



MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – SAN ANTONIO, TX 9/13/2017

Call to Order at 0935– President Rossi – Pete Peterson absent, probably due to hurricane(s)

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by VP Marchido

Baltimore BoD meeting minutes – Curtis Hanson – paraphrased w/copies given to members. Mike Bugara moved to approve as read; John Lair 2nd...approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Bugara – As a procedural step, at the memorial ceremony, we're to read the names of the 10 sailors who died as a result of the McCain collision. In addition, there was *ad hoc* discussion about advertising w/ VFW (will not take the info until 3 months before the event,) the DVA and the American Legion. Reunion expenses thus far are \$10,480.66; reunion account stands at **\$5,650.59**. Current amounts are: Gen'l Fund balance currently is, \$7,136.34 – \$707.28 (uncashed check to Bill for restocking ships store,) = **\$6,329.06**. Mike sends receipts for all donations at \$50 and up. Frank Graham moved to accept as read, John Lair 2nd ... approved.

Reunion Planner's Report – Mike Bugara – Reunion list attendee was presented. He noted two deaths, Ed Willich and Tom Jost; a third cancellation (Robert Keyes – 9/9) will not receive reimbursement. Mike reported problems with rooms being ready late/not on list. He also reported that a new sales people wanted to write her own agreement, superseding the signed RFP. Situation was resolved. Report on Tours ... 0930 departures are scheduled. Our memorial is to be held at the Nimitz Museum, followed by the brick laying ceremony, visiting the museum, shopping in downtown Fredericksburg, then returning to our hotel. Each tour will utilize 2 buses w/monitors. Thursday's tour will be to Mission San Jose, Mission Concepcion, followed by a presentation at the Alamo, and self-tour. Lunch will be at a restaurant in El Mercado, returning to the hotel and the 45-minute barge river trip (beginning at 1415.) The auction will begin at 1900. Friday will be the banquet and program; Sat AM – chapel service.

Newsletters – Discussion regarding the newsletter costs v. President letter – and moving to the four newsletters yearly. Newsletter schedule will be right away, early December, April right after the BoD meeting, July/August push for reunion edition. Frank – re. issues, bills in Congress (Blue Water Navy) extending agent orange, vet's benefits, all being re-done under Trump. Gary mentioned premiums for bringing a shipmate ... costs limit.

Correspondence – none

Officer Nominations – Bob Godas reported that he has identified no additional candidates for Pres/Sec'y. Nominations from the floor will be sought.

Committee Appointments – President Rossi indicated that he will ask those currently holding appointed positions to continue. He appointed Jim Erisman as Master at Arms for the annual meeting.

Reunion Planner's Report, 2018 – Mike Bugara – We have a contract with the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 5655 Greenwich, Virginia Beach, VA. Dates are 10/28 – 11/4/2018. Very large hospitality and banquet rooms ... hotel has shuttle to/from Norfolk Nat'l airport. The memorial service will be at the Nautica Center. The Norfolk's bell will be tolled. We can then visit USS Wisconsin; a limited tour of the base, with lunch at the O club for lunch is planned. We will board the Spirit of Norfolk for underway dinner. After a "dinner on your own," the auction will be held. Mike wants to bring in a "Bob Hope" for entertainment.

Old business – Curtis Hanson – follow-up re. having add'l ships join us. The USS Coontz (DLG-9 / DDG-40) Association officers have expressed interest. When we choose the site for 2019, we need to consider where they would like to go (not binding, but for consideration.) After we choose our site, Curtis will notify the Coontz' members, who are in Portland for their reunion. They will be deciding their 2019 site on Saturday, and will notify Curtis if they wish to come with us. Mike and Frank had additional location suggestions.

New business – Curtis Hanson moved to grant Tom Jost's estate a full refund of his reunion registration fees, Frank Graham 2nd – Approved.

Good of the order – Pres. Rossi mentioned that we should dedicate this year's reunion memory book to Tom Jost and Al Webb – Concurrence was achieved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1120.

Resp'y

Curtis Hanson, Secretary