

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE
UNITED STATES**

Board of Directors and Officers Meeting

20 January 2005

Minutes



Attendees:

Jack Ritter	Tom Lasseter	Chuck Cooley
Michael Murray	Nita Wathen	Glenn Looney
Max K. Miller	James Brotherton	Steve Smith
Lee Hagan	Jack Mayo	David Wells
Tom Griffy	Jeanie Coffey	CDR Ned Ash
LT Justin Whitt	Marvin Morgenroth	

Introductory Remarks by President:

President Max Miller called the meeting to order at 1200. After welcoming all, he thanked former President Steve Smith for the excellent manner in which he had led the Council during the preceding year. All expressed approval.

Approval of Minutes of 18 November 2004 Meeting of Board of Directors and Officers

Jack Ritter moved and Chuck Cooley seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors and Officers 18 November 2004 Meeting as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of General Membership Meeting 2 December 2004

Jack Ritter moved and Jim Brotherton seconded a motion to accept as printed the minutes of the General Membership Meeting prepared by Nita Wathen. The motion passed unanimously.

President Max Miller requested the minutes of the 20 January 2005 meeting be distributed electronically. The Secretary agreed to do so.

Business:

2004 Fiscal Year Financial Statement

Glenn Looney presented the Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2004. After much discussion concerning the beginning balance and the available checking balance at the end of the year (\$2,802.99 vs. \$1,910.00), it was determined the beginning balance included funds for the George T. Jones Scholarship Fund where as the available checking balance did not. The scholarship fund now has over \$4,523.00. The final result is that the Council has \$5,808.32 for a Net Worth including the scholarship fund. All funds are in the same bank account for now.

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Mike Murray moved and Tom Lasseter seconded a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2004 financial statement as presented. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the statement is attached.

2005 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget

Glenn Looney also presented a proposed budget. The proposed budget projects income of \$22,535 and expenses of \$20,205 and a transfer of \$1,750 to the George T. Jones Scholarship Fund. It also shows a Net Gain to the Operating Funds of \$580. This will further improve the financial condition of the Council.

As a part of the discussion of the proposed budget, Jim Brotherton brought up the number of plaques available as gifts to speakers. Glenn Looney stated it cost approximately \$30 for the plaques including the engraving.

Nita Wathen suggested using granite paperweights. Glenn stated Navy League of the United States (NLUS) paperweights were available at the Navy League Store. It was agreed once the supply of plaques was exhausted, NLUS paperweights will be used.

Tom Griffy moved and David Wells seconded a motion to forward the proposed budget to the Board of Directors with a recommendation to approve. As the year progresses, amendments will be submitted as necessary. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the proposed budget is attached.

Mike Murray moved and Chuck Cooley seconded a congratulatory motion expressing appreciation to Steve Smith and Glenn Looney for their efforts to improve the financial condition of the Council. Discussion included other remarks expressing thanks. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Advocate Rulings

President Miller requested a ruling concerning electronic voting by the Board of Directors. The Judge Advocate ruled that according to Section 3.12 of the by-laws, electronic voting is permissible as long as the Secretary receives the votes and prints the responses and retains them in the corporate records.

President requested a ruling concerning conducting business electronically. The Judge Advocate ruled that according to Section 3.12 of the by-laws, conducting business electronically was permissible.

Meetings

Glenn Looney reported that unless a guest speaker became available, the speaker at our next meeting (date to be determined) will be Tom Griffy. He stated the dates for meeting are determined by the availability of guest speakers. He stated among those being pursued as guest speakers is James D. Hornfischer, author of *"The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors"*.

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The next meeting will be either on February 23, 24 or March 2, 3. As soon as the date is determined, Glenn said he would be sending the notification e-mails.

Awards

Tom Lasseter reported the awardees had been selected and work was continuing.

Political Visits

Jeanie Coffey reported efforts were underway to contact the Congressmen representing the Central Texas area and our two Senators. The objective is to obtain an appointment with our representatives to introduce them to the Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League. At the meeting goals and objectives of the Navy League and the local Council will be presented and a solicitation for help will be made to the Congressmen.

Congressman Lamar Smith has been contacted and a meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2005. Congressmen John Carter and Michael McCaul will also be contacted.

Jack Mayo reported that the USS Texas SSN 75 will be built in Newport News, Virginia. He asked for assistance in getting the commissioning in Texas. It was also reported that the Commanding Officer of the USS Texas was coming to Bryan, Houston and Austin soon.

VP Reports

Jim Brotherton reported work has started on the Spring Awards. He also stated liaison was continuing with the Jr. ROTC.

David Wells gave no report.

Lee Hagan reported the Council had 262 members with an 87.23% retention rate. Again there were thanks to Steve Smith, Glenn Looney and Lee Hagan.

The Anchor

Tom Lasseter stated each Vice President has space allocated in *The Anchor*. He stated the deadline for submissions to newsletter was one week after the Council Meeting.

Regional Directors Meeting

Jack Ritter announced he would have a detailed report of the next Lone Star Region Meeting at our next meeting in February.

Navy League Headquarters

Glenn Looney reported the Navy League of the United States is moving to a new Information Technology provider. It is anticipated that space will be made available on the national server

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for local councils. Links to the Navy News Service will be available.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 510 (c) 3 Status

President Miller stated the Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League will attempt to renew its tax exempt status at the IRS.

General Membership Meetings

President Miller stated he had a goal to get the General Membership Meetings to end sooner than 2130 probably 2115. He stated the dinner portion of the meeting would be starting earlier. Others offered suggestions about the seating arrangement and where to put the head table. As our attendance continues to grow, we need additional tables. Moving the head table to the stage will allow for more general seating.

No other business was presented by those assembled and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Marvin Morgenroth, Secretary

Max K. Miller, President

Attachments:

Fiscal Year 2004 Financial Statement

Fiscal Year 2005 Proposed Budget