

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020

Due to severe weather, the Board of Directors Meeting was cancelled by Base Commander Mike Ciesielko. Two items of business, however, required attention prior to the Base meeting scheduled for the next week. These were: The 2020 USSVI Charleston Base Budget and Distinguished Submariner Award. These business items were conducted via email. Details are below.

Charleston Base Budget – Rick Wise (Comptroller):

- Rick Wise sent the proposed 2020 Charleston Base Budget to all voting BOD members via email for review and approval. Base Secretary Gordon Long was tasked with tallying the results of the votes and responded to the BOD with the following email:
 - “All BOD:
At this time, I have received eight (8) responses from Board members in the affirmative for approval of the 2020 USSVI Charleston Base Annual Budget. In addition, my vote shall be cast YEA making a total of nine (9) affirmative votes. No member cast a NAY vote.
This means that of the current 13 voting members of the Board, we received a 69% response. The 2020 USSVI Charleston Base Annual Budget is APPROVED.
Correction of spelling in one category: “Mileage” is needed.
This only shows that I actually read the budget.
I am certain that somewhere along the way, my errors will be pointed out.
Tom got me yesterday after Jim’s funeral about one that he found in the January Base Minutes. See if you can find it.
Gordon Long - RM2(SS)
Charleston Base Secretary”
- The respondents for the 2020 Budget vote included Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, Tom Lawson, Ken Hutchison, Larry Knutson, Mike Ciesielko, Bill Freligh, Gordon Williams and Gordon Long. Joe Lunn responded in the affirmative after the above email was sent. The Budget will be presented to the Base members at the February Base meeting for final approval.

Distinguished Submariner Award – Joe Lunn (COB):

- COB and others sent DSA nominees’ names to Base Secretary Gordon Long for conducting the vote via email. There were seven (7) names submitted by various Base members. In alphabetical order, the list of names presented were Rick Carlson, Mike Ciesielko, Roger Gibson, Bill Kennedy, Harry Nettles, Terry Trump and Gordon (Willy) Williams.
- Three rounds of voting were conducted. In the first round, the voting members of the BOD were asked to present up to three (3) choices in order of preference. Choice 1 was given 3 points, Choice 2 was listed at 2 points and Choice 3 would have 1 point. By using this method, three nominees – Bill Kennedy, Roger Gibson and Terry Trump – remained due to a tie for the second position (Gibson/Trump).
- The second round of voting failed to obtain a majority vote from the three nominees, resulting in Terry Trump leading a plurality vote with Bill Kennedy in second place.
- The final round of voting was completed just minutes prior to the February Charleston Base Meeting. In order to get a complete vote, some of the voting members were contacted by phone for their final decision. The Base Secretary tabulated the votes and personally informed each of the voting BOD members of the result. The DSA recipient’s name will be made public at the March Base meeting.