

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL

Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting
01 December 2012

The meeting of the Beverly Hills Council's Board of Directors was held on Saturday, December 01, 2012 at the home of the Council's Executive Vice President, Dr.Seymour Ulansey in Malibu, California.

Board members in attendance were: Ron Dutton, president, Sey Ulansey, Exec VP, Marilyn Allaire, Treasurer, Michael Poles, webmaster, Linda Poles, Laurie Allison, James Hinton, Gwen Hinton, Rochelle Sloane, Trent Bigelow, Keely King, and Pat Patton.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Minutes of the previous Board meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer, Marilyn Allaire, reported on the Council's income and expenses for the past two months, and the current status of the Council's checking account. The Report was approved as reported.

Under Old Business - Sponsored commands:

President Ron Dutton reported that he, Jim Hinton, and possibly, Trent Bigelow would travel by Amtrak to San Diego on Dec. 15 to present the three Sailors of the Quarter (Senior, Junior, BluJckt) and three Sailors of the Year to the crew of the USS HAMPTON at their base at Point Loma, San Diego.

Linda Poles inquired if, besides the framed NLUS Certificate, the amount of money given the recipients wasn't too little (Note: Senior - \$50, other two \$25 / and Sailors of the Year Senior - \$100 / Jr - \$75 - BluJck \$50). After some discussion, it was decided that this was about the best we could afford. Ron pointed out that three Sailors of the 1/4 for the HAMPTON, plus their three Sailor of the Year - plus the two Sailors of the 1/4 for the Coast Guard Air Station, and two Sailors of the Half for the HALIBUT, plus \$2400 a year for the Hubbard Division Sea Cadets amounted to a little over \$3000 a year....Plus, Ron stated that he had discussed the 'prize money' with the HAMPTON's past and present CO and XO and they all assured us that the crew were more concerned about receiving the recognition than the money, and thus far, were all quite happy and grateful.

Ron also reported that there would be a change of command on the HALIBUT, in June, or early July..and, with that in mind, since the new 'skipper' would be just be learning the ropes, it was very likely that he would not be up to a Cruise to Catalina so soon after his taking over. However, Ron would find out when he met the new CO at the ceremony, or shortly after.

Jim and Gwen Hinton again generously volunteered to donate the Sword to the incoming Drill Team Captain at the UCLA NROTC's annual awards banquet - usually held in May.

Michael Poles reported on the Coast Guard Air Station's 50th Anniversary ceremony which he and wife, Linda, and Ron Dutton attended on November 16. Michael made a video of much of the ceremony and vips attending, and sent them copies.

Regarding the Hubbard Division, Ron had nothing to report, except that the unit's membership is still between 15 to 20, and they are still meeting monthly aboard the SS Lane Victory.

Membership - Michael Poles distributed the revised "Working" membership list....which features members who are in some way still actively engaged with this Council. The Formal list is available upon request.. which is largely comprised of Life Members who have not been involved, or in contact with the Council for many years.

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Ron stated that 2013 would see a continued close working relationship with the Malibu Council. That their next event would be their annual Toys for Tots gathering at the local Bank of the West in Malibu on Dec. 15. and we've been invited to come and enjoy.

Jim and Gwen Hinton reported on their attending.. and representing our Council at the Submarine Force Christmas Ball in San Diego. In two words, Gwen stated it was "Totally awesome."

New Business:

The Board selected Saturday, July 27 for our next Malibu by the Sea Beach Party. There followed lengthy discussion regarding the food...(all ok, but forget the chicken), entertainment - Sey would inquire of the musician / guitarist, who did very well last year. All agreed that we didn't need to have a 'theme' this year.

Laurie spoke of the needed supervision of the tables, and also getting some extra help with the sorting out who won what, picking up the prizes, and, more help in the distribution to the winners. Laurie, along with Gwen, Linda, Rochelle, and Marilyn will once again tackle that situation. Also, possibly one or two to work w/ Marilyn collecting the money at the auction's end.

Sey said he would look into the tidal charts to find what Saturday would be the best time for low tide..so that we could make better use of the beach in front of his house. Ron then said we'd finalize the Beach Party dates and arrangements at the next Board meeting.

Ron and Sey strongly urged the Board members to start getting out the word..especially to our friends and business donors we know about coming to the Party even though we don't yet have the flyers or Tax ID letters ready to distribute. Ron reminded that we must have a large attendance..as this Party is our ONLY fundraiser and we must make a well over \$3000 to support our commitments, and our own overhead.

For the opening event for 2013, the Board decided to hold a Sunday brunch once again at Duke's of Malibu restaurant. There was discussion of having a speaker, or possibly the violinist from the Los Angeles Doctor's Symphony who performed for our Brunch in 2010. The Board voted to hold this Brunch on March 3. Ron would contact Dukes to see if that date was available and, if so, to make the arrangements.

The Board then had some general discussion of possibly participating in a wine tour set up by the Malibu Council, also the possibility of that Council arranging for the destroyer they sponsor to come up to Malibu again this year. More on this later.

Michael Poles reported on the status of the web...that he would be updating it within the coming week, plus, along with Ron, encouraged all to check on it at least once a week or so, as this was now our principal means of communication within the Council, with only a few info sheets, flyers, etc. going by regular mail to those few who are active, but have no computers, or computer access.

After choosing Saturday, January 19 for the next Board meeting, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and thus, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Minutes submitted by:
Ron Dutton, president