

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on
September 15, 2012

The meeting of the Beverly Hills Council's Board of Directors was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the home of Council Executive Vice President, Seymour Ulansey in Malibu, California

Board members in attendance were: Ronald Dutton, president, Seymour Ulansey, Exec VP, Marilyn Allaire, treasurer, Laurie Allison, James Hinton, Gwen Hinton, Trent Bigelow, Keely King, Pat Patton, Michael Poles, Linda Poles, and Jonathan Jeon.

The president of the Malibu Council, John Payne, and new Board member, Trent Bigelow were introduced and welcomed.

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by President Ron Dutton. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Marilyn Allaire reviewed the moneys spent and received from the Beach Party held in July. Overall the monies received from the silent auction far exceeded from the preceding year, plus the intake from those 'paying at the door' and the bar altogether made for a good profit this year. She then reported on the status of the Council's accounts and that was all in order. The Treasurer's Report was approved as reported.

This led to a discussion of the Beach Party itself. Re the food / beverages, there was little food left over this year...with the hamburgers and hot dogs being favored over the chicken. Suggestion made for less chicken next year. Also to start cooking the chicken earlier so as to be sure its thoroughly cooked. Re the bar, agreed best to keep it at the end of the auction tables.. keeps the people passing them when wanting another drink. We ran out of wine, water and diet drinks this year. And THANKS to Jim Hinton for buying more wine and 'donating it to the cause'.

It was suggested putting up a jar by the bar for tips for the bartender. The pop tent worked well over the bar.. and thanks went to Jim and Gwen for bringing it.

There was discussion of speeding up the collecting the auction money and distributing the prizes. Laurie suggested that two additional money collectors to help Marilyn with this. All agreed that supervision of the tables during the party was better this year. Marilyn also suggested getting a runner(s) to get cash when needed..as we ran short this year.

Ron reported that he and webmaster, Michael Poles have revised and updated the Council's membership list. The List will be a 'working list' listing those members who are active in some way with the Council. The formal list published by NHQ is on hand when needed which includes close to 100 life members who never participate, donate, or communicate. Ron mentioned that toward the end of last year he personally wrote three different letters, one to all life members asking for them to update their contact information, the second to annual fee members who had recently let their membership drop to also renew and also update their info, and the third to members who's membership was due to expire shortly. In all over 300 letters mailed. He reported that he had four responses. On paper, Council membership is about 190. Active membership closer to 120.

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Re sponsored commands, Ron reported that our sub, the HAMPTON would be having a change of command in October. He would be attending. There had been no recent contact with our cutter, the HALBUT. They now have a Sailor of the Half rather than quarterly, and that award should be coming up sometime in November. Ron would be presenting the Perchard Award (one of four awards given annually to the Coast Guard Air Station) in October.

Our Sea Cadet Division, the HUBBARD, is now holding all their drills on the SS Lane Victory, and is considering changing the unit's name to SS Lane Victory. Hubbard's current roster has about 15 cadets and two officers.

Upcoming events included discussion of having a brunch in the Spring and location. Duke's was mentioned along with the Wilshire Country Club. Further discussion was tabled until the next board meeting with Ron asking for further suggestions and date. Ron said he would keep pushing for a Cruise to Catalina in the early summer, also, to see about a submarine tour sometime in the next year. The logistics of transportation to San Diego came up. To have lunch aboard the boat would limit our group to ar 25. Also, if taking the train...the round trip price for the regular carriages is \$36+ each way The business class car (includes an attendant, coffee, wine, sweet rolls, etc.) is about \$50 each way... and then for the Navy to pick us up. The alternative is a chartered bus.

Other means of fundraising (other than the beach party) was tabled to the next board meet.

Before turning the meeting over to Malibu Council president, John Payne, Ron said that it was now the intention of the two councils to work more closely together, and thanked John for the great support he and his members gave to our Beach Party with all who attended.

John reviewed what it took to bring the destroyer the sponsor, the USS JOHN PAUL JONES, up to Malibu. It proved to be a huge success. John said he would be considering trying to arrange for another visit to Malibu by the JPJ next year.

John discussed some of his Council's activities, membership, etc. and that he looked forward to working together to support each of our activities and events. He then invited us to join a Garden Party at his home in October to introduce and honor the JPJ's new commanding officer. He also invited us to join with them in December for their annual Toys for Tots collection at one of the Banks in the Malibu Community Center (The exact Date of both will be posted) .

Before adjourning, Michael Poles reviewed what was the latest on our webpage, and Ron, once again, urged the Board members to consult it frequently, as this now was the Council's primary means of passing the word.

Ron then said the next meeting of the Board would be on Saturday, December 1 at Sey's home.

It was then moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and it was adjourned. at 1200.

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