



**USS Henry L Stimson SSBN 655 Association  
Meeting Agenda  
October 13, 2018  
Embassy Suites, Oklahoma City OK  
Reunion #10**



Meeting called to Order at 1406

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Krauser, Vice President

Purpose of the Stimson Association discussed by Tom Krauser, Vice President

Rules of order discussed by Nick Nichols, Secretary.

- When making comments, please stand state your name for the recorder.
- Only one person talk at a time; if in back please speak loud enough to hear.

Invocation led by Jake Morris, Chaplain

Recognitions:

- All Past Stimson officers, guests or their representative's
- Chuck Hladlk, Reunion Chairman
- Jake Morris, past President and current Chaplain

Opening Remarks by Ray Kreul, President

- Thanks to all the shipmates and wives who have attended the 2018 reunion, especially the first time attenders.
- Recognition of present officers and any guests.
  - Ray Kreul (President), Tom Krauser (Vice President), Kenneth Meigs (Treasurer), Nick Nichols (Secretary), Jake Morris (Chaplain)

Secretary's report: Nick Nichols

- Past minutes – these minutes have been posted on the web since after the last meeting. Motion to approve. Minutes were approved as final for the 2016 reunion.
- Association memberships registered for the reunion was 85 but we had less due to illness, weather. Final total attending was 76 attending.
- Regular: 742 with active email; 220 not able to contact; 395 on the looking for list
  - If phone numbers, addresses or email addresses change please contact the Secretary so we can continue to make contact with you.
- Life: 73 with 5 on Eternal Patrol
  - Briefly discussed Lifetime membership.
  - Presented Joe Muth LTM Certificate and Card
  - Number of departed shipmates since last reunion 23
  - Present reunion up date: 81 registered

Treasurer's report: Ken Meigs

- Phil Johnston was first treasurer when organized and also organized the first reunion in North Dakota.
- One account – three funds: **A**ssociation (operational), **R**eunion (seed money), **C**harity  
A: \$10,149; R: \$500; C: \$2536 (called the LTM account – LifeTimeMember)

- Discussed the way books are kept to account for the funds. The books are always open for membership to see.

## Committee Reports:

- Ship's Store: Jim Weaver – not present due to illness. Still carries some items as SK. We will visit that in the future to see exactly what we want to do with this position. The Kreuls' worked with a vendor they know in order to get the shirts/hats, etc. for this reunion.
- Historian/Memorabilia: Larry Knutson is storing all memorabilia and documents for the Association at his house in Ladson SC.
- Webpage: Nick Nichols - This is a constant work in progress.
  - Changes were made to the website and have removed the old membership database and turned into a secure PDF. No problems so far.
  - All changes to the sailing list will be made by the webmaster.
  - If you've noticed the Eternal Patrol page you will see many more Memorial Page links than we had at the last meeting. Most of these are due to the hard work of Don Ort in finding obituaries, headstone pictures, and even calling families to get more info. BZ Don!!
  - Monthly eNewsletters are being sent out and placed on the website. Our web host has increased our storage to 1GB for the same price we were paying. The input by our members make the newsletter what it is.

## Old Business:

- Stimson Bench – It has been noticed that the Cold War Memorial in Charleston, especially the benches and monuments, have not been maintained very well by Patriot's Point. Rusty Pickett, who was instrumental in getting the CWM setup, has suggested a process to keep the area cleaned up. He will ask all boat groups with benches or monuments to donate money to a fund for this maintenance. The fund will be maintained by USSVI Charleston Base Treasurer and money only issued to Rusty whenever he has a working party day for maintenance and cleaning of the CWM area. Make a motion to make a one-time donation of \$100 to this fund.
- Tom Bradish asked if CWM is a 301 organization – answer no; is our group one - no; Ken Meigs discussed issue of setting up; Tom Bradish will check in to setting up a 301.
- Motion made Bob Knight/Second Dave Violette \$100 to fund; amended to perpetual \$100 per year when requested by CWM group. Motion approved.

