

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1757 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Mike Welch, George Scharf, Nick Nichols, Joe Lund and Larry Knutson, Ken Curtis, Rick Sparger

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Ciesielko reported that there was interest in a Subvets gun club. The first meeting is Monday 13 February 2017.

Mike Welch gave his financial report. He is preparing the yearly budget to report to National. Joe Lund discussed the upcoming election.

Membership: Larry reported that we have 321 members and 22 owe dues.

Veteran affairs: Ken had nothing to report.

George Scharf reported that the WWII Luncheon is 16 February 2017.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers reported that the Ladson VFW is doing a Valentines mystery dinner on February 11th. Tickets are \$15.00 each all proceeds go to the Victory House.

COB: Ken announced the NPTU Legacy awards are 3 February.

Ken conveyed that April 8th will be the Amberjack Ceremony.

Ken mentioned that Kaps for Kids is on the 21st of February. Muster at the COB's House 0730. Rick Sparger discussed giving the Elloree Parade Trophy to Stump Hole Landing. The Trophy is now up there and displayed proudly for everyone to see. This is great visibility for the USSVICB. Rick Wise approved this move.

Rick gave us some sad news about an FRA Member having a heart attack at the Club. There is a fund in his name to buy an AED device (Emergency Defibrillator) The FRA donated 500 dollars. It was discussed that we should have one here at the FRA. Rick Sparger made a motion to donate \$500.00 towards the purchase of a Portable AED device. Ken Curtis seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision.

Nick Nichols reported:

Email from Rick Sparger: Larry Cox is in Trident Hospital rm 349. He had some throat surgery last Thursday and was in ICU until today.

Phone call with Luke: Judy had back surgery on 27 January. She is doing well and went home on 29 January.

Phone call from Don Heinle: Don was in the Colleton County MC for about a week and went home on 27 January.

Phone call from Sonny Rash: Sonny is having hernia surgery on Feb. 8th at the VA Hospital. Expect to be there for 3-5 days. Visitors will be welcome.

Email from Fred Woodley: Brian made it through his surgery fine. We are at the Fisher House on Eglin AFB room 105. A wonderful place provided at no cost. They have my full appreciation for the support to the Service members and their families while they undergo procedures in the local Medical Facility. Please put out the highest praises for the Fischer House totally awesome at Eglin AFB. Fred

Email from Rick Wise: Talked with Don Meadows on 29 January. He has a bacterial infection around his heart but it is responding to medication. His older son has to lose a couple more pounds before the transplant to Andrew. He is also very proud that Andrew was selected as Sailor of the Quarter at Oceana Naval Air Station. I put that in the newsletter with Andrew's picture.

Email from COB: Bill Freligh's house caught fire 30 January. Both Bill & Mary are ok and they are staying with son Scott. Ken

Email from David Wood: Wanted to let you know that I will be having my prostate removed this Thursday, 2 February, at Roper/St. Francis downtown at noon. I have had problems with it since the 60's and this wasn't a surprise, but you still don't want the Dr to say the C word. We watched it real close and the PSA kept creeping up so a biopsy was performed and it was positive. That last PSA was only a little over 7 so it don't have to be high to be positive.

Email from John Lookabill: BE CAREFUL NOT TO ANSWER ANY CALLS WITH YES OR IN ANY WAY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Many of the news agencies are warning of a telephone scam on cell and home phone. Your phone rings, could possibly be from a person on your phone list and a pause then someone says, "can you hear me now?" Would your answer be, "Yes" or something of this nature? If so, you might just have been had, agreeing to whatever, but they do have you saying, YES, which they then use to obligate you to some agreement. Make sure you know them before you pass anything along or JUST HANG UP

Ava Daughtery, Fred's wife, will be having major ear surgery on February 14th.

Rick Wise announced that it was time for nominating the Distinguished Submariner Award. There were two nominees and board voted on who would receive the award. It will be presented in March.

Rick Wise discussed the donation of \$100.00 for a Brick for the Charleston 9.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Welch made the motion and Rick Sparger seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1842.