

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Director members Ed Stank, Don Mook, Rick Sparger, Rick Wise, Steve Morawiec, Ken Hutchison, Gary Williams and Charlie Hudson.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Base Treasurer Steve Morawiec sent a report on base finances. The report will be placed on the base website. There is a negative number on the report for account health due to the picnic. The Recreation Committee will be receiving a base debit card to help with events.

Steve has asked to be relieved as Newsletter Editor. He will continue to do the job until properly relieved.

Membership Chairman Don Mook reported we now have 331 members.

Gary Williams of the Recreation Committee talked about lessons learned from the picnic. One thing they will insist on from now on receiving a written quote for the event. The bill presented by the Tin Can Sailors was \$150 more than the initial verbal quote. They had given the new amount to the Recreation Committee the day before the picnic and the increase was authorized by the Board of Directors. The Recreation Committee is also going to look into having the caterers provide the soft drinks, water and tea.

Charlie Hudson proposed a catered Butt Roast on October 18 (primary date) or October 25 (backup date). Tickets will be sold for the event at \$5 each for members and one guest, \$10 each for additional guests, WWII veterans and children under 14 free. The last date to buy tickets will end at the base meeting on October 9. The Recreation Committee is considering contests and entertainment.

Gary Williams said the Recreation Committee is trying to set up a SubVets night at the Joe in June and a harbor cruise in July. These are events where the member will pay their own way.

Ed Stank talk about the upcoming election. He stated that he felt that the Board of Directors should make recommendations on who to vote for. He did agree that the Board should make recommendations on the amendments presented.

He has received assurances from the National Election manager that he can collect the paper ballots at the meeting and sent them in one envelop to National. Because of this he is asking members to bring their copy of American Submariner to the meeting. He will also have ballots available.

Ed reminded the board that we will be presenting the Admiral James B. Osborn Scholarships at the June meeting.

Ed had received a request for the base to make a donation to Send a Kid to Camp. The board decided that we will present information about charities to the membership but will not endorse any particular charity. The board felt that there are probably many worth charities that members might choose to send donations if they knew about them.

Ed was also stated he had been approached by a member of the FRA about combining our picnic with the FRA picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 1916.