

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9/23/22 ST. LOUIS, MO REUNION

The business meeting of the September 2022 Reunion was called to order and opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Memorial Service began with the reading of names of each fellow sailor that has passed away since the 2021 Reunion or that we became aware of their passing followed by the sound of the bell for each. Taps was played at the conclusion followed by the song Anchors Aweigh performed by trumpeter Mike Boschert.

The financial statement for period 1/1/21 to 12/31/2021 was disseminated for inspection. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statement as is and after a vote the motion passed.

A discussion was held relative to the cost of the reunion tee shirts versus the feasibility of designing a generic tee shirt that could be used for any reunion in any city and for any year. Bart offered information that he had found a company that was affordable to design and make the tee shirts this year and a motion was made to continue buying with this company as long as the price is affordable rather than go to a generic shirt. The motion was voted on and passed.

Since the LHD-6 crewmates will be joining with the CV/CVA 31 Association, the Bylaws need to be updated to reflect this. The Bylaws were disseminated for inspection and changes were discussed. A motion to accept the proposed changes was made and seconded. After a vote, the motion passed. The newly revised Bylaws will be posted to the website.

Jim Barton decided that, due to health issues and other reasons, it was in his best interest to step down as President of the Association at this time. After several calls for nomination of someone to fill this position, Don Deycous offered to nominate himself as President for a period of one year or until 2023. The motion was seconded and after a vote, the motion passed.

Nominations were then called to fill the newly vacated Vice President position for the next two years or until 2024. A motion was made to nominate Fred Shea for this position. The motion was seconded and after a vote, the motion passed.

It was mentioned that the Association might get better rates if Reunions were held at the first part of the week, i.e, Monday through Thursday rather than Wednesday through Saturday. The pros and cons were discussed for a short while but no definitive resolution was reached. I believe it was suggested that whoever is spearheading a Reunion shall get prices from the hotel as to which part of the week would have the most desirable rates.

A discussion was had on where future reunions might be held. Eugene Kracklow gave a short presentation on hosting one in Milwaukee, WI in 2023. A motion was made to hold the 2023 Reunion in Milwaukee, WI to be hosted by Eugene Kracklow. The motion was seconded and after a vote, the motion passed.

Roger and Suzanne Borne offered to host another Reunion in Baton Rouge, LA in 2024. A motion was made, seconded and, after a vote, the motion passed.

Roger and Suzanne Borne also offered to host, along with the assistance of the Reunion Committee, a Reunion in Buffalo-Niagara, NY in 2025. A motion was made, seconded and, after a vote, the motion passed.

Don and Arla Deycous offered to check out the possibility of hosting a Reunion in Billings, MT for 2026. Provided amicable arrangements can be secured, a motion was made, seconded and, after a vote, the motion passed.

The issue of purchasing a new/used small covered trailer to house the memorabilia and ship store items and items used in the Registration Room was brought up again. It was suggested that if anyone knows where we could find one at a reasonable price or if anyone has one to donate now would be the time to offer that information.

A discussion was had on whether or not to give the spouses of crewmembers who attend the Reunions the right to vote on issues raised at the meeting. A motion to allow spouses the opportunity to vote but not hold office was made, seconded and, after a vote, the motion passed.

The memorabilia collected and/or donated over the years and which is displayed in the Hospitality Room during the Reunions is getting too voluminous to bring from Reunion to Reunion. While everyone in attendance enjoys looking over the items, it's just getting too expensive and difficult to store, load and unload and carry around. A suggestion was made to try and find space or in the alternative a reserved room aboard a permanently docked ship of this class for storage and display of some of these items. The ships mentioned were the Midway, Yorktown and Intrepid. Charley Brown offered to seek space aboard the Midway and will report to the Association his findings at a later date.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and voted on to close.

Submitted By:

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