

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ed Stank. Attending were Board of Directors members Ed Stank, Rick Sparger, Ken Curtis, Rick Wise, Mike Ciesielko, George Fuchs and Walt Deal.

Base Commander Ed Stank welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ken Curtis had nothing to report for DAV.

Base Treasurer Steve Moraweic reported on the status of Charleston Base funds. Steve also pointed out that the general fund was within \$150.00 of running in the black.

Steve stated that he was not running for treasurer again and the reason was purely that the parameters of the job were too restrictive. He also stated that change would be required if we were to survive as an organization. Base Commander then thanked Steve Moraweic for his treasurer service. Since Steve's Tenure he has sold things online that no one would think had value and introduced Paypal.

Rick interjected that the base has grown immensely but we still run business the same.

There was a discussion by the board about participation of the same members attending meetings.

There was a check donated by Lyle Gramley's daughter for \$250.00 it was discussed that it would go to the general fund.

There was a discussion that the base meeting should not be about business and that the Board of directors meetings and the newsletter should be where business is conducted.

Bill Freligh reported that a huge crowd would be attending the induction of the 19 new Holland Club Members at the April base meeting and that we would need to set up more tables and chairs.

Bill went over the ins and outs of how we were going to set up for the ceremony. The Board of directors volunteered to come in early to help set up. There will be wives and family attending.

George Fuchs had nothing to report for the newsletter.

Base commander Ed Stank received a phone call from a wife of a deceased member that has a granddaughter. The wife had asked Ed if she could submit an application for the submariner's granddaughter. He was MMCS/SS Donald 'Don' L. Nuzum. Ed recommended she submit the application.

There was a discussion of the applicants being out of the area and that the website needs to be changed.

Chief of Boat Rick Sparger mentioned the annual picnic on 16 May. He has help and we are partnered with the fleet reserve. Members with Last name starting with the letters "A" thru "M" bring side dishes and "N" thru "Z" bring deserts. The base treasurer asked the financials be settled before the picnic.

The SUBVETs and FRA will split costs and profits 50/50.

There was a Discussion brought up by the COB that 3 or 4 months ago the SUBVETs agreed to buy an ad for \$150.00 for the FRA for their Southeast Regional Convention. We have until August to design an ad.

Ed Stank sent a letter to the Commander at Nuclear power school thanking him for the Sub Ball tickets. He invited the commander and students to the Amberjack and WWII ceremony on April 11th. Ed has received no response.

Ed also sent an article to the Post and Courier about the event. Ed emailed Public affairs officer Tom Clark the addresses of all the Local TV stations. Tom is sending letters to all the TV stations telling them about the Amberjack ceremony. It is extremely difficult to get people to come to these events.

Ed stated that the massing of the colors had very little attendance. The organizers asked Ed what he thought they could do to improve attendance. Ed suggested that they advertise and move the venue outdoors.

The Base Commander informed the Base secretary that a change was required to the last Base meeting minutes about one by law that was erroneously recorded. That will be covered at the end of this meeting. This meeting minutes correction brought up the discussion of the meaning of the words "expenditures" and "assets".

Base treasurer Steve Moraweic reported that at the end of the year the Treasurer has to make a report to National and anything that is real property is not classified as an asset. It is not included on that report. Property is inventoried by the Chief of the Boat. An asset is something that can be liquidated into money.

The Books were audited satisfactorily by G.W. Williams with no errors.

Ed Stank when attending the H.L. Hunley Memorial service met a poet named Jack Smith. Ed invited him to the May SUBVETs meeting.

The base Commander informed us that he and COB Rick Sparger will be attending the southeast regional convention from the 20th to the 23rd. Ed expressed the concerns about new membership.

The demographic of almost all fraternal veteran organizations is ages in the 60's and 70's.

Ed has suggested a 5k run walk to generate the younger Nuke power students to participate. We could sell T shirts to generate free advertising.

Little David coordinator Rick Wise mentioned that we will need a working party one of the last two weekends in April to restore the Little David Memorial.

The WWII and Amberjack Memorial is on April 11 at 10am. We are going to buy the Honor guard Lunch. It was suggested that we give them a Visa card in the amount of \$20.00 per person for lunch and then they can go anywhere they like.

Nick Nichols was not present but gave the Base Commander the Chaplain's report.

1. Glenn Fleming departed on Eternal Patrol on Monday, March 30th. There will be a Funeral Service on Saturday, April 4th at the Stuhrs West Ashley Chapel at 1600 with viewing and family visitation at 1500. Muster for SUBVETs will be at 1530. I have been requested by Joyce to perform the entire service. We will not be doing military honors as she is taking him to Beaufort National Cemetery next week. All key personnel have rogered up that they will be there Saturday for presentations and bell tolling. It would be nice if we could get a good turnout of the troops.
2. Dutch Wieland departed on Eternal Patrol on Monday, March 23rd. His memorial service was held on Saturday, March 28th. There were ~15 there. The presentations and bell tolling went well but I was worried about the flag folding with only two people folding. Our team generally has four and I could tell a big difference. The flag appeared to slip from Rick's hands a couple of times as he was trying to keep it tight and fold. I would recommend that we never have less than three folding the flag with one of them holding the flag in the center to keep it creased and give added support.
3. Lynn Cousino (Michael's wife) has been diagnosed with liver cancer and undergoing chemo since last September. She has hit a plateau so her treatments are having to change to something more aggressive. She does have a very positive attitude.
4. David Sarri is at home and doing better.
5. Mike Knaub's son is at back at the hospital.
6. Mike's ankle is not doing well. He went to emergency room and blood sugar was at 500 not good.

Ed is getting Amberjack ceremony sheets professionally printed.

Rick Sparger reported that the WWII meeting this month at Golden Corral is changed to 1400.

Rick also had a suggestion for Coffee mugs with the USSVICB Logo and dolphins on them. We are getting 12 and going to see if there is interest.

Rick suggested we invite the students from Nuclear power school to the Picnic. Ed already sent a letter to the Commander but will send an invite to all the students as well.

Steve Moraweic expressed concerns that as a fraternal organization we need to get these younger Sub vets as well as future SUBVETs to become involved with us at event and picnics.

Ed and Rick Wise discussed with Mike Ciesielko that a change to the March Base Meeting Minutes needed to be made of the By Law that had not been passed.

Article V Membership Section 1 General C from

Dues are due and payable effective on the first day of October. After October 1st a non-renewed member is considered delinquent in arrears. Members whose national dues and/or Charleston Base dues are in arrears on January 1st of the current year will be dropped from the rolls of the organization. Members are considered to be in good standing, if National and Local dues have been paid for the current year. As of January 1 of the current year, members not paid shall be considered terminated from USSVI and/or Charleston Base.

Dues for the upcoming year are due and payable prior to December 31 of the current year. Members whose national dues and/or Charleston Base dues are in arrears on the following January 1st will be dropped from the rolls of the organization. Members are considered to be in good standing, if National and Local dues have been paid for the current year. As of January 1 members not paid shall be considered terminated from USSVI and/or Charleston Base. A terminated member will be restored without penalty once dues are paid.

This was changed to the motion was defeated and was corrected in the minutes and resent to the Webmaster and the Newsletter editor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1900.