



USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association

Meeting Minutes October 13, 2007

Call to Order

October 13, 2007, Business Meeting, USS Henry L. Stimson All-Crew Reunion, Groton Inn and Suites, Groton, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 1505 by President Morris.

Officers Present: John Morris, President, Loree Riggs, Secretary

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from Kansas City were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Earl Forbes and second by Jack Nicholas. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report was made by John Morris in the absence of Treasurer Phillip Johnston. John reported that an audit had been conducted on Association financial records and that all transactions and bank statements were accepted by the audit committee. A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Jeff Bricmont and second by Charles Hladik. The motion was passed.

Old Business

Bylaw Revision: Several changes to the Bylaws were discussed. Most changes were proposed to bring bylaws into conformance with future Incorporation/Not-For-Profit requirements. Additionally, the appointed position of Historian was proposed. A motion to approve changes was made by Earl Forbes, second by Jeff Bricmont and approved.

Web Site: Loree Riggs discussed the current problems with the 655 Web Site. There have been many stated concerns that the web site is not maintained up to date. It was also discussed that contracting for another Web Master would not be "pro bono" and that the Association would be required to solicit funds to support a commercially available Web Master. Jack Nicholas moved, Ray Kreul offered second to seek another Web Master at Association expense. The motion was approved.

New Business

Election of Officers: The following officers were elected for the 2007-09 term of Office. President, Charles Hladik; Vice President, Robert Callahan; Secretary, Loree Riggs; Treasurer, Kenneth Meigs.

Appointments: Reunion site selection; after much discussion, the motion was made by Jack Nicholas and second by Earl Forbes that our 2009 Reunion is to be held at King's Bay, GA. Jim Kinney was appointed Reunion Chair for 2009. Our 2009 Reunion was approved. Jim will work with Association officers and past reunion committee members to plan for the 2009 Reunion.

Memorabilia Committee: The function of this committee was discussed and membership was to be solicited.

Ship's Historian: Loree Riggs was appointed Ship's Historian

Incorporation: A discussion concerning Not for Profit status and Incorporation was discussed. While there is significant expense and legal issues concerning Incorporation for the Association, members continue to feel that it would be something to consider. John Morris discussed the possibility of Section 503 (C) (19) "Veteran's Organization" as a possible filing status. The issue of State Incorporation presents several concerns/issues that remain unresolved. This issue was left for further consideration.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by J.B. Helms.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Hladik at 1618.

Respectfully Submitted:

Loree A. Riggs, Secretary