

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING - 19 November 2016

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Date: 19 November 2016

Place: Home of President Emeritus Ron Dutton, Los Angeles, Ca.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Board members in attendance were:

President Raphael Magana, President Emeritus Ron Dutton, Treasurer Marilyn Allaire, Judge Advocate Pat Patton, Webmaster Michael Poles and Directors Linda Poles and Chris McEntee.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:15 a.m. He then called for the Treasurer's Report. Acting for the Treasurer, Ron Dutton reviewed the Council's checking and other accounts and that all were in order. He also stipulated that for the Council's finances to break even it needs to generate around \$3500 and year. The Board voted to accept the Report as presented.

Sponsored Commands:

Ron Dutton reported that the HALIBUT'S Coastguardsman of the 2nd Half would be coming up in December and that along with the Council's usual presentation of a NLUS Certificate and 'Dinner for two' the Council would also purchase and give to the crew a case of beer along with a couple of cases of soft drinks as a Christmas gift. Ron said he would make the purchases and presentation and make arrangements with the cutter's captain.

Ron also mentioned that since adopting the relocated (from LAX) Coast Guard Air station - NavAir Station at PT. Mugu, he has not heard from them...he thought that since their move to PM last May the Coast Gd has decided to make that new station permanent..thus bringing in a higher ranked CO.

Regarding the Council's Sea Cadet unit..the SS Lane Victory Division, Ron said he had not heard from them, but at last report the Division was doing good...with a cadre of some 20 cadets. As for the submarine, USS HAMPTON, Ron said he's not heard from them now for over a year or more..and further recommended that until the Council started generating some money not to seek to reactivate this sponsorship as to do so would cost around \$600...which, added to the \$2500 the Council gives to its Sea Cadet unit, would quickly drain the treasury.

Regarding the NROTC at UCLA..its Midshipman's Ball and Awards Ceremony is usually held in late April/ early May and that the sword is paid for by a Council donor. Also, that Unit now has a new Commanding Officer. President Raphael Magana has generously donated that money for the past two years.

Under Old Business - Ron said the Wilshire Country Club's facilities for brunches, etc. won't be available until sometime in or after July of 2017 due to extensive renovations of their Grill Room. Raphael suggested inquiring about getting a date there for a **Sunday Brunch on 17 September 2017**. Ron raised the question as to other places for Brunches. Chris recommended the Proud Bird. The Warehouse was mentioned. More to be discussed here.

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Places for the Board to meet. Marilyn and Ron have said their homes are available. The Wilshire CClub is possible with Marilyn's ok (club member). Michael mentioned his home as a possibility and also said the American Legion Hall in Hollywood could work. Michael said his efforts to make use of West Hollywood's meeting facilities in Plummer Park didn't go anywhere as the City wants to charge. Michael mentioned meeting aboard the USS IOWA or SS Lane Victory. Ron said that the IOWA would more than likely charge..plus, both ships are not handicapped friendly.

New Business - there was much discussion of types of events Chris promoted the idea of having some sort of "Mixer" type meets for the general membership in order to get as many of the council members involved. Whether to have a speaker or not was discussed. It was finally decided to have four during the year. Also, to have a Brunch with speaker. Ron said that from what he was told by the HALIBUT's captain there would be little hope for a Cruise to Catalina in 2017 due to their District's commander's not supporting this type of activity. To promote the Mixers and other activities, Chris and Raphael proposed reviving the Council's newsletter "The Commodore" and posting it on the website(s) rather than printing and mailing them as in the past. Chris said he'd work on the layout. A tentative deadline of January 15 was agreed upon to post The Commodore both on the websites and with a 'blast' to the general membership with information of the Council's plans.

Ron raised the question as to what was to be done with the items secured for last September's canceled Sunday Brunch. These items were: Gift cards for Duke's and The Warehouse restaurants, a one night stay at the Hotel Marriott in the Marina (val ar \$275), and a magnum of wine from Zaca Mesa (val.\$75). Raphael suggested setting up a silent auction..putting them on the websites following a general announcement to the membership..and directing them to the website. He and Chris would set this up and monitor it. The Board voted to do this.

Webmaster's Report - Michael Poles said it was time to update the Council's Roster. Discussion on this included the difficulty of accuracy due to the many life memberships and no way of knowing if whether they're alive or dead. Plus, for the next two months NHQ, having decided to take direct control of the membership listing, is redesigning their computer system and thus no direct access to the total membership list will be available during that time. Then there was much discussion about merging the Council's two websites plus the Council's Facebook page(s). More discussion to come here.

Before adjourning, Raphael proposed the next Board meeting be a conference call...which he will work out the details for setting up. The agreed date and time for this is 21 January at 10:00 a.m. This will be reconfirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
/s/ Ron Dutton, president emeritus, acting Executive Secretary.