

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
9 SEPTEMBER 2024

ATTENDEES: Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Peg Murray, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Farnum Brown, Guy Simmons.

Note: President Rob Winneg, Vice President Matt Griffin, and Board Member Sean Kelley were on official travel for the Naval War College and unable to attend Board Meeting.
Today's Board meeting will be chaired by Immediate Past President Michael Slein.

Meeting called to order by Past President Michael Slein at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.
Noted that a letter of condolences was sent to Navy League Member Ambassador Middendorf on the loss of his son from the Navy League Newport Council.

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of 5 August 2024 were distributed. Motion to accept with one minor clarification and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report/Budget – Treasurer reviewed changes. Budgeted \$1,500 for picnic. Motion to accept by Pat Burke and seconded by Tom Feeney. Passed.
3. Membership Report – Total members – from 196 to 212 due to new data base at National (Karen Maddox). Noted new member transfer (Capt. Guy Simmons, USN retired) from North Carolina. Discussion of National listing of members relating to dropping the ranks of retired Military. Len – action, send note to National.
Board Member Len DiLorenzo has tentatively scheduled the Viet Nam luncheon for 8 November, to be discussed with Board. Details to follow.
4. Sea Cadets (Falcon and NCBC) – Report distributed. Board Member Brandi Bansemer was unable to attend. Past President Mike Slein reviewed the report submitted: total of 30 active members with average age of 16 and 14. Still addressing access issues for over a year; Council leadership needs to step in and help with NAVSTA XO. Meeting should be set up with XO, Council leadership and Brandi Bansemer. Noted that NCBC will be in attendance for MAN and present the colors. Motion to accept by BM Roy Callahan and seconded by Len DiLorenzo. Passed.

Current Business:

1. Welcome BG and Mrs. John Adams and CAPT (Ret) Guy Simmons, new (transferring members to our Council.) Captain Simmons was introduced to our Board. BG Adams was unable to attend.
2. NCC/NSC Welcome picnic Hot Wash: Mike Slein/Len DiLorenzo. Received thank you note from the students. No negatives, great planning. Served more than 250. Discussion of feedback. Consideration of using two grills next year.
3. MAN Update – Mike Slein/Pat Burke Save the date notices were mailed, total of 300. Working on invitations. Sponsorship: \$700 whole table; \$400 half table.

4. Council recognition in latest Sea Power newsletter: Meritorious Council, Newsletters and Website for 2023.

New Business:

1. NLUS October Membership Drive – Len DiLorenzo. Wait until after 17 October 24 (MAN) and recognition of NOAA Sea Services. Flyer to be sent out (Anne Huot/Len DiLorenzo) to membership.
2. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings was reviewed and assignments confirmed. SEACORP (CA) meeting confirmed for 19 September (Rob, Matt, Mike, Pat). (Meeting subsequently postponed on September 18 by SEACORP.)

Meeting adjourned at 1802.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2024, AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.