

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 6, 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 Sparger, Chris Hayden, Rick Wise and Don Mook. Also attending were base members Butch Bryar and Charlie Hudson.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Walt Deal had no report.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec reported on base finances. The annual report has been received by USSVI and they have acknowledged receipt of the explanation for the inclusion of the investment fund which was omitted in last year's report. As a final analysis of the 2013 base finances, we spent \$96 more than we took in. A deposit has been put down to reserve the Red Bank Club for the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13. The newsletter will go out next week.

Ken Hutchison reported that we still have Jerry Stout and Don Mook running as Base Vice-Commander and only Rick Wise running as Base Secretary.

Membership Chairman Don Mook reported we now have 319 members and approximately 27 will be inducted into the Holland Club at the April meeting. Ed Stank reported we will also be inducting Donald Whitehead of the Nathaniel Greene Base in NC.

Recreation Committee Chairman Chris Hayden discussed that we really don't have a good time for a picnic but he will get with new committee members Gary Williams and Charlie Hudson to see what they can come up with. Base Secretary Rick Wise reported that he did not have a duties and responsibilities for the Recreation Committee. Nick Nichols said he had run across one when he was going through the base documents and would send it to the members of the Board of Directors for their input. There was a discussion on what the Recreation Committee should do.

Nick Nichols gave a report on the Al Lammers' memorial services. We collected \$90 to help with the cost of the Fuhr reception and that had been sent to the Palmetto Base. He gave an update on Ben McDonald.

Base Secretary Rick Wise asked that if anyone has any base forms or correspondence please get it to the Base Secretary. He also stated that any motions that are made must be stated exactly prior to voting. We have to live with these so we need to get them right.

As far as the Little David goes, the working parties planned are a preparation group on Friday, March 21 and the main working party on Saturday, March 22. The backup dates will be April 25 and 26. This July 3 will be the 10th anniversary of placing the Little David in front of the Berkeley County Museum. He is working with the Museum to support them if they want to do a promotion on that.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger asked when to have the Amberjack Memorial Service. The Board decided to hold the memorial including the Submarine Birthday on Saturday April 12. A motion was made by Nick Nichols that Submarine Birthday and Amberjack services be held on the second Saturday in April. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Ed Stank announced that he will not be at the March meeting. He announced an invitation he had received from the USS Hobson Society to lay a wreath at the memorial service to remember the anniversary of the sinking of the USS Hobson following a collision with the USS Wasp. This will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 1:30 pm at White Point Garden.

He reminded the board about the Southeastern Regional Convention April 7 – 10 at Cary, NC and the Submarine Birthday Ball on Friday, April 11. Tickets for the ball are \$50 each.

There was a discussion on how the base meeting could be held with the Base Commander and Vice Commander not present.

There was also a discussion on Distinguished Submariner Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 1904.