

Executive Board Meeting USSVICB  
Monday 6 June 2011 @ 18:00 Ryan's Summerville

Ten board members in attendance: Paul Viering, Carl Chinn, Terry Trump, Ronnie Kerstetter, Rick Wise, Jim Morrison, John Lookabill, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, and Don Mook.

Meeting chaired by Base Commander Paul Viering

- Discretionary Fund monies vs. Operating Fund monies discussion  
Driving force--- to get a better accounting for monies spent

#### Operating expenses

Routine supplies, stamps, etc., items that committee chairman need to run their functions shall be designated and listed in the financial report under Operating Fund expenses. These are common sense items needed to run the base that do not need board approval. Turn in these receipts to the treasurer for accounting as operating expenses.

#### Discretionary expenses

These are subject to the Charleston base standing rules #1-98 and should be listed in the base financial report as discretionary expenses. These monies are subject to standing rules annual cap and max item allowance per occurrence. This fund requires approval of a minimum of four executive board members, two of which must be elected officers per #1-98. These monies spent should be transparent and be understood and made known to the entire executive board. Examples are items/services needed before a monthly meeting.

Consensus from the board to list \$700 for discretionary items spend year to date in the financial report. Leaving \$1,300 in this account line for 2011. (current max cap is \$2000)  
Motion made, seconded and approved by board to show \$700 in discretionary expenses YTD in base financial report.

- Board Meeting Notes

Driving force --better accountability and transparency of matters brought before board and consensus /decisions reached by the board in EB meetings.

Agreed --EB meeting minutes to be sent out to all board members in a timely manner.

COB- getting base inventory completed, float is back from Aiken (borrowed by Aiken Base for Memorial Day parade). Waiting on Berkeley County museum on 25 June event info.

Monday, 11 Jul 2011 next meeting of EB (Ryan's in Summerville 18:00).

Little David will need more extensive work over next 2 years. Rick has a contact @ Santee Cooper that may provide the funds. Saint Patrick's Day parade in Savannah planned. Parade permit application gets submitted this October. Ken Hutchison is coordinating this event.

Chaplain -- presented donation check from American Legion post to Charleston subverts.  
Motion made, seconded, passed that all undesignated monies given to the base go into the scholarship fund.

Page Two data -push to get copy to base Chaplain and copy for the family for eternal patrol planning/coordination. Planning to purchase one batch of cards for base member's eternal patrol (operating expense).

Base Commander – some resignations in the recreation committee. Paul will figure out where we stand. Eastern Region South District 2 election will be held at the June regular meeting (9 Jun 11).

- Discussed need for by-laws to be reviewed annually. Nick Nichols will write up proposal and present at next EB meeting. Currently there is no standing by-law committee.
- Discussed need to make known to every member all the committee chairman and committee members. Nick agreed to post these on the website.
- Limited discussion on how the after battery is meshing with Charleston base subvet organization. Currently some 30% of the base membership participates in the weekly social gatherings in Dorchester.
- Discussed Memorial Day service at Parks Cemetery. It was noted that subverts did not sit together as usual for the service. (Family groups excepted). Consensus is when we are spread out and not in formation or among mixed originations the base will not call out subvet commands.

- Two written by-law change recommendations presented to board by John Lookabill. The first concerns the annual election of officers. The second concerns base representation at Regional and National conventions as follows:

## RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO BYLAWS rev-1 CHANGE ARTICLE XII AS FOLLOWS:

### ARTICLE XII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 2 as written: A committee shall be appointed in January to solicit nominations which will be presented to the membership in April.

Change section 2 to read as follows:

An Election Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Base Commander, with approval of the Board of Directors in January to solicit nominations which will be presented to the membership at the March and April Meetings.

Section 3 as written: Any member may make additional nominations at the April and May meetings.

Change section 3 to read as follows:

Any member may make additional nominations at the March, April or May Meetings.

Add new Section 4 to read as follows:

A list of nominees for each position will be provided to the Newsletter Editor to be published in

the April and May Newsletters.

Add new Section 5 to read as follows:

In the event there are two or more people running for the same elected position, the vote will be conducted by secret ballot, by the Election Committee and ballots destroyed immediately after the election.

Add new Section 6 to read as follows:

In the event a member of the Election Committee is on the ballot a substitute will be appointed by the Base Commander with approval by the Board of Directors prior to the election.

Rename current Section 4 as Section 7

## **BYLAWS CHANGE, ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### Section 1. BASECOMMANDER

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH D. AS FOLLOWS.

D. When possible, represent the Base at Regional and National conventions. Unless funded by other means, two nights lodging to be authorized.

Renumber current paragraphs D, E and F, as E, F and G accordingly.

### Section 2. BASEVICE COMMANDER

Add new paragraph C. as follows:

C. When possible, and in the event the Base Commander is unavailable, represent the Base at Regional and National conventions. When traveling in this capacity, two nights lodging will be authorized.

- Discussion of last base election that was held at the monthly meeting on May 12, 2011. There were concerns at the May 12 meeting voiced about the way voting was conducted. More irregularities with the vote were discussed at the EB meeting. These included inaccurate counting. Examples are: some members may have voted twice (by raising up both hands), reports of some members voting for more than one candidate, not getting a good count and the role of candidates in the count. It was decided by the EB to recommend to the full membership at the monthly June meeting that the base nullify (throw out) the election results from the May 12 monthly meeting. John Lookabill will conduct revote if membership approves a motion at the June monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 19:30