

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Rick Sparger, Ken Curtis, Ed Stank, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Larry Knutson, Ken Hutchison, Butch Bryar, Joe Lund, Bill Freigh, Nick Nichols,

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Larry Knutson gave us a membership report. We have 318 Members.

Ron Chambers had nothing to report.

Holland Club had nothing to report with Holland Club business. Bill discussed meeting people that are submariners who are not SUBVETS members and their reasons for not becoming members. The main reasons were that we squabble too much and if they join late in the year they get hit for what seems like double dues.

Butch Bryar had nothing to report.

Ken Hutchison mentioned Tuesday 12 July going up to Florence for Kaps for Kids.

Rick Sparger informed us that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade up in Monks Corner was a huge success.

Rick discussed the Rec committee and the Christmas Party.

Ken Hutchison made a motion to have the Christmas Party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at the FRA Banquet room. Ken Curtis seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. Joe Lunn volunteered to be part of the Rec committee

Ken Curtis had nothing to report.

George Scharf had nothing to report on WWII. Scholarship - George conveyed to the board that he needs help getting word out to local businesses for the ad book for the fall car show.

Base secretary Mike Ciesielko gave a situation report of Microsoft office dying on his laptop. It happened in the performance of his duties and a motion was made by Ken Curtis to purchase a copy of Microsoft Office 2013 for the secretary. Rick Sparger seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Nick Nichols reported:

- RMC Wendall Calloway departed on Eternal Patrol on June 30th in Kingstree. He was a USSVI member at large but was not a member of Charleston Base.
- Fred Woodley will be having his right shoulder replaced again after 9 years. He is in lots of pain. It will take place in Columbia. He has another doctor's appointment on July 26th.
- 'Buddha' Nelms was in Trident ICU for a pace maker. He is now home and at last report is doing well. It was requested no visitors or phone calls in the hospital or after he came home.
- Don Mook was in Trident to have a stent put in. They will wait about 3 months to make a decision to put in a pace maker. Don is doing well.
- George Scharf had his back surgery June 16th and went home the following day. The surgery went well and he is doing fine.

- CS3/AW Andrew Meadows, Don's son, is in Stage 5 Kidney Failure. No current report.
- Grant Hammett age 13, Jim Lowman's grandson, has t-cell lymphoma and is undergoing intensive chemo. No Current Report
- Nancy Alkire had cancer surgery in mid-May and waiting on treatment possibilities. No current report.
- Clell Hutchinson is home on hospice and not doing well but would like to have visitors and short calls. Please call Catherine before visiting.\
- As Chaplain I feel I must talk to the membership about the excessive use of foul language at our meetings. If they get upset sorry about that.

Ed Stank and Bill Freligh discussed the National elections and there will be paper ballots present at the next meeting.

Rick Wise will put out to the members information at the meeting.

Ed conveyed a new Victory house visit is going to be performed on Tuesday 19 July 2016

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Curtis made the motion and Butch Bryar seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1900.