

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Aug 6th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Director members Rick Wise, Mike Ciesielko, Ken Hutchison, Mike Welch, Ken Curtis, Bill Freligh, Ron Chambers, George Scharf, Nick Nichols, Butch Bryar, Ed Stank.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Ciesielko had nothing to Report.

Nick Nichols noted that the family of Bob Hubert really appreciated the turnout from the USSVICB for Bob's funeral.

Rick Sparger really appreciated the turnout for his niece's service.

Nick expressed concern that from now on our wives should be able to sit with their husbands for funerals. It was agreed that from now on wives will sit with USSVICB members.

Elaine Powers is at MUSC she took a bad fall and visitors are not recommended.

Bill Jennings is home. Gall Bladder is removed and he is doing well.

Jerry Farr was at trident and had a pacemaker installed. He is doing fantastic.

Ed Simokat is at home and doing well. The cat is still alive.

Tom Lufkin had major hand surgery he is home and doing well.

If anyone has any Ideas on how to help members from Bonneau we have some members that live in the Bonneau area and can't make the meetings.

Mike Emerson sent an email to Nick to see if people can get a set of dolphins for Docs Headstone.

Ron Chambers gave the information to Mike.

Nick commented on movement towards ships merchandise being sold by PayPal. He also mentioned membership going back to Membership dues having the PayPal option. This will be researched at a later date.

Nick discussed advertising on the website since we are no longer advertising on the newsletter. He gave the idea that profits from the advertising could go to pay for postage costs of members getting the newsletter and the cost of the website. We have other bases that look at our website. The customer would send the ad to Nick and then we would charge a yearly rate. Nick is going to ask for an email vote and Have the base secretary notify the board of the Vote.

Nick Nichols made this motion:

"The motion is to allow the webmaster to offer vendors the ability to advertise on the Charleston Base website similar to what was previously done with the newsletter. The CB Base Commander and Vice Commander will approve vendors who will be allowed to advertise on our website. Fee to advertise will be \$25 for twelve months. Approved vendors must supply own advertisement and link to their business for the webmaster to use. All ad fees will be paid directly to USSVICB and will be used primarily to fund mailing newsletters to anyone without email access. Any excess funds from ads will be used to support the operation of the CB website."

This passed on a unanimous yes decision. 9-0

If you are sending something out to all the troops email the form in PDF format not word.

Mike Welch warned us that we need to start thinking about the Christmas Party because last year we spent more than what we took in. Mike just wants to make sure that everyone understands that we need to make sure we can afford our Party and not run in the red.

Nick brought up having a table or document that had motions we made in our BOD meetings. Rick Wise mentioned that we make and pass motions that are housekeeping items. These motions are posted in the minutes on the website.

Ken Hutchison said Rodney McKanna said it was Undie 500 time. We will ask members to bring underwear at the September meeting. Shadowboxes cost for 10 is 295.00. The Cob will look for a better price.

The Cob made a motion to Purchase 10 shadowboxes for our eternal patrol. Ed Stank seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The RINK pig roast is 19 September and is at the Elks lodge on Sam Rittenburg Blvd. The COB will distribute a flyer to the troops for an RSVP. Rick Wise mentioned offering the float next year and perform a tolling of the boats. The elks have A BBQ so we can get some exposure. If we can do a tolling of the Boats anytime we need to.

This brought up that there is work that still needs to be done on the float and we should have another working party later this month.

SEE SAW DAYS is 12 September. The float will be needed then.

The COB is doing an inventory of the storage locker the first weekend in September and he only wants board members there. Anyone wants to check out material will need to arrange to have a Board member present to get it from the storage locker..

CPO Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel on Main Street in Summerville Sept 10th 0600

Nick reiterated the mass emails problem. Please pay attention and not send one if a mass email was recently sent 800 emails per hour.

Ron Chambers had nothing to report.

Ken Curtis let us know that the NEW COLA rate is going to be released on OCT 15th.

Ed stated we have 330 members. The National Membership is going up 5 dollars per year. Ed is going to open up National Membership early. Ed has new cards for the members who requested new cards.

Butch Reported on CRAMA he is working with the chiefs at NTPU for a working party to work on the boat.

Ed let Bill Freligh know he has two packages for OCT for new Inductees for the Holland club.

We had Larry Cox come in and discuss a combined Christmas party for the FRA and USSVICB. Larry let us know that if we combined it there would be no charge for the Venue. A discussion was made about space for so many people if we combined and it was tabled for discussion at a later time. It was also discussed that the Rec Committee should present this to discussion after further Venues are researched.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ken Curtis seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1838.