

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1807 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Sparger, Joe Lunn, Rick Wise, Mike Ciesielko, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Nick Nichols, Larry Knutson, Bill Freligh, Al Dempster, Ken Hutchison and Base member Ed Stank.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Larry Knutson reported that we have 315 members.

Bill Freligh reported that we need to purchase rockers and hand out 55 year rockers for members qualified from 1961-1957.

George Scharf commented on the aspects of the car show. The date of the 1st of Oct is decided and Kimbrels is donating money to the cause. It will be at the Publix parking lot in Goose Creek. \$2000.00 is going to be distributed to scholarship winners at the June Meeting.

Ron Chambers discussed ordering submarine magnets.

Al Dempster and Rick Sparger discussed the Subvets Picnic on 7 May 2016. We are going to have a fish fry in addition to Hamburgers and Hot dogs. The Subvets and FRA will split costs and profits 50/50. The POMFLANT gate will be closed and Liberty Hall Road gate will be open. The Picnic starts at 12 pm and \$5 each member and one guest every additional guest is \$10.00

Rick Sparger discussed getting a tax free status for the base for state taxes. He will find out what we need to do to accomplish this. Ed Stank took this for action as District Commander. He will do this for all district bases.

Ken Hutchison thanked the Board for the Votes for Distinguished Submariner.

He mentioned Don Meadows and his son Andrew having Kidney Failure. We will inform the base membership about Don's son's situation and how to make contributions. Don makes Submarine mementos for sale to help his son.

Bill Roberts donated 1 Large and 1 Small cooler to USSVICB

Ed gave us a report on the Southeast Convention. Ed is going to visit the Aiken base to see if they want to help. He will give a report at the meeting.

Joe Lunn informed us that Mike Ciesielko is running unopposed for Base Secretary and Mike Knaub is running unopposed for Vice Commander.

Mike Welch gave his financial report and it is posted to the website.

Chaplain Report BOD May Meeting

- Lee Allison departed on EP in FL on April 15th. Tentative plans for a memorial service at the Lost Boats Memorial on May 21st.
- Luke Murphy is home. Left rehab last Thursday, 28 April.
- Beetle Bailey's daughter, Diane, received good news...She is in remission. No sign of cancer. God is great! Beetle
- Beetle got home 4.21.

- Lynn is doing well. We will not have a firm idea of how the new radiation treatment is working until they take and read the first scan sometime toward the end of May. Please keep the prayers and best wishes coming. They do her a world of good. Regards, Michael Cousino
- Jack Ilgenfritz sent the base a note by email: I want to thank you and all the subvets for all the thoughts, prayers and get well cards for Karen. She really enjoyed the Get Well cards. Numerous of my family members commented on how many subvets were at the viewing and funeral and how much they appreciated the support. God Bless Jack
- On Wednesday, April 13th, Bob Grabowski, departed on Eternal Patrol. No services. Family asks that we lift our glasses in a toast at the next meeting.
- Stacy Power was in Roper St. Francis with low blood sugar, got that stabilized, then had heart rhythm problems, was sent to Roper down town for a pace maker then sent home the next day.
- Clell Hutchinson is home on hospice and not doing well but would like to have visitors and short calls. Please call Catherine before visiting.
- Jim Lowman's grandson, Grant Hammett, age 13, has t-cell lymphoma and is undergoing intensive chemo.

Nick Nichols made a motion that we have a memorial service for Lee Allison at 1000 at the cold war memorial. George Scharf seconded the motion. Nick also mentioned that if it rains we need an alternate location. Rick Sparger is checking into the FRA to see if we can have it there.

Ed gave us a report on the Southeastern Conference. He mentioned it was poorly attended and that the tours were very expensive. They talked a great deal about the lack of getting new members. Ed suggested for us to advertise in the local newspapers.

The next National convention is in Reno Nevada in August 15th to the 21st.

The nuclear power school is a treasure trove of new members. We need to find a way to get these people involved into our group.

WWII Subvets annual meeting is Kings Bay Nov 2nd to the 6th.

Rick mentioned the Bonefish grill. He is going to contact them.

Ed asked the treasurer if we could get possibly get PayPal set up on the website for the car show.

George Scharf reported on the status of the Clamagore. Joe Danning and Butch Bryar had a meeting with State Senator Paul Campbell. It was discovered that Paul Campbell did not know the dire situation of the Clamagore.

Nick brought up that we may soon begin seeing women wanting to attend our meetings and join USSVI and Charleston Base. Rick Wise stated that if they wear dolphins they are allowed in Charleston Base Subvets.

George Scharf made a motion to adjourn. Ken Hutchison seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1920.