



MINUTES, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 11/2/2018

The meeting was called to order at 0938 by President Larry Rossi; Secretary Curtis Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the membership meeting, San Antonio, TX, 9/15/2017, having been on display and available in the Hospitality Room since the beginning of this reunion, be accepted w/o further reading. Passed – minutes approved.

Mike Bugara presented a wrap-up of this reunion, beginning with a plea for members to complete and return the post-reunion surveys. *Secretary's note – 21 surveys were received and forwarded to me – I will create a summation and recommendations for the BoD by year's end.* Mike reported that the auction raised \$2,400 and compared that amount to our 2017 auction, \$1,619.00

Newsletter Pres. Rossi reported that the DLA Newsletter would be reduced from 3 to 2 issues per year, due to lack of funds and material (articles, sea stories, etc.) Related info was presented by the editor. Bill Svendsen re newsletter being our only contact for some – suggested more reunion detail be promulgated earlier than the issuance of reunion packets. Bob Godas asked for info/humor/stories to be submitted to Ships Coordinators – Editor volunteered to take info directly.

Correspondence – Mike Bugara reported on Melody Argo's thanks for refund (Tom Jost reunion reg)

Treasurer's Report – Mike Bugara

Mike Bugara gave a detailed description of budget entries, debits and credits. In part:

\$2,051.00 ... currently in the general fund

\$ 138.00 ... currently in the reunion fund

Received as of 10/1: Dues \$1,005; Donations \$605; Ships Store: \$415.00 sales

This year's Auction \$2,400.

Curtis reported on the BoD's decision to halve the Spring meeting's travel reimbursement to \$250.00.

Bill Svendsen asked about the DLA's payment to Picture Day for underage of Memory Book orders ... almost \$500. We are contracted for a set number of books – if not all are purchased by members, the DLA has to buy the left-overs (for possible sale in the Ship's Store.)

Donations: Mike reported that 2017 donations from grandfathered life members came to almost \$3K ... this year only \$605.00 has been received. Detailed definition of "life members" was requested /made – as was info regarding snail-mail only members.

Bob Godas moved to strike members from lists after 5 years of non-payment of dues and non-activity, the purpose being to end "excessive newsletters" after 5 years. Seconded, and discussion followed. Jeff Patterson moved to amend to 2 yrs, Ball seconded. Discussion ensued, with Bill Svendsen suggesting we table the question; John Lair suggesting dropping after only 1 year. No action taken on either suggestion. Vote taken: Amendment – Passed, Motion – Passed. Roster administrator to be notified.

There was a question about paying dues in advance, up to age 80. Since there is no longer a "life member" designation, ALL members should be paying dues ... grandfathered life members (became life members prior to the change in bylaws eliminating the designation) are asked to donate. Paying dues "in escrow" (explained) is still permitted.

Richard Ball moved to accept the financial report, Bob Godas 2nd, Motion carried.

Ship's Store Bill Svendsen – briefly revisited the issue of overage of reunion memory books. Indicated that Ship's Store prices will be rising due to increased costs; particularly shirts, golf shirts, jackets, sweatshirts. Don Demaris spoke re. putting notice in newsletter reminding members to be sure to buy the reunion book.

Election of officers Nominator Bob Godas indicated there were no nominations for Treasurer; Mike Bugara running for reelection. Godas received one nomination for VP (Davy Levy;) Gary Marchido running for reelection. VP candidates were asked to step outside during the vote ... Gary Marchido received 22 votes, Dave Levy received 9 votes. Marchido is re-elected as Vice President.

Treasurer Mike Bugara is reelected by acclamation.

Reunion City for 2020

Don Demaris suggested returning to San Antonio

Previously voted as “candidate cities,” were New Orleans, Muskegon, Branson and Santa Fe. Results of members' vote to select one of the four; New Orleans LA-15, Muskegon MI-6, Branson MO-4, Santa Fe NM-2. New Orleans will be our reunion city.

Reunion Cities for 2021

There was discussion re. several nominated locales, resulting in the following cities to bring before the 2020 membership meeting for final vote: **Bismarck, ND**, presented by Bill Svendsen – **Rapid City, SD**, presented by Ray Untz – **Nashville, TN**, presented by Mike Bugara.

Unfinished Business none.

New Business – Mike Biggs, Wilkinson ... re. virtual tours – some members did not get to enjoy what they wanted to see because of physical limitations – easier, better access to sites (or lack thereof) should be communicated to us by tour companies – Mike will address.,

Don Demaris, McCain ... question re. partnerships. USS Coontz opting out; Curtis to USS Savage reunion to finalize partnering with them. Marchido has list, originally created by Dave Levy, of possible partnerships, and has taken on the task of making contact and/or publicizing our willingness to share via Tin Can Sailors, etc.

Mike Bugara re 2019 – We will be staying in Warwick vs. Boston - \$109 nightly vs. \$250+ in Boston and its surroundings. Dates are 9/9 – 16/2019. Mike suggested details about coach trips, etc., possible memorial service at USS Constitution.

Curtis – Opening general conversation ... “what do you want to do, see, experience on a DLA tour?”

- Somewhere warm
- Dinner show
- Dinner, earlier, *al fresco* (5 – 6, 7 too late)
- Museums
- Shorter tours, less activity
- Alternating tour/stay-in days
- ½ day tours
- Activities for women
- Historical
- Charleston, market place was brought up as an example of tour/shopping. (Mike mentioned the cost of bus just to sit while we shop)
- Hotel shuttle to near-by - we need to know
- Accessibility to restaurants, etc.
- Bucket list – memorial on Arizona, Pearl Harbor tour, cruise (Mike)

See “pink sheets” report (when completed) for add'l comments.

Meeting adjourned 1113.

Resp'y submitted
Curtis Hanson, Secretary