



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – WARWICK, R.I. – SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Rossi at 3:08 PM. DL-3 Ship Coordinator Pete Peterson was absent/excused. All other BoD members were present.

VP Gary Marchido led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which President Rossi welcomed the Board members to Warwick

**Minutes:** Secretary Hanson had prepared written minutes from the Spring BoD meeting. One correction (the date of the meeting) was noted and changed. Mike Bugara moved to approve the minutes as corrected, John Lair seconded – Minutes approved.

**Correspondence:** Brief discussion regarding the gift of \$250.00 to the DLA from Tom Jost's estate by Melody Argo, his life partner. There was no add'l correspondence to report.

**Reunion Planner:** Mike Bugara

**Current Reunion:** Five DLA members arriving before Monday (9-9-2019) were bumped by the hotel to the nearby Holiday Inn because of another function's booking overlapping ours. All members are now at the Crowne Plaza. We have one full bus for the Newport tour; two buses for the Boston events. We will be passing the hat for the drivers on both these buses. (Secretary's note: *Mike also said we'd need donations for the tour guides – this proved to not be the case.*) A work detail will be needed for the Memorial Service.

The credit card reader to be used during the auction did not work; the bank has been notified and the reader returned – closed account. We spent \$220.26 on it – refund is requested.

Re the silent auction – Curtis related what the process would be for choosing silent auction items, bidding rules and when it would close (7:30 PM, Thursday, 9-12-2019.)

**2020 Reunion** Inclusive dates are August 8 – 14, 2020, Hotel will be the Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter, on Bourbon St., New Orleans. Cost will be \$109.00 per night, plus taxes. The tour company recommended by CVB will use 25-passenger buses. There'll be a city tour incl. cemetery; we'll have a river cruise lunch; WWII museum all day on 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Mike is working on acquiring an airport shuttle @ \$40.00 R/T.

**2021 Reunion:** 2021 Reunion ... At an educational summit earlier this year, Larry and Mike spoke with a Bismarck, ND representative who pitched "the best they could" ... but that it wouldn't work for us; no activities. Currently on the cities list are Bismarck, Rapid City, Nashville with a possibility of a cruise reunion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Bugara:

Currently the general budget balance is \$4,609.18. The spread sheet that was distributed shows pertinent detail. Mike also reported on the status of the reunion account and what has been spent on buses, the hotel, etc.

Re. reunion attendance and dues payments, Mike reports that he went through every file card he has on members. He sent post cards to "life members" requesting any donation; he says he also utilized email / newsletters. Without continuing donations and/or attendance @ reunions these members must be dropped. Cards will be held in case donations/attendance resume.

**Nominations:** Bob Godas, as Nominator, named Larry Rossi as the only candidate for President. There were no nominations for the Secretary's position.

**New Business:** Based upon the delisting of the "life member" category, it is necessary to amend our Bylaws, Article 3. After some discussion, it was decided to utilize the term "perpetual member," referring to those "life" members who were grandfathered in when the "life member" term was deleted from the Bylaws. (2017). The

newly constructed section will note that those who had attained the age of 80 and were relieved of paying dues will now be termed “perpetual members.” “Life member” is no longer a valid membership category. This matter will be brought to the members at our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>; if the vote is positive, ratification of the new section will occur at our New Orleans reunion in 2020.

**Good of the order:** V.P. Marchido suggested that lack of attendance following our outreach efforts might indicate that members don’t want to attend if none of their contemporaneous shipmates are going to attend.

Secretary Hanson reported on his most recent contact with the USS Savage reunion group -they have no interest in combining with the DLA. He suggests we “write off” the Savage and the Coontz. Frank Graham said that if/when we come to the point where we are near the end, we should join the Tin Can Sailors national reunions.

**Adjournment:** There being no additional matters for the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM

Respectfully submitted:

**Curtis Hanson**

Curtis Hanson, Secretary

Destroyer Leader Association

September 21, 2019