

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

February 7, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1802 by Base Commander Carl Chinn. Attending are Carl Chinn, Jerry Stout, Rick Wise, Terry Trump, Nick Nichols, Marty Sessler, George Scharf, Ed Stank, Ken Hutchison, John Kratz, Rick Sparger and Steve Morawiec.

Terry Trump stated that he would not be at the meeting on Feb. 14 so if anyone has bills or receipts for him they would have to get them to him.

George Scharf nothing.

Rick Wise will ask for minutes to be approved and a copy has been given to Steve Morawiec for inclusion in the newsletter. Had a question on who gets copies of the minutes. Response was all executive board members.

Ken Hutchison reported that Gary Semler's motorcycle was bought Mike Slattery. Ann wants to sell the Holiday Rambler 25' Travel Trailer. She wants \$4000 for it which is a good deal.

John Kratz stated everything was on track for the Holland Club inductions at the April meeting. He reported that he was getting the items directly from national.

Marty Sessler stated the Hunley Memorial at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivan's Island on Sunday Feb. 17 starts at 1900 so we need to muster at 1830 at the church. The uniform is the Charleston Tuxedo. He is short two volunteers to present roses to the lady mourners. Ken Hutchison and Rick Sparger will handle the wreaths. A request was made by the Confederate Heritage Trust who is putting on the ceremony for the Base Commander to introduce the SubVets and tell about USSVI and to have as many Subvets as possible sit on the church stage.

Charleston Base has been asked to participate in the Massing of the Colors at The Citadel on Sunday, March 3 at 1500.

We have received the permit for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16 in Savannah, GA. We have to be in line at 1230.

An April 10 at 1000 we will have a combined Amberjack Memorial, Submarine Birthday and South-East Regional convention service at the Cold War Submarine Memorial in Mount Pleasant, SC. The service will be held at the USS Amberjack monument. Readers for the ceremony are Ken Hutchison and Jim Lewis.

Ed Stank reported that he had all the Kaps 4 Kids materials from Mike Knaub. Mike is moving out of the area and was injured in a traffic accident in Virginia. Ed will act as K4K Coordinator until we can get another volunteer.

Steve Morawiec had nothing to report on the newsletter. Oyster Roast assignments will come out after the next meeting.

Nick Nichols asked if anyone gets a chance to call John "Doc" Hill (884-8860). He is unable to get out due to the treatment of his bladder. He has to take the treatment of Thursdays so he cannot make meetings.

Rick Sparger had a question about the Clamagore meeting on Feb. 16 and will put out information at the base meeting. The equipment checkout log has been revised and is ready for equipment checkout. Oyster roast on March 9. He reminded the board about the Four Chaplains Ceremony in Andrews, SC on Sunday, Feb. 10, 1400 – 1600.

Carl Chinn reminded the board that they needed to consider a choice for Distinguished Submariner for 2013. Send Carl your recommendations. We will probably vote on it at the next Executive Board meeting.

There was a discussion on other events that we could get involved in to let people know about USSVI. Some of the events suggested the Fernandina Beach Shrimp Festival, the McClellanville Shrimp Festival, and the Azalea Festival.

Steve Morawiec asked the board if they had considered the e-mail he sent out on allowing members to use credit and debit cards in financial transactions with the base, ie storekeeper and membership. Ed Stank made a motion to allow this. After a spirited discussion where it was emphasized that it would not cost the base anything and that it was a voluntary option it was seconded by Rick Wise and passed on a show of hands. The meeting was adjourned at 1902.