm at Coddington Brewery, was discussed. Board Member Jon Wolstenholme is working with NOAA and Coast Guard Cutters for schedules through June. Invitations will be sent out and Navy League newsletter would be attached. Costs will be controlled.
2. Coordinating with USCG Cutter Campbell and others for Navy League member tours – Board Member Jon Wolstenholme.
3. MAN Update – Scheduled for Thursday, 17 October 2024. Speaker committee: Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan.

New Business:

1. Military Veterans Advocacy Meeting proposed date: 24 June 2024. What can the Navy League Newport County do to help? Send invitations to our membership?
2. Eagle Scout Project (Des Corbett – Rogers High School Student JROTC) – Len. (Letter received in the mail to our Council): Improvement to NMCRS Store on Naval Station Newport. Request for financial help. Discussed by Board, which included, sending volunteers from Sea Cadets. Board Member Len DiLorenzo will review with Brandi/Brittany. Motion made to fund this worthy project by Board Member Mike Slein, and seconded by Board Member Roy Callahan for a total of \$400. Motion seconded and passed.
3. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings. First Command will be removed from calendar.

Other Business:

1. Meet with OCS to discuss reinstatement of HIMOM, Graduation, etc. (Mike Slein)
2. Newsletters articles to be sent to Anne Huot.
3. Next board meeting – Set up review of new website, review sites, and receive feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 1800.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 8 APRIL 2024, 1700, (MOVED FROM 1 APRIL), AT THE WYNDHAM.