## New Business

- Election of 2016-2018 Officers:
  - The Board moves that the following officers retain their positions for the next term. They have accepted this move if approved. Mike Stracke moved to approve and it was passed.
    - Secretary- Nick Nichols
    - Treasurer- Ken Meigs
  - The Board moves the following:

- The board moves Tom Krauser, current Vice-President, be elected the Association President. Tom has accepted this move if approved. Chuck Hladik motioned/Steve Novic seconded. Passed
- Since there were no names entered for the Vice-President position, the Board will take nominations from the floor:
  - Steve Novic volunteered – elected new VP

Ray Kreul passed the baton to Tom Krauser as new President.

- The Board moves to provide the St. Mary's Submarine Museum with a donation of \$2000 dollars. Tom Lawson seconded. Passed
  - Question was asked on what recognition the Association receives from the museum.
  - By donating to the museum we are guaranteed a location to house all our Stimson memories when the Association disbands.
- Bylaw Revision/s (list bylaw revisions, if any)
  - ARTICLE I.VI.a: "Dues" **PASSED**
    - Current:
      - Dues are not mandatory. A \$10.00 dues request shall be made at each reunion (approximately every two years) to assist in covering Association expenses defined below. Surviving spouses/families are exempt from this provision. At any time, a member may make a one-time payment of \$100.00 for Lifetime Membership. Special recognition and a separate roster of all Lifetime Members shall be established and maintained by the Secretary and posted on the Web Site by the Web Master. At the conclusion of each reunion, after all current reunion expenses have been met, the Association may retain up to \$5000.00 in the General Operating Fund. This amount may be supplemented by dues income during the following reunion cycle. The Treasurer shall provide the Board of Directors with financial statement within ninety days following a reunion as specified in Article II below, and the board shall determine the disposition of funds, if any, in excess of \$5000.00.

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○ ARTICLE I.VI.b.1: "Dues" **PASSED**

- Current:
  - Up to \$5,000.00 shall be transferred to the General Operating Fund of the Association.

Change to read:

- **Dues up to \$10,000 for the General Operating Fund, \$5,000 for the Charitable Fund and \$3000 for the Reunion Fund shall be transferred to the appropriate fund.**

○ ARTICLE I.VI.c.1.a: "Dues" **PASSED**

- Current:
  - Life membership dues collected shall be set aside as a Charity Fund.

Change to read:

- **Life membership dues collected shall be set aside as 100% to the Charity Fund.**

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○ ARTICLE III.I.a.1. "Election of Officers" **PASSED**

- Current:
  - At least 90 days before the next Reunion Business Meeting, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee of 3 members to select a slate of Officers for the next election.

Change to read:

- **At least 90 days before the next Reunion Business Meeting, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee of 3 members to select a slate of Officers for the next election. If he is unable to locate 3 members to be the Nominating Committee, he will inform the Board. At that point, the Board will become the Nominating Committee for that Election Cycle.**

New appointments:

- Chaplain: Jake Morris, LT G 66-69 from CA

- Reunion Location & Chairman 2020.

Nick read Keith Post's email. After much discussion it was decided it was not in our best interest to have the reunion as part of the WWII Memorial in Kings Bay. Tom Krauser requested comments about where to hold and when. Tom Bradish commented East Coast and the current time frame for the 2020 seemed to be the best.

- Chuck made motion/Nick seconded to put on website for two months and request someone to be chairman. Discussion. Motion was withdrawn.
- Nick motion to not have a reunion in 2020 if no one steps up to have the reunion. No second. No vote.
- Dick Young volunteered to chair 2020 in Cincinnati.
- Dick Young made the motion/Jerry Blevins seconded to have the 2020 Reunion in Cincinnati. Motion passed.
- Nick made motion to let Dick decide when cutoff and non-refundable dates. Motion was passed.
- Board motioned to repay Chuck any money of his own money used for the reunion. Passed.

Good of the Order:

- Recognized Chuck for his success in setting up the 2018 Reunion with a round of applause.

Benediction: Jake Morris, Chaplain

Meeting adjourned: Time 1620