

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

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Roy Callahan, Peg Murray, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Pat Burke, Anne Huot, Brandi Bansemer, Jonathan Wolstenholme, Jean Peterson, Sean Kelley, Farnam Brown.

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

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of 8 April 2024 were distributed. Motion to accept and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Distributed and reviewed by Treasurer. Received \$190 in contributions for the "Cutterman's Call" event. In good shape for the year. Plan for five (5) new Business Associates for the year (Walt Wasowski).
3. Membership Report – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported a total of 208 members. Noted that the lapsed Business Associate Sea Corp has rejoined. Discussion followed regarding "offer benefit" to Sea Corp (CG Cutter Tahoma Orientation Cruise). Motion to accept Membership Report by BM Walt Wasowski and seconded by BM Pat Burke.
4. Sea Cadets (Falcon and NCBC) – May report distributed and discussed by BM Brandi Bansemer. Very busy May! NCBC attended the Annual Flagship Competition and won first prize for the 4th year in a row. Discussed other events for May and June including one day trip (chartered bus) to NYC for "Fleet Week." Noted that ENS Zach Bartlett will be taking over the position of Executive Officer (2nd in charge) in June. Board Member LTJG Brandi Bansemer shall continue to be 1st in charge as Commanding Officer and continue to represent NCBC on the Board. Still working on Base access for the Sea Cadets. Motion to accept report and passed.

Current Business:

1. By-Laws Review update – Matt Griffin. Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9 May, 1700, to discuss Newport Council's responsibilities of officers and board members as aligned with National. Send comments to President Winneg, and copy board members.
2. Vietnam Recognition Pin Proposal – Board Member Len DiLorenzo discussed details of distribution. The Lapel Pin is presented to "Veterans who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 regardless of location of service." The Board voted to conduct an informal presentation of the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to those Board Members who qualify at the June board meeting on Monday, 3 June. Further distribution will be discussed (determine count, venue, cost, date).
3. MAN Update – Guest speaker TBD. NWC President RADM Peter A. Garvin is leaving for a new assignment; Change of Command in August. President Rob Winneg will reach out to Admiral Hogg for speaker suggestions.
4. Tahoma Orientation Cruise – Rob Winneg.

New Business:

1. USCG District 1 Commander Change of Command is scheduled for 10 May. Navy League Newport Council President Rob Winneg and Mrs. Winneg will attend.
2. NOAA Groundbreaking Ceremony – New Marine Operations Center Facility in Newport, RI. Attended by Board Member Leonard DiLorenzo on 7 May 2024 and gave a report to Board Members.
3. Proposed new Board Member by Walt Wasowski (BM and Treasurer): Mr. Farnam W. Brown. Mr. Brown has been a member of the NL Council over six years. Board members asked Mr. Brown about his time, energy and capacity to volunteer on the Board. Following a closed door board discussion, Mr. Brown was asked to rejoin the board meeting. BM Walt Wasowski nominated Mr. Brown to Board, seconded by BM Roy Callahan, and accepted.
4. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings – reviewed and assignments confirmed. Noted NAPS graduation 10 May, watch purchase. Naval War College graduation is scheduled for 14 June. Suggested that new board members attend some of the calendar events (graduations, etc.).

Other Business:

1. Board Member Jonathan Wolstenholme, USCG, is being transferred. He will be resigning from our Council. Expect to find a replacement.
2. Reminder to purchase “Give” shopping bags from Stop and Shop in Middletown.

Meeting adjourned at 1805.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.