



USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN655 Association

Meeting Minutes
10 September 2005

Call to Order:

September 10, 2005, Business Meeting, USS Henry L. Stimson Reunion, Clarion Hotel, Kansas City, MO.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by John Morris, By-Laws Chairman

Committee Members Present: Phil Johnston, Chairman/Treasure, Chuck Hladik, Secretary, Loree Riggs, Bob Putnam. The meeting was attended by 21 other attendees.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from 2003 Silverdale meeting were distributed, discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Phil Johnston gave a preliminary Treasurer's report, to be finalized following the close out of 2005 reunion expenses. Final Report will be attached when complete.

Change in Agenda:

Because of the possible conflicting issues on the posted agenda, Chairman Morris request that the order be changed. There was no objection.

New Business:

Chairman Morris opened discussion on the location of the 2007 Reunion. Loree Riggs reported on facilities/tours available at King's Bay, Georgia and suggested that it might attract members from SC, GA, and FL who had never attended a reunion. John Hazen proposed Charleston, SC. Bob Weeks suggested that our best attended reunion was in Groton, CT and that we should consider returning there. After some discussion, Chairman Morris called for a vote. The vote was; Charleston-1, King's Bay-7, Groton-17. The 2007 Reunion will be held in Groton, CT.

Earl Forbes said that he had talked with Ray Krueel and that Ray had agreed to Chair the next reunion if it were held in Groton. Later discussion with Ray confirmed his volunteering as Chairman for the 2007 Reunion, with the rest of the 2007 Reunion Committee to be named later.

A brief discussion concerning a new Web Site for SSBN 655 was held. Loree Riggs indicated that Randy Allen had agreed to be the new Web Master and had already procured a new Domain Name, SSBN655.org. The general consensus was that the Association should pay the annual cost associated with the web site. It was also pointed out that Jeff Bricmont had done a great job over the years and was to be recognized for his effort. In accordance with the By-Laws, President Morris appointed the following people to serve on a Web Site Committee; Randy Allen, Chairman, Jeff Bricmont, Loree Riggs, Tyler Montgomery.

Old Business:

The next order of business was the discussion of forming an Association and approval of the proposed by-laws. The group acknowledged the work of John Morris in developing the by-laws and thanked the by-laws committee for their work. The discussion made clear the separation of the Association from the Reunion function and makes membership of the Association and reunion attendance unrelated. After additional discussion and no dissention, Bob Roos moved to accept the By-Laws, Second by Ken Pugh. Further discussion suggested a Name Change to USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association, with all agreeing. The adoption of the By-Laws was passed by a unanimous vote of all present.

New Business (continued):

Having Approved the Association and Adoption of the By-Laws, the next order of business was the election of officers. The following individuals were unanimously elected Officers and Board of Directors for the USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association:

John Morris	President
Robert Callahan	Vice President
Loree Riggs	Secretary
Phillip Johnston	Treasurer

These individuals will serve a term concluding at the next Regular meeting in 2007.

Appointments: The appointment of the Memorabilia Committee was deferred pending additional discussion and information. J.B. Helms was appointed the Association Chaplain. The following were appointed to the 2007 Reunion Advisory Committee: Phil Johnston, Loree Riggs, Ron Testa, and John Morris. As with elected positions, Committees are appointed for a 2 year reunion cycle.

The next order of business was a discussion of the possible Incorporation of the Association, application for 501-C-3 tax exempt status with IRS, and filing with a state as a Not-for-Profit Corporation. While this can be a very complicated process and the need for outside help from an attorney/paralegal, it was indicated that we may not have the internal expertise to get through this process by ourselves. It was also pointed out that the process could be very costly, \$500-\$2,000, depending on the level of assistance and the cost imposed by the state where it was filed. Continued discussion led to the agreement that the Board of Directors will continue to study this issue and bring a recommendation to the 2007 Regular Meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Bob Weeks requested that the following individuals be made Honorary Members of USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association; Mr. Louis Kruczynski, a longtime associate and reunion attendee and Vladimir Zubkov, a former Soviet Union Submarine Commanding Officer and a guest at our 2001 reunion in Groton. Under provisions of the By-Laws, Section II., President Morris made the requested appointments and requested the Secretary to write letters confirming the appointments.

Adjournment:

Chaplain Helms led in the Benediction.

Having no other business to come before the Association, President Morris adjourned the meeting at 4:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Loree A. Riggs, Secretary

Approved as read

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