

# USS YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

May 7, 2017

Board of Directors Reunion At Sea Meeting

Time: 05/07/2017 At 1305

President Bill Krug calls the meeting to order

## Officers:

Bill Krug III, President	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Sam Jeffrey, Vice-President	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Mike Polyniak, Treasurer	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Alan Koepke, Secretary/Editor	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>

## Directors:

Ron Barnett (2016)	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>
Michael Braidwood (2016)	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>
Cooper Gilbreath (2015)	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Art Jorgensen (2015)	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>
Mike Polyniak (2017)	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
George Warner (2017)	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>

## Appointed Members:

Alan Koepke, Historian	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Michael Braidwood, Chaplin	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>
Cooper Gilbreath, Ship's Store	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Howard Fields, Master-at-Arms	Present <u>  X  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Alphonso Montibello, Web Mstr	Present <u>      </u>	Absent <u>  X  </u>

## Opening Ceremony

- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- In the absence of Chaplin Braidwood, Bill Krug provided an opening prayer.

## Old Business

- **Secretary Report** - Alan Koepke read the Secretary's Report from the Board of Directors meeting at the San Antonio reunion. Motion by Cooper Gilbreath to accept the minutes as read. Second by Sam Jeffrey. Motion passed.
- **Treasurers Report - May 1st, 2016 thru April 30, 2017**
- Starting balance of \$10,071.91
- Income - Memberships=\$265.00, Tip and Raffle jar=\$581.00, Pay Pal account=\$326 and has a \$20.00 cushion, Reunion banquet reservation=\$44.00, transferred \$600.00 from CD to checking account to maintain required \$3000 balance
- Expenses - Expenses from 2016 reunion= \$4577.06, Treasurers supplies=\$6.89, no Scholarship expenses this year, sent \$1000 check to Casino Resort hotel in

Philadelphia for 2018 reunion, Ship's Store reimbursement= \$326.00, Coinco souvenirs for the Cruise=\$189.66, \$2500 to Webmaster, and \$56 to Gloria Miller

- Initial balance including total income is \$12,012.91 minus Accounts Payable of \$8,773.80 leaves a balance of \$3,239.11.
- We have a CD with a value of \$11,107.76, for a total assets of \$23,052.07
- Motion by Mike Williams to accept Treasurer's Report as read. Second by Cooper Gilbreath. Motion passed.
- **Ship's Store Report** - The value of inventory items was \$5267, carryover checkbook balance of \$897.27, for an end of 2016 balance of \$6164.27.
- Current inventory value is \$5578, checkbook balance of \$813.29, Pay pal receipts of \$460, for a total balance so far in 2017 is \$6851.29.
- Cooper explained how he and Mike Polyniak are handling the Pay Pal account.
- Cooper discussed the feasibility of having plaques and a Lone Sailor raffle due to the cost of these items and small numbers of people buying raffle tickets. Bill Krug suggested checking into other vendors for a Lone Sailor and plaque.
- Bill Krug and Mike Polyniak explained the process they had to go through with Carnival in order to even be able to have the raffle on board the ship.
- Motion by Mike Polyniak to accept the Ship's Store report as presented. Seconded by Mike Williams. Motion passed.
- **Chaplin's Report** - No Chaplin's report as Mike Braidwood was unable to make the Cruise due to health issues with his care giver.
- **Scholarship Report** - Bill Krug reported on the Scholarship committee for Wendy Krug. There were four applicants for the scholarship but only one that completed the whole process. Motion by Howard Fields to award the \$500 scholarship to the applicant. Seconded by Sam Jeffry. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- Newsletters - Discussed whether we should keep them as a quarterly publication or go to monthly or semi-annually. Motion by Cooper to keep it as a quarterly newsletter. Seconded by Mike Williams. Motion passed.
- Membership Applications - Discussion included keeping the process as it is now with the current annual dues and life time membership values. We will revisit this at the next meeting to see where we are monetarily.
- Other items brought up for discussion by Bill:
  1. Bill asked the Historian if he has any other memorabilia that could be brought to the Philly reunion. The Historian indicated that he still has a few things that could be brought to Philly, and Mike Williams also has a few things he could bring.
  2. Signature cards for our checking account are going to be updated.
  3. Does anyone have a copy of the original documents for our organization, or does anyone know who might have them. Mike Williams will check his stuff and also check with Jerry McWaters. Alan Koepke will check to see if he got anything from Smoky.
  4. We will need to have liability insurance for our Philly reunion.
  5. Discussed possible sites for 2019 reunion. Bill put out Savannah, Ga, and Mobile ,Al, as possible destinations. Motion by Howard Fields that the

Board recommend Savannah as the 2019 reunion site. Second by Cooper. Motion passed.

6. Discussed having a Chaplin's Corner on our web site. Alphonso will create this and have any letters and requests sent directly to the Chaplin. Also, and obits that we receive will also be posted on this site. Bill has a list of 30 deceased members from the past year that he will pass out.
7. Bill discussed the possibility of having combined reunions with other Dixie class tenders. Some of these tenders are already doing this, and he has been approached by some of them for interest from the Yosemite to do this. At this time the general opinion seems to be that we continue to operate the way we are and revisit this in the future if we need to.
8. At the general meeting there will be a call for nominations for the various positions on the Board. All those who currently have appointed positions will keep them. Howard Fields has been appointed to be the Master At Arms, replacing Mike Williams.
9. Bill has a Certificate Of Appreciation and a \$50 gift card for our old web master, Michelle Crooker. She was to receive it on this cruise until we found out that the McWaters' were unable to make the cruise.
10. Bill discussed looking into ways to save money for our Organization. One thing we will do is cut back on the number of Plaques and Lone Sailor statues that we raffle off at our reunions. We will be looking into finding a new vender for these things that will sell them to us at a better price. Also we could sponsor a 501 (c) organization on our web site. We would get a percentage on any donation to this organization that was made thru our web site. Alphonso would set this up for us using our Pay Pal account. Motion by Cooper to sponsor Howard Fields Sea Cadets and the New Jersey Veterans for Veterans as pilot programs. Second by Sam. Motion passed.
11. Bill discussed having "Coffee Break" meetings in the Jacksonville/Mayport area. We would advertise in local papers and Military publications as to the time and place of these meetings, and free coffee and info about our organization would be provided to those who show up. We have to do a better job of promoting our organization thru social media, military publications, local newspapers, and word of mouth.
12. Bill also mentioned the possibility of having a Women's Auxiliary for our organization. Any ladies interested should contact Wendy.

### **Web Site Training**

- Bill contacted Alphonso to get people set up for web training. Alphonso will contact individuals to set up time for their training.
- Bill also discussed service fees with Aphonso. After the required people are trained, he will only charge us \$40 an hour for his help if the total for the year is less than the \$500 yearly maintenance fee.

### **Philly Reunion**

- Bill reported that we have a signed contract at the Valley Forge Casino Hotel for May 2 thru May 6, 2018.
- We will have all the amenities that we have had at hotels for past reunions, and we will get a voucher for a 10% discount in any of the restaurants there.
- Bill gave an update on the dates and times of the tours that we have booked.

**Meeting Adjourned: 1534**