

Executive Board Meeting USSVICB
Thursday 4 August 2011 FRA Low Country Home

Eight board members in attendance. Marty Sessler, Nick Nichols, John Lookabill, Carl Chinn, Rick Sparger, Terry Trump, Ronnie Kerstetter and Larry Starland (guest).

1800 - Meeting called to order by BC Carl Chinn

Carl's comments

- minutes need to be taken for every meeting.
- meetings are open, however, we should not openly discuss with the general membership items that are not complete as this can cause rumors and these items may never come to pass.
- current base by-laws are short & need to be read and be familiar to every EB member.
- try to keep base politics within the board and not spread out into the general membership, this will help keep meetings fun and avoid unnecessary divisions.
- lots of things have been done since the beginning of CB that has not been administered right, we will seek to correct those areas as we go along.
- do your job, one person should not have all the weight on them.
- all admin supplies that you need to do your jobs will be paid by the base. Turn receipts in or e-mail to treasurer. He will write you a check. Organization stuff is paid for by the organization.

Nick presented the binnacle list updates

Committee discussions

- discussed a password protected EB section for base website to be used for EB mtg minutes and other EB board business. This section could be hidden (not obvious) on the web site. Board decided against the change at this time. Don't want the impression that EB mtgs are secret meetings. How does FRA do it? (Board meeting notes not published to general membership, but are available if requested per Larry Starland).
- membership – dues are due and payable for the next year.
- meeting minutes are static not dynamic (meeting notes will be recorded with dates and times as discussed at meeting even if they turn out to be incorrect or later get changed).
- audits – Terry discussed audits, he and someone selected by BC will audit the Storekeepers finance records at the end of year. Discussed the possible inclusion of storekeeper's records into the annual base treasurer report to national. No decision made.
- discussed audit committee formation (currently none). BC will appoint as necessary per task when needed at this time.
- Holland club – four guys have never came and picked up their stuff from the last induction group. John will mail out their awards.

OLD BUSINESS

Events discussion

- we are not going to give up our events since losing the use of the After Battery site for quarterly events.
- Neither Marrington nor the Air Base will let us stay overnight (needed when we cook the hog).
- the annual hog roast is set-up for 22 October 2011 @ Short Stay. Rick has also reserved handicap lodging for people if they have to stay overnight. The COB is working with John Paul, Kenny Seal on this event since there is no recreation committee at this time. Cost of pavilion is \$100 a day for 2 days Fri 21 Oct and Sat 22 Oct. Clean up on Sunday 23 Oct. Price includes a large playground and

- rest rooms, so a jump castle is not needed. (At the After Battery we paid for a jump castle and portalet for events). So cost wise it will not cost any more for Short Stay than the After Battery site.
- oyster roast and picnic may be held at Marrington. Terry will check on Bayer plant facilities at Bushy Park for a possible place for future events.
 - Christmas party will be held as scheduled at Gatherings. Carl will need help with limited set-ups and drink coolers, etc. Board will be responsible for this event since we have no recreation committee at present time.
 - hog roast supplies – COB to provide food and paper goods. Some stuff will be pre-cooked and taken Saturday morning. Boat shed at Short Stay will give us ice.
 - discussed and agreed not to supply hard liquor. Drinks will be limited to soda, beer, water and wine.
 - in the past event attendance has been wide spread. Is this hog roast going to be open to invitees outside of the local CB family as in the past? Decision was yes, we will keep it the same as before. The Old Salts group (New London folks) are still welcome. Likewise all subvets are encouraged to attend our events as before.
 - 2012 calendar for Marrington is not yet out. Discussed dates for oyster roast and picnic (try for April or early May), no decisions made.

St. Patrick's Day parade

- COB has the info
- Savannah parade requires insurance for the tow vehicle. Understanding is that Ken Hutchinson has this insurance. COB will ask Ken if he will pull the float for this event if we participate.
- discussed lodging. Super 8 exit 109 has rooms for \$43/night.

Parade float maintenance

- suggestion made to carry float to shop for maintenance to get it up to speed for the parade season and to provide for safe towing to Savannah. Needs 6 tires (3 axles), wheel bearings checked, repacked, wheel, brakes and safety checks. Decided to have a qualified shop determine what it needs and perform work. COB to make repair list for follow-up. Board decided to present to base membership the question of approval for money needed for repairs NTE \$1,500 at next general meeting.
- Terry discussed charity application to help cover costs.
- Hill tire has quoted a price of \$428 for six tires

By-law changes in progress

- election changes by John Lookabill
- by-law audit/ review by Nick Nichols. Discussed conducting audits during month of June.
- decided to present all the by-law changes at one time for consideration by membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- need to fill some positions. Secretary, PAO, Newsletter, Rec committee. Discussed need for a good qualified candidate that is right for the position. EB was asked by BC to go thru sailing list and rack your brains and come up with people you want to recommend and present names to the board.
- ice machine, donated by Steve Morris that is now kept at Roberts across the road from the After Battery. Ed Young (Smith Heating and Air) will be happy to store ice machine. Decision was made to pick up machine and store for now. COB is planning on getting it next week.
- battery charger, purchased by CB. COB and Fred Woodley will get this unit.
- rented storage facility (10' x 23'). Cost is \$85 / month at Summerville Mini Warehouses. Board discussed a quarterly billing to CB treasurer. Decided to present to base membership for approval of costs associated with this rented storage facility. Rent is paid thru August 2011. Discussed who

should have access to storage unit and decided that elected officers and COB will have only access and will serve as checkout POC's.

- it was pointed out that approval of meeting minutes does not require a second, only a motion to approve, discussion, and vote.
- excess base equipment. Decided to get rid of five heavy 6' round tables that are not used. Talked about giving them to a church. Electric comb binding machine not being used, need to sell or donate to a charitable organization. Chairs (51) old metal folding chairs of which (40) are in bad shape. Board agreed of the need to replace with new plastic folding chairs. Carl will check on prices. Will ask membership approval to sell or donate excess equipment whichever is most feasible. Also will seek membership motion for money to purchase 50 new chairs. Old desk top copy machine, board decided to trash/recycle. Excess plaques and pictures, board decided to give FRA first option when we get rid of these items. Overhead projector is also excess equipment.
- base PA system. FRA (Larry Starland) gave the OK to store this equipment at the fleet reserve (which is a temperature controlled environment).
- base charter. Discussed where to hang our CB charter. FRA Low Country Home (Larry Starland) gave permission for CB to display on wall of meeting hall where we meet for our general meetings.
- Marty presented a request from Jerry Stout to give an author meeting time to sell and promote his book about a ninth man on the CSS Hunley who was a union spy. Board discussed previous experiences with author Kenny Sewell (2 previous book presentations/book sales at past base meetings) and lady who talked about veterans problems with some disease (MS ??) at one of the past general meetings. It was decided not to allow the presentation request by Jerry Stout's friend. Board decided that base meeting time(s) should be focused on CB concerns.
- COB will put out email about Hog roast on 22 October 2011 at Short Stay with eating time 13:00
- Carl will look into buying a tape recorder for use at meetings. Old recorder is not working.

Larry Starland welcomed the EB meetings to the Low Country Home. Larry agreed to set aside the first Thursday of the month @ 18:00 for the board with the understanding that the EB will be flexible in the event that a paying customer wants to rent the hall in this time slot. Then we would move our meeting.

Terry Trump welcomed Marty and Rick to the EB.

Meeting adjourned at 20:35