

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Ken Hutchison, Steve Moraweic, Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, Charlie Hudson, Gary Williams, George Fuchs and Bill Freligh, and base member Butch Bryar.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ed started the board meeting with a discussion of the motion at the last base meeting to pass the hat for a \$1000 donation to the Fisher House project in Charleston. After he was home from the meeting he investigated the project and found that if we sent the money to the organization that was presented to the membership it would not go to the Fisher House project but would be used for administration and training. He felt that this was not what the membership intended and directed the Treasurer to hold the funds until the membership could direct what to do with the money. He believes that there are two choices: 1) give the money to the group raising the funds to buy the property for the Fisher House or 2) give the money back to the members. The Board agreed with this proposal.

Following that there was a discussion about “pass the hat” donations and that possible peer pressure might lead to members donating more than they should. Nick Nichols made a motion that for future “pass the hat” donations will be made by having a donation jar at the COB’s table where the members can make their donations. The motion was seconded by Rick Wise and passed on a voice vote.

On Sunday we will have the float at the Summerville Coffee Roasters starting around 1100.

On Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 we will participate in the Summerville Veterans Day Ceremony at 1000 to be followed by a luncheon at the VFW on Bellwright Road. Following that a group will go out to the Victory House in Walterboro.

We are going to investigate a new sound system for the float. Steve Moraweic will get an estimated cost for a system we can leave with the float so we can bring it up at the November Base Meeting.

We will be pulling the float in the Harleyville Christmas Parade on December 4. We have been invited to participate in the Ridgeville Christmas Parade on December 13. This is the day of the Christmas Party. The board decided it would be difficult to back from the parade in time to go to the Christmas Party so will not participate in the parade.

The motion to approve the menu for the Charleston Base Christmas Party was made by Ed Stank, seconded and approved by voice vote. The menu includes a pony keg each of Miller Lite and Bud Lite. The Board also decided that the party will be held no matter how many buy tickets. The last date for purchasing Christmas Party tickets is November 21.

There was a discussion on the increased cost of base events and the reduced income due to life members.

The Board discussed having four events per year, the Christmas Party, a picnic, and two buffet meals at the FRA before base meetings. All the events would be open to families and guests; however, they would have to leave so we could hold our meeting.

Ed has also approached Capt. Sparks at the NWS about identifying a building that could be used as a Submarine Museum.

Base Treasurer made a report on the base finances and the cost of the Butt Roast.

Holland Club Chairman Bill Freligh will ask for the members who qualified in 1965 to meet with him after the meeting.

Secretary Rick Wise announced that the annual CRAMA meeting will take place before the base meeting.

Chaplin Nick Nichols reported that there would be a memorial service for Carl Humbertson at the beginning at the November base meeting. He also discussed the problems he has had with contacting the families about what the need from Charleston Base. At the meetings he will have a form to put with the members important papers directing their families on points of contact for Charleston Base involvement in their funeral services.

Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger discussed his disappointment with the attendance at the Butt Roast. A lot of people put in a lot of effort and were not supported by the membership by attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 1944.