

**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL**

MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
16 November 2013**

The meeting of the officers and directors of the Beverly Hills Council of the Navy League was held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the home of Dr. Seymour Ulansey in Malibu, California.

Members in attendance were: Ronald Dutton, president, Seymour Ulansey, Executive Vice President, Marilyn Allaire, Treasurer, Pat Patton, Judge Advocate, James Hinton, Gwen Hinton, Keely King, and Rochelle Sloane,

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

Ron introduced Mrs. Sherre Lovick, past president of the Navy Belles and now member of the BHC and as a prospective Board member. (She accepted the Board's invitation at the meeting's end).

Treasurer Marilyn Allaire reported on the state of the Council's checking account and that all was in order. She reported that the Council had enough in the account to cover the upcoming awards in 2014 should the Council decide not to have its annual fundraising beach party that year. Jim and Gwen reaffirmed their desire to continue donating the money for the purchase of the sword given to the UCLA NROTC's incoming Drill Team Captain. There was some discussion as to looking into making some investments with the money to seek a better interest/return. Action on this was tabled. The Board approved the Report as presented.

Under Old Business, there was discussion as to happenings with the sponsored commands. Regarding the submarine, USS Hampton, Ron said he'd received word from them that were returning to San Diego from an extended tour in December and we were invited to their Homecoming. He said he'd sent messages to the sub's Exec. Officer requesting info as to their plans for our awarding their Sailors of the Quarter/Year. No response received at time of Board meeting.

Regarding the USCGC Halibut, Ron said that the presentation to their Sailor of the Half would be made in January. Two awards had been given in October to the USCG's Air Station's Sailors of the Quarter.

As for the Council's Sea Cadet unit, the SS Lane Victory (formerly Hubbard Divison) Marilyn made a motion that the Council add an extra \$200. to the \$600. given to that unit each Quarter and send it to them in December instead in January to cover any Christmas expenses. The motion was approved.

Under New Business the focus was on having elections for officers. Ron made clear to Board that he was intent of stepping down from the presidency during this coming year. There was discussion as to devising a Nominations sheet to be sent to the membership. Sherre Lovick suggested that instead of just listing the three or four top offices, to instead, list them all with a brief description of duties...the idea being that Council members who are active but 'busy' with may be attracted to positions that don't require too much of them, and also, to relegate the president's position to primarily one of oversight and giving directions. The Board approved, and Gwen Hinton agreed to put together this Nomination sheet. Gwen suggested trying to get this out to the members sometime in December to give the members something to think about.

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Discussion of the future of this Council included a question posed by Pat Patton who asked that just what is the purpose/goal these days of the Beverly Hills Council. He quoted from the NLUS Regulations the purposes as outlined in them. Discussion followed and the feeling was that the goals should focus on our attention and support for the Naval Sea Cadet program, and its unit the SS Lane Victory Div., in particular, and, continue to support the men and women in the Naval and Coast Guard commands we currently sponsor...and promote this as it seeks new members, and retain those it has. The Board agreed.

As there was no further business, the Board agreed to schedule the next Board meeting for Saturday, 25 January at Sey's home, then a move was made and approved to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Dutton, president