



# USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association

## Meeting Minutes October 12, 2013

### **Opening**

The meeting of the Association was called to order by President Hladik at 3:25 P.M. Chaplain Helms led the group in the opening prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

### **Meeting Minutes from 2011**

Secretary Riggs presented the minutes for approval. Earle Forbes moved to approve the minutes and Jimmy Legg seconded. The Minutes were approved.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Meigs presented the Financial Report. In addition to the standing report, there was a report on the success of the Request for Contributions for the Memorial Bench for Patriot's point, Charleston. The response was overwhelming and the cost of the bench was exceeded in the contributions. There was a request (Ray Kreul) to send Rusty Pickett a note of Thanks for his help with the bench. There was discussion concerning the amount of money in the Memorial Fund. It was suggested that a donation be made to St. Marys Submarine Museum for their Building Fund. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$1500 from our Memorial Fund to this project. The motion carried and the donation will be made at the Banquet.

### **Old Business**

Committee Reports:

Historian: Historian Riggs reported on the additions to the All Crew Roster and the cataloguing of the memorabilia. The Board of Directors had approved the donation of the 655 Commissioning Plaque to the St. Marys Submarine Museum. This artifact is very heavy and difficult to transport from one reunion to the next and in the interest of preserving the plaque, it was decided that it needed a permanent home. It will be presented at the Banquet.

Web Page: In the absence of Nick Nichols, Riggs reported that Nick had agreed to become the Association Web Master, continue working with Virginia Host LLC to maintain the Crew Data Base and develop a new set of pages for the Association. In the interest of time, the sample prepared by Nick was not presented.

Memorial Bench: See discussion in Financial Report

### **New Business**

Proposed Bylaws change: Loree Riggs presented the proposed change which clarifies the issue of Reunion Registration Refunds. After some discussion, Jimmy Legg moved and George Crawford seconded the change be made. The motion carried.

Next Reunion: It was proposed that the next All Crew Reunion be held in Charleston, SC in 2016 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 655 Commissioning. After some discussion, Tom Brandish moved and Roy Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the note that the local shipmates would determine the Committee Chair and members at a later date.

Honorary Member Nomination: Loree Riggs nominated Keith Post, Executive Director of the St. Marys Submarine Museum for Association Honorary Membership. Loree Riggs moved, Ken Meigs seconded the nomination and it was approved. Welcome aboard Keith.

Election of Officers: The Association Board's slate of proposed officers for 2013-2016 were presented as follows; Ray Kreul, President, Tom Krause, Vice President, Nick Nichols, Secretary, Ken Meigs, Treasurer. Earle Forbes moved to accept the proposed slate, Allen Reed seconded the motion, and the new officers were approved.

President Kreul assumed the Chair and proceeded to make the Association Appointments as follows: Web Master, Nick Nichols, Chaplain, JB Helms, Historian, Loree Riggs, Storekeeper, Rita Kreul.

### **For the Good of the Order**

President Kreul thanked everyone for a most successful Reunion VIII and hoped to see everyone in Charleston in 2016.

### **Adjournment**

George Crawford moved the meeting to be adjourned, Tom Bradish seconded. The Meeting of the USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655 Association Reunion VIII was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Loree A. Riggs, Acting Secretary  
(Date of 2016 reunion meeting)