

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1756 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Rick Sparger, Nick Nichols, Ken Curtis, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Larry Knutson, Joe Lund, Bill Freligh, Mike Welch, and Mike Knaub. Also attending was the ES2 District Commander, Ed Stank. Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Larry Knutson gave us a membership report. We have 320 Members.

Rick Sparger asked about taking down the sign on Old Orangeburg road. The “Cleaned by USSVICB” sign and Jerry Stout said not to take it down. He has assumed responsibility for cleaning the road.

Rick Sparger asked the question about Charleston base T Shirts and Ed Stank responded that he has come up with a nice design and if we purchase more than 48 its around \$10 dollars each.

Ron Chambers gave us a report on the challenge coin BOLO's - the price is \$21.00

Bill Freligh had nothing to report with Holland Club business.

Ed Stank made a recommendation to give challenge coins to all current Holland Club members.

Ed Stank made a motion that USSVICB Purchase from the investment fund, Holland Club challenge coins for all current 163 members and present them to new members as they join. The first purchase is to be 200 coins. George Scharf seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice voted.

Ed volunteered to look in to obtaining the coins in the quantity needed and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Mike Knaub had nothing to report.

Mike Welch made the treasurer report. He will not be able to attend the August base meeting

Nick Nichols reported:

- **Mike Knaub** will have an ankle operation on Sept 16th to clean up the ankle infection.
- **Don Mook** – Trident rm 620 - received a call last night from GW that Don was in the hospital.
- **Soupy Campbell** – going home from Roper tonight - received a call last night from GW who was called by Dot that Soupy went to the hospital not feeling well and stomach problems...turned out to be gastritis
- **Email from Jimmy Kimbrell:** Had the aortic valve replacement, went home in a couple of days, then back in for a pacemaker. Should be home today, Thursday. Says he is now doing great.
- **Ben Hardaway – Georgia Regents Hospital Augusta GA – 4 West rm 4059** - Please limit phone calls as I have limited use of my hands. Visitors are OK. He had a deer vs motorcycle accident. His safety gear saved his life. Talked to wife Sharon and she broke her ankle while visiting Ben at the hospital. She's home and being taken care of by daughter. **Email from Dannie (daughter):** PSA: motorcyclist always wears a helmet and full body protective suits! I'm pretty sure that's what saved my dad's life after hitting a deer last night (he missed the first 2 deer). He still has some recovery with a shattered elbow but his face looks much better than his scratched helmet!

- **Marvin Smith** had a shoulder replacement on July 25th and is now at home doing well. If anyone would like to call him he may be reached at 843-875-1823 and visitors are welcome.
- **Gordon Smith** had a stroke while volunteering at Patriots Point. He was taken to the VA, treated overnight and released. He told me he has some numbness in his left hand/fingers and left side of his mouth...otherwise doing well.
- **Fred Woodley** should be seeing the doctor later this month to decide when he will have his shoulder replaced.
- **Roger Gibson** has started his chemo with a dose every week for three weeks.
- **Keith Wooster** (honorary member of Charleston Base...retired Chaplain USN). Was in the VA severe back pain and hard time walking. He was released after treatment.
- **Willie Jones** was at the VA for some possible kidney problems, treated and released. Keep the salt away from him at the meetings.
- **Bill Weaver** was at the VA for some tests and is now home.
- **Bill Roberts** has informed me that his sister-in-law, Becky's sister, passed away in NC.

Nick Nichols researched getting a large banner made for the Amberjack ceremony. Nick made a motion to have a large banner made for the Amberjack ceremony not to exceed \$100.00. George Scharf seconded the Motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

George Scharf gave a report that the car show is delayed due to two other car shows going on at the same time. It is delayed until further notice.

Rick Sparger discussed the Rec committee and the Christmas Party which will be at the FRA on 3 December. 1800 social hour and 1900 dinner. He will bring more information as we draw closer.

Rick has recommended an oyster roast next year instead of a picnic.

Rick Wise informed us we have a new Scouting program chairman. His name is Dick Koehler. He will handle all functions on giving local Eagle scouts awards.

Ken Curtis had nothing to report.

Ed mentioned that they will have another WWII memorial in Kings Bay this year.

The next Submariners Legacy award is on Friday 12 August.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Curtis made the motion and Larry Knutson seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1855.