

USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION CINCINNATI, OHIO

September 4th 2010, Fort Mitchell, KY.

BUSINESS MEETING 9 AM till

Convention Hotel

Attendees from Graybackbase:

David Berndt, Ed Poole, George Bradley, Kent Khuen, Allen Legel, Paul Casovant, Bob Thompson.

Cmdr Colon called USSVI Annual Meeting to order@ 9AM

Moment of silence for remembrance of lost shipmates

2009 -2010 Officers were introduced the data available on web site

Minutes available on last years meeting available on line.

Treasures Report 2009 investments down 10%, 12,800 members a net gain of 600 loss of 800 passing away Recruiting awards given out, 154 bases, 4 new added Norfolk won bid for future National Meet *Report approved*

Reading of Creed by Commander

- 13,536 members 33 in que 158 bases want to get to 14,000 members by Dec 31st 2010. Presently 900 WWII Vets in USSVI
- Attitude survey recently done will be continued
- USSVI War Vet Project as vets group is required to have 90% membership required.
- National archives moved to North Little Rock from Groton Conn.
- 2011 Calendar 75% sold to date
- Election explained as to some technical problems
- Lesion learned report being assembled by Natl Sectrary

Treasurers report Cont

2009 IRS file on line under docs Jan – Dec taxes

Rev \$222,443 thru Sept 9th

Exp \$228,030

(5,380) Short fall Taken from investment account considered but was not necessary

As of July 31 \$452,261.12 in investment Account Almost back to where we were 2 yrs ago

Last Year Convention Receipts \$229,325.21

Expenses \$231,248.11

(1,922) Short fall spit between 2 bases San Diago

Report Accepted vote carried

Vice Cmdr on BUDGET 8,700 members Holland and life 13,000 members overall average age 66

It is hard to run on revenues. \$1,390,000 including all investments We are the equivalent of a 1.75 Million dollar company. **DETAIL WILL BE ONLINE SOON**

Budget for 2010-2011 estimated at \$200 K We are looking for revenue sources as dues paying members are decreasing . Areas of expense/costs 80% 1) National office fixed costs 30%, 2) American Submarine Mag \$83,500. 3) Travel Nat'l officers Regional Commander Retention is Key

We will need \$28K from our investment account to meet the budget

Financially Sound! Good Prospects for next 20 years Motion and approved

Mike Bircumshaw Editor and Jr Vice Cmdr Reports

Need a new editor but he will help out - split job – Digital subscription is good 700 take the mag digitally, It cost \$6K an issue four times a year for \$24K on postage which is going up Looking for advertisement programs.

As Vice Cmdr National Membership Chair working the database Need to gain new members, We have our own culture, own language and sea stories in essence camaraderie.

Boat sailors will find boat sailors. How to keep them? Pay attention to them. Call the guys that don't show up at meetings

Make meetings short on business - need to socialize – sea stories should be added – Show interest. Make it a fun event for base. Base sect worst job

Members Survey Natl fund raising 68% favor 82% of members 1200 responded to survey

Things in works in near future: Submarine race different boats and classes of boats – boomers; membership and officers support National Memorial in DC 88% of members 73 officers a majority; Setting in motion maybe our 50th anniversary in 2014; placement of plaque in DC 86% favor \$3 to \$5K; gathering of sub floats in Washington DC around Vet's Day Parade 2014

Survey results in latest Sub Mag

Nat'l Sect Report 5 new bases, Nathaniel Green started with 90 plank members; Article of Incorporation changes; need to get sub mag in sync between events like the voting, change time cycle. Stated there was no cheating no violations from any base or members Report approved on motion

Old Business None Awards next half hour announcing and giving out awards. To be seen in Sub Mag

Children's Caps Charity "Caps for Kids" 70 bases in 2007 gave 2500 caps to children with cancer; 1500 this year so far, overall a total of 5K since inception

Announced a head break and our crew exited to the bar...Grayback base gave a memorial photo to Paul Casovant and we all toasted his service. Ed Poole can tell the history on Paul.

Election Results

Date: 9/4/2010 To: Distribution List

FLASH-01: USSVI 2010 Election Results

Submitted by: Pat Householder IPNC on 9/4/2010

National Commander T Michael Bircumshaw

Senior Vice Commander Jon Jaques

Junior Vice Commander Al Singleman

Secretary Tom Conlon

Treasurer John Markiewicz

NE Region Paul Orstad

SE Region Bill Andrea

Central Region Wayne Standerfer

Western Region Jim Dunn

Proposed Amendments all passed

2013 Convention will be held in Rochester, MN. Starting in 2014, the meetings will be held in the even numbered years.