



USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association

Business Meeting Minutes
24 October 2009

Opening

The meeting of The Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association was called to order by President Hladik at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009. This meeting was held in conjunction with SSBN 655 Reunion VI in St. Marys, GA. The meeting was attended by 57 shipmates and wives. Chaplain JB Helms led the group in prayer.

Reading of the minutes

Secretary Riggs presented the minutes from Reunion V. There was no discussion. The motion and second was made to accept the minutes. The motion was passed by everyone present voting "aye."

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Meigs presented the financial report. There was a motion and second to approve the Financial Report. The motion was passed and the report approved.

Motion to Suspend

There was a motion and second to suspend the meeting order for the purpose of revising the Bylaws. The motion was approved.

Bylaw Revision

There was discussion of two sections of the Bylaws. One change that was sought related to the format of the financial records. The original section required the use of a standard accounting program. It was found that investing in available software to maintain the records was costly and restrictive, as the program could not be transported from one computer (treasurer) to another. The amendment allowed for any spreadsheet based records could be used, subject to Board approval. There was a motion and second to allow this change and the motion was passed.

The second amendment related to the term of office for the elected officers. This issue was proposed by Loree Riggs who requested to retain the Office of Secretary because of the nature of the position and its relationship to the All Crew Data Base and large amounts of archived photos, documents, CDs related to the history of SSBN 655. After some discussion there was a motion and second to allow the revision under certain requirements and pertaining to all elected officers. The motion passed.

There was a motion and second to return to the Agenda order of business. The motion passed.

Election of Officers

The election of officers resulted in the following:

- President.....Charles Hladik
- Vice President....Neal Anderson
- Secretary.....Loree Riggs
- Treasurer.....Ken Meigs

Old Business

The following appointments were made; JB Helms, Chaplain; Loree Riggs, Historian; Virginia Host, Web Master; Storekeeper, Ray/Rita Kreul.

There was a brief discussion regarding Incorporation as a C(19) Not for Profit Veterans organization. No formal action was taken

Loree Riggs reported that the Web Master, Virginia Host LLC, has done a very good job converting the web site from Randy Allen to Virginia Host. This required additional programming to incorporate the various web pages that were set up originally. The biggest task was incorporating the All Crew Roster, its data fields, and the sign in protocol. The other issue was VH’s security issues that could compromise their entire server network. It was noted that the major criticism of the previous providers has been corrected. VH has been reactive to our needs and response times are usually less than 24 hours.

New Business

There was one request for Honorary Membership. Alan Markow was an employee of Raytheon. He rode the 655 as a civilian technical representative. During one trip he was made an Honorary Crew Member. There was a motion and second to accept Alan Markow as an Honorary Member of the Association. The motion was passed and the Secretary was asked to write a letter notifying him of our action. Welcome aboard, Alan Markow.

There was much discussion regarding the location of Reunion VII. Loree Riggs presented a proposal requesting the reunion be held in Springfield, Illinois. Nick Nichols, repeating the request of Joe Mueller, proposed the reunion to be held in Charleston, South Carolina. A show of hands vote resulted in the selection of Charleston, SC as the site for Reunion VII. Nick Nichols volunteered to serve as Reunion coordinator.

Adjournment

A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Helms. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m., see you in Charleston.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

Loree Riggs, Secretary

Charles Hadlik, President