

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

January 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Director members Ed Stank, Walt Deal, Nick Nichols, Steve Morawiec, Ken Hutchison, Rick Wise, Jerry Stout, Don Mook, Rick Sparger, Chris Hayden and John Kratz. Base member Tom Lufkin also attended.

Walt Deal had no report as Kaps 4 Kids Coordinator but after some discussion it was decided to see if Summerville Medical Center was interested in participating in the program.

Nick Nichols discussed what to put out about Lee Allison. Lee has moved to Punta Gorda, FL to live with his son and grandsons. The address and a phone number for him is on the website. He also talked about the status of Mike Knaub to announce at the meeting.

Tom Lufkin gave a status of the USS Clamagore. Rep. Joe Danning of Goose Creek will introduce a bill in the state house to keep the Clamagore here for one year while CRAMA tried to raise funds.

A motion was made by Nick Nichols to submit a statement of support for the effort to save the Clamagore. The motion was seconded and passed by the board. The Base Secretary will send out the motion to the base members prior to the monthly meeting. The Base Commander will work with the the District and Regional Commanders to get statements.

Nick Nichols pointed out that there are CRAMA links on the USSVI-CB website. Chris Hayden discussed the problems he had as Recreation Committee Chairman. The Base Commander discussed setting up a permanent Recreation Committee to look into determining the events to hold and ways to do it without having the base provide most of the labor. The board agreed in setting up a Recreation Committee. The Base Commander will request volunteers for the Recreation Committee.

The base will be participating in the Hunley-Housatonic Memorial Service on February 17 at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Sullivan's Island.

Don Mook reported we now have less than 30 dinks on 2014 dues. A list was passed out for board members to look at and see who they can contact to get their dues paid. Ken Hutchison said he had new hats and still had several calendars left.

The Base Treasurer discussed the finances at the end of the year and the possibility of moving the dividends from the investment account to the base operating fund since the fund was set up from base life membership dues. The motion was made by Steve Morawiec to move the dividends from the investment fund into the general fund. The motion was seconded and after a discussion was passed. There was a discussion about placing a max/min on the base funds. The Base Treasurer will look at doing this and report back.

The COB reported he had been contacted by a woman from Holiday Inn who wanted to talk to the base. The board rejected the request. A suggestion had been made to the COB that the base no longer provide beer, liquor and wine for events. We will still supply water and soft drinks.

John Kratz told the board that we would have 20+ people to induct into the Holland Club this April Meeting.

The Base Commander reported that we needed to do the annual of the Base Treasure's account books. The board suggested asking Terry Trump to do the audit.

He will ask the base for inputs for the Distinguished Submariner Award. Nick will have forms at the meeting. April 15th is the last day for base scholarship applications.

The Base Commander and the COB will see if they can get a contract and deadline for the base float completion.

The Base Commander also stated he would like to have a brag sheet as part of the base newsletter.

Rick Wise reported that Mike Emerson had arranged for Goose Creek Mayor Michael Heitzler to bring a case of his newest book which he will autograph and sell for a contribution to the Save the Clamagore Fund. The board agreed to have him at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1919.