

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

June 6, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending are Ed Stank, Steve Morawiec, Rick Wise, Jerry Stout, Don Mook, Ken Hutchison, Rick Sparger, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Marty Sessler, and John Kratz.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out that the meetings would not be as formal as before. He reminded the members that he had sent out a statement of his philosophy as Base Commander and asked everyone to let him know if they think he was making a mistake.

He apologized to Nick Nichols about the e-mail he sent out about personal opinion e-mails

Base Secretary Rick Wise explained that the reason we asked for a motion to approve the minutes was that the only other way to approve the minutes would be to read them at the meeting. I now have Duties and Responsibilities for every appointed position except for VA Officer and Nick Nichols has volunteered to generate one. As Base Secretary I will be sending out an e-mail notice for the monthly meeting but I request the COB still include it in his e-mails.

Membership Chairman Don Mook asked for some clarification on his responsibilities. There were some things that Carl Chinn mentioned in his turnover letter that were being done because Carl was doing three jobs. Other members will be handling those other duties. He also asked what he needed to do on the death of a base member. Nick gave him the guidance.

Vice-Commander Jerry Stout is going to continue his effort to line up members to provide transportation for base members who need it. He also is getting together a list member with skills, i.e. plumbing, electrical, and computer, who are willing to help base members. Special Events and Float Coordinator Marty Sessler commented on the excellent showing at the Memorial Day Ceremony. He reported that for the Veteran's Day Ceremony Charleston Base is responsible for supplying the guest speaker.

Marty also reported that a design for a new float trailer is being created and we are looking at having the work done at Trident Tech. This is contingent on approval by the base membership.

Marty resigned as Special Events Coordinator but is keeping responsibility for the Float. Jerry Stout will take over the duties of Special Events Coordinator until another member volunteers.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec reported that he has formally relieved Terry Trump as Treasurer. He will be changing the way the Scholarship Fund is handled, possibly a separate savings account, so that the checking fund will reflect the base operating funds on hand. Until that time he will break down to checking account into base operating funds and scholarship funds when making the financial report to the base. He also reported that the base could now take credit cards for purchases.

Holland Club Chairman John Kratz had no report.

Base Chaplain Nick Nichols reported that Thom Beach will have 2 carotid artery stents put in on Friday, 7 Jun.

Ev Fuhr's kidney is doing well but she is having migraine's and stomach problems.

Ben McDonald had his first chemo today for his squamous cell lung & spine cancer. He is doing OK and hopes to be at the next base meeting.

He talked to Rich Barnett. Rich is on O2 24/7 and is in a wheelchair. He would like to attend the next base meeting and I told him to call me when he gets to the parking lot and we will get him into the meeting.

Bill Roberts will be having his old 1989 model hip prosthesis replaced on Monday, 10 June at Summerville Medical.

Margie Deal's brother passed away on Memorial Day.

Nick read an email from Jim Keller about his doctor refusing treatment at the VA for a knee problem due to the changes in the Obama Health Care bill.

Base Historian George Scharf had no report.

Base Storekeeper Ken Hutchison reported that rather than buying a supply of shirts with the USSVI emblem and Charleston Base he will offer a service through the base store to have shirts received from members embroidered for a nominal cost. He also asked if there was a way we could take care of Clyde Peters base membership. Clyde is a life member of the national organization but pays annual dues. Clyde is in a nursing facility in Mt. Pleasant and will probably be there until his death. Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger offered to request donations from the membership to pay for Clyde's Life Membership for the base (\$100).

Under old business, Marty Sessler asked about the status of the ice machine. He pointed out that the machine and cost the base \$475 in the cost of life membership, national and base, for the member who donated the machine. John Kratz is going to get the model number and information so we can determine a fair price for the machine.

Base Commander Ed Stank dissolved the By-Laws Committee and asked that anyone who had the changes the committee had been looking at send them to him. He also stated he was going to contact Combined Base Charleston about an area we could use for storage of base equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1943.