

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, February 11, 2012

The Beverly Hills Council's Board of Directors meeting was held at the Malibu home of BHC's Executive Vice President, Dr. Seymour Ulansey, on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Board members in attendance were: Ron Dutton, president, Sey Ulansey, Exec VP, Marilyn Allaire, Treasurer, Pat Patton, Judge Advocate, Laurie Allison, Michael Poles, Webmaster/PAO, Linda Poles, Roland Neill, Jonathan Jeon, James Hinton, and Gwen Hinton.

The meeting was called to order by Council president, Ron Dutton. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Marilyn Allaire read the Treasurer's Report. Following a short discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Under Old Business :

There was discussion of the Sunday Brunch at Dukes on March 4.

Ron said that aside from the Flyer being posted on the Website, Flyers had been mailed to all members - along with a Membership Survey letter. Marilyn reported that 20 people had already paid to come. Discussion then focused on prizes for the raffle. Roland is donating a number of books and a portable travel bag is being donated by Mike Naourmovich, a friend of the Council. Mike is also donating token table gifts . Sey Ulansey is donating a two or three planters. Discussion was given as to the gift to Dr. Kornfeld, the violinist. A desk clock from the Navy League's Ship's Store was agreed upon.

Also, discussion of the Council's Beach Party, scheduled for Saturday, July 21, to be held again at Sey Ulansey/s. Focus was given to who was going to do what. To handle the cooking..Sey will check with son Mitch, and Jonathan Jeon will help Mitch, or handle it alone. Ron mentioned that Board member at large, Raphael Magana was looking to fly out (from Wash.DC) to help out with this, or whatever. No decision regarding a bar tender. Laurie, Linda, Gwen, will oversee and handle the Silent Auction. Marilyn will handle the money. Michael Poles will handle the photography. Sey has arranged for a three man combo for the entertainment, and Ron said he'd already been in touch with Coast Guard Air Station LA to once again do a flyover / SAR demonstration with the help of the Bay Watch Team. Ron said that he has submitted an article for the Calendar Sections of the Malibu Times and the Malibu Surfside. Michael Poles has also posted a Beach Party flyer on the West Hollywood Calendar of Events page, and also on the Council's website. Submitting same to the Beverly Hills Courier was mentioned.

Ron said that there will have to be shifts of Board members to oversee the security of the auction tables.

Ron and Sey said NOW is the time for all Board members to start contacting those business and restaurants, plus to contribute to the Silent Auction. Ron mentioned that he, Sey and Laurie will again start approaching the Malibu community for their support within the next two weeks. Also items, such as art work, etc. whatever looks good and saleable for the auction table.

Discussion then turned to Sponsored Commands. Ron reported that he had presented the Perchard Award to one of the Coastguardsmen at the Coast Guard Air Station LA on the Wednesday before the Board meeting. As for the HALIBUT, the Catalina Cruise this year is 50/50 as the HALIBUT will be filling in for another cutter which will be going in to the yards during the summer. As for the Sea Cadets, Ron said that he'd been in recent contact with Hubbard Division's CO, LCDR Freddy Rodriguez, and he feels certain that the Hubbard Division will have a new and permanent meeting site by mid year. Regarding the NROTC unit at UCLA, Gwen and Jim Hinton again volunteered to donate the officer's sword. Date of that ceremony to be determined.

Regarding the USS HAMPTON, Ron said he'd just been contacted by the sub's Executive Officer and its looking good for the Council to both make a formal presentation of an adoption plaque and take care of Sailors of the Quarter on a weekday before the assembled crew, and separately take some 25 Council members on a tour of the sub on a Saturday both in May. Ron suggested that rather than charter a bus, that we use the train Amtrak's Surfliner and have the sub's vans pick us up. The sub's XO said he'd look into securing the vans. Ron said he'd check with the tour bus company.

Webmaster, Michael Poles reported that the Web was now updated, the Council's Minutes were now posted in the Board Section, and that the Beach Party Flyer was also now posted in the Calendar of Events section. Ron inquired as to Michael pulling enough information from the Website to make a core of a newsletter, "The Commodore," which Ron indicated it would be good to revive, but printing out only enough to mail to members without computers or computer access.

Regarding Membership - Ron reported that at this time the Council's official membership tally was 159. This included a considerable number of Life Members. Ron told the Board that he had just mailed some 150 letters to all life members, and to former members whose membership had expired back to 2008, plus a reminder letter to all those who will have to renew in 2012. By the end of March, we should know just who is actively with this

Council. As for the Life members...they'll always be "officially" listed as members, however, Ron said there would be a "working" roster and from that point on, the Council would only deal with those people, and no longer focus on those Life members who do not respond to the Survey letters just mailed.

Under New Business:

Ron raised the question of another Brunch in the Fall. He said that Shanghai Red's has been in touch again, and the Board felt that this would be a good place to try. No date was set at this time.

Ron again reviewed the idea of using Amtrak rather than a tour bus to take a group to tour the HAMPTON. He also stressed that those who go must be physically able to climb totally vertical ladders, and also must be US Citizens. He mentioned that the round trip cost to San Diego on Amtrak is \$36.00. We'd have to catch the 7 am train, and return on the 4 pm train. The train takes about 2 1/2 hrs.

There was no further business at this time. A motion was made for adjournment, which was passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board was set for Saturday, 21 April at Sey Ulanseys.