

DESTROYER LEADER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

17 September 2005

Opening:

The Annual Business Meeting of the DESTROYER LEADER ASSOCIATION was called to order at 0900 on Saturday, 17 September 2005 at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, in Seattle, Washington, by Mike Bugara, President.

Attendance:

Sixty Two members were present. Members were required to show their membership card for admittance or have their names checked against the roster by the Chief Master-at-arms Bob Lange DL-2, and Curtis Hanson DL-3.

Order of Business:

1. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Mike Bugara, DL-4.
Mike made mention of last night's auction results, of \$2,102.00 and 10% will go to Hurricane Katrina victims.
2. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Manley, DL-5.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Historian, Larry Rossi, DL-1
4. **Reading of Minutes:**
Minutes were read from last meeting held in Norfolk, Va., in 2004, by Secretary, Jim Rigell, DL-3. There was a correction in the minutes of 18 Sept. 2004 in Paragraph 11a. "thanks and appreciation to Ed Jehlik for all his work and assistance with the By-laws committee". Motion to accept amended minutes by Stan Guiles, DL-5 and Second by Raymond Cordell, DL-2.
5. **Reading of Communications and Correspondence:** by Secretary, Jim Rigell, DL-3
None Available
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
Information for this section has been removed for web site posting. Members who desire financial information should contact the Treasurer.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. **Chaplain's Report:** Chaplain John Manley, DL-5, reported, we have learned of 15 deceased shipmates and I have proceeded with my duties as chaplain for this organization and sent bibles to families of those that were part of the membership and I sent 6 bibles and I have on hand, 10 left in inventory.

b. Finance Committee Report: Lee Strozinsky of DL-1 indicated that there are checks and balances system where Mike's expenses applied to the association come to me and then I forward them on to Al Webb. When Mike spends and then expenses his board spends, he approves them and sends the original out to Al Webb and copies him on those. Walt Alexander copies him on expenses for the reunion so that everybody knows that there aren't so many fingers in the pot, there is a good three checks balances system. My report for the date August 17, I have reviewed the expenses submitted to me by President Mike Bugara, of the DL Association, year 2005 to this date. Original expenses and receipts were then forwarded to Al Webb Treasurer, for payment as required by the DL Association by-laws. A filed copy of all expenses reviewed for review and forwarded are in my file folder as copies as he does not retain the originals. At the end of the Reunion, this file will go to Al Webb and he will destroy the copies. Submitted this day/date, in detail for the DL Association. Mike Bugara added that he also has a file of copies that he has made when someone sends him receipts.

c. Website Update Report: Howard Dobson, DL-5, reported that web site is moving along pretty good, and not many changes that have happened since the last business meeting. One change that has happened is that we are listing our deceased members on the web site. Another change on the adverse end and it is occurring right now, and that is that the E-Mail function of the web site has a mal function and it doesn't send the E-mail out. That may be repaired by the time that the reunion is over. That is it for the web site. The question was raised, as to what the annual cost of maintenance would be for the web site? Howard did estimate between \$400 to \$500.00 for the annual cost of maintenance.

8. OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. DLA logo registration: Our past vice president Doug Sylvester, filled out the forms and had a check made out to the U.S. Patent Office and after that when we went to get the new logo, we also decided to put on the DDG-35 and DDG-36. When we did file it, they had updated their forms in their fee schedule and about three months later we had to re-file with more fees. The original check was sent back to Al Webb and he re-issued a new check and it was all sent back in. As of right now, we have not heard and it has been about 5 mos. Is there any other unfinished business? Question came up about publicizing names and addresses and phone numbers of shipmates. Jim Rigell, presented somewhat lengthy discussion on privacy act, and exposure of your personal names, addresses, and phone numbers to persons without a need to know and businesses looking to build potential client list. No particular conclusion was reached other than listing name, dates and ship each person was on. Each Ship's Coordinator has a complete list of shipmates and membership. The names of shipmates and ships with dates, could be distributed to the membership. Howard Dobson can give you information from the roster when you want it, but will limit it to non-personal information until the other party has been notified. Dan Guiles made a motion for this information to be formulated by Howard on how it is to be handled and seconded by Bob Pollaski.

9. UPDATE ON 2006 REUNION IN BATON ROUGE: Walt Alexander indicated that he had called our hotel in Baton Rouge, about three days after the levee broke in

New Orleans. They indicated that they were fully functional and had been without power for about 10 hours but were back in operation. All business had been cancelled and would be back in operation by November of 2005.

10. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bill LaBarth, former President, called on Curtis Hanson, Parliamentarian, of the DL-3 to explain the 'Robert's Rules of Order"! Curtis proceeded to explain the procedures. Bill proceeded to list the offices that are available and the gentlemen that will be filling the positions:

- a. **Vice President – Stan Guiles, DL-5**
- b. **Treasurer – Al Webb, DL-2**
- c. **Vice President Publicity – Howard Dobson, DL-4**
- d. **Director at Large – Gary Johnson**

Ed Rowan of Norfolk, DL-1, made a motion to accept by acclamation, the above list of officers accepting the positions available. Raymond Caldwell, of Mitscher DL-2, seconded the motion. All accepted the motion, and the motion carried.

- 11. Announcements:** Larry Rossi, Historian, requested any old pictures from the ships during their lifespan, be sent to him. Mention was made regarding the various areas of the state and members that live around there. Also mentioned was the various sources for the solicitation of new members, i.e. American Legion, DFW. Listings of various people and which area of the U. S. they live and active or inactive. Mention was made of Reunion locations and where the majority of the membership lives. Howard Dobson provided information about copy right laws. Picture taking is included, as well as magazines. Any war stories or pictures or please provide them to the ship's coordinators. A motion was made to adjourn, and a second, and the meeting was adjourned.