

# USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1755 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Ken Hutchison, Walt Deal, Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, Charlie Hudson, Ken Curtis, George Fuchs and Don Mook, and base member Rick Carlson.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He asked Bill Freligh and Nick Nichols to talk about the Holland Club Induction and Memorial Service for Dennis Keane. Bill reported that there are 5 members to induct. Nick said that following the induction ceremony we will move to the Keane Memorial Service and that Bill will make the presentation of the Holland Club certificates to the Keane family at the beginning and then Nick will officiate at the memorial service.

Nick also gave the Board an update on the binnacle list. He also reported on a phone call from Bill Roberts asking why Walter Curtis is not on the Sailing List.

Nick also reported he had been contacted to be the USSVI National Chaplain but had to turn the offer down because he is doing too many things now to allow him to give the position the time it needed.

Membership Chairman Don Mook reported that he had a package to send to National with Walter Curtis and some additional new members and would send out a new Sailing List soon.

Base Secretary Rick Wise said that when he did the minutes from the recording of the September Base Meeting he noted that there was no motion made on the August minutes. Because of this he will ask for a motion on the August minutes and, after that is handled, a separate motion on the September minutes.

Rick will also be handling the CRAMA report and briefed the Board on the meeting Tom Lufkin and he had with Samuel Howell IV, Chairman of the Friends of the Hunley.

He also informed the Board that he had been called by Lee Allison's son, Joe, and that Lee has to be in Summerville on Thursday, Nov. 6 for a mediation meeting with his wife and the lawyers. Joe would like to have Lee fly into the Greenville -Spartanburg airport on Sunday, Nov. 2, and have a base member pick him up. Lee will need somewhere to stay until he goes back to Florida. Rick is working on putting this together.

Charlie Hudson and Rick Sparger gave an update on the preparations for the Butt Roast on Saturday, Oct. 18. Rick and Charlie will be asking for more volunteers to help at the October Base Meeting. Rick Wise volunteered to create a flyer for the event. The menu of food and drink supplied by Charleston Base is Pork, hash, rice beans, slaw, water, soda, tea (sweet and unsweetened) and coffee. Attendees will be asked to bring a dish.

There was also a discussion about the Christmas Party on December 13 at the Red Bank Club. The cost of tickets will be \$25 each and will be available at the October Base Meeting. The cost of the tickets includes two drink tickets that may be used whatever drinks the ticketholder wants, including water or soda. Additional drinks may be purchased at the bar.

Veterans Affairs Officer Ken Curtis will give an update on this year's Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase that is proposed to be 1.8%.

Newsletter Editor George Fuchs said he was at all stop on the newsletter because of the condition of Steve Morawiec. Ed Stank told George that he had a word document to turn over to him for use in making up the newsletter.

Ken Hutchison reported that he has some bolo ties to sell at \$22.50 each (cost to base is \$22.30).

Walt Deal reported that he is in contact with MUSC for a Kaps 4 Kids presentation.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger told the Board he will be sending out the pictures from the Gary Semler Burial at Sea.

He also reported that the Fleet Reserve Association is holding their Southeast Regional Convention in the Charleston Area in October 2015. They will be putting out a magazine to help cover the cost. Rick made a motion that Charleston Base buys a full page ad in the magazine for \$150. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote. This will come out of the Discretionary Fund (Charleston Base Standing Rule #1-98).

Base Vice-Commander Don Mook brought up a suggestion that Charleston Base make a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project either from the base funds or passing the hat.

The Board felt that it was best if those motions came from the membership rather than the Board and that unless the motion was for a specific purpose that the motion be tabled until information is made available to the membership on the nature of the organization receiving the donation.

Base Commander Ed Stank reported that the \$475 donation for the restoration of the Submarine Cold War Memorial had been made but the \$250 donation to the Victory House had not been made since we have been unable to determine how to make the donation so it will only be used for the health and welfare of the residents. Ed will be making a trip to the Victory House Tuesday to find out how to make the donation so that it is used properly. Charlie Hudson volunteered to go with Ed.

On November 11 Stratford High School wants to do a service honoring WWII, Korea Vietnam War veterans. Ed suggested we limit participation to members who were in country during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Ed said he and Ken Curtis had attended a meeting of the Tri-County Veterans Association on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at the Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The Tri-County Veterans Association is a local organization comprised of various local and national veterans support groups working together in support of the overall well being of veterans in the area. They have just celebrated their first anniversary and are looking for additional veterans groups to help them in their efforts.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger made a motion that Charleston Base reimburses the Base Commander for the two nights lodging during his attendance at the 2014 National Convention in San Francisco since the By Laws only cover the South East Regional Convention. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote. This will come out of the Discretionary Fund (Charleston Base Standing Rule #1-98).

The meeting was adjourned at 1912.