

USS Cabildo LSD-16
Business Meeting
8 September 2013

President Marshall Kendrick called the meeting to order at 1700 hours on 8 September 2013 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Chaplain Ken Brederhoeft gave the invocation stating that Chaplain Charles Carroll and three other shipmates had passed away during the previous year.

Old Business:

Minutes of the 15 September 2012 Annual Business Meeting were distributed and reviewed with no objections. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report for 1 September 2012 through 1 September 2013 was presented by Treasurer Robert Gwin:

Money on Hand 1 September 2012	\$19,467.89
Receipts for the year	<u>\$ 4,305.08</u>
TOTAL	\$23,772.97
Expenditures for the Year	\$ 4,358.51
BALANCE	\$19,414.46

A motion was made by Walter Fulps and Seconded by Paul Tsompanas to accept the report.

Webmaster Warren Gammeter provided his report and stated that E-Mail was the best way to distribute the DryDock Dribble and any other reports as required. There are still many Shipmates who have not submitted or updated their profile. He requested action be taken by all to review their profile and update it as necessary.

Mr. Pablo Garcia stated he tried to E-Mail two Shipmates and received no response. It was requested that he try to contact each Shipmate by mail, and if successful, have them update their profile.

Webmaster Gammeter reported expenditures of \$385. He also asked if there were any volunteers to complete the building of a model of a Landing Ship Dock (LSD) that he had in his possession, and to let him know via E-Mail.

A motion to accept the Webmaster's report was made by Ken Brederhoeft and Seconded by George White.

Election of New Officers is:

President	Leo A. Waltsak
Vice President	Pablo Garcia
Treasurer	Robert Gwin
Asst Treasurer	Paul Flemming
Webmaster	Warren Gammeter
Chaplain	Ken Brederhoeft

A discussion took place regarding the 2014 USS Cabildo Reunion be held at Long Beach, CA. It was stated that this would be the second Reunion on the West Coast. The consensus was that Long Beach was the last home port for the Cabildo therefore this location takes precedence over any other locations discussed. It was accepted that the next reunion be held at Long Beach, CA tentatively scheduled for 11-14 September 2014.

Outgoing President Kendrick Marshall has volunteered to host this reunion. It was further suggested that group tours be limited to two rather than three, and one day be a free day to mix and mingle reminiscing in the Hospitality Room or do as you wish.

A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of a cruise to visit the location of the USS Cabildo scuttled in the Pacific Ocean. The conclusion was it would be too expensive, and not authorized by the US Government in its location.

It may be possible that the Researcher who took photographs while scuba diving the sunken Cabildo could provide an entertaining and informative presentation. Further research is required.

The proposal to accept the next Reunion to be held in Long Beach, CA was made by Walter Fulps, and Seconded by Ken Brederhoeft.

A proposal for the 2015 Reunion was made by Henry Harich that the gathering be held in the Black Hills area of South Dakota.

Dale Bittle informed our group of Shipmates that the USS Cabildo has been classified as a "Brown Water Ship" which means that during certain dates could have been contaminated by Agent Orange, a known carcinogen. He stated that Shipmates who were aboard the ship after 1964 should contact the Veterans Administration (VA) if they suspect they may have or had any ailment or disease that could have been caused by Agent Orange. The Service Officer of your local Veterans of Foreign War(s) (VFW) or American Legion Post would be a knowledgeable person to contact for further guidance and information in preparing the required documentation for submission to the VA.

President-Elect Leo Waltsak thanked all those who showed concern for the welfare his family during Super Storm "Sandy". He brought a photo book entitled "SANDY, the Jersey Shore in the Eye of the Storm" to share with the group.

He also wished to thank the following individuals:

- Marshall Kendrick for his job well done as 2013 President of the USS Cabildo Association.
- Dale and Maureen Bittle for hosting a successful 2013 Seattle Cabildo Association Reunion.
- Ken Brederhoeft for volunteering to fulfill the role of Chaplain for the Cabildo Association in lieu of the Passing of former Chaplain Charles Carroll.
- Kathleen Brederhoeft for collecting and collating submitted recipes for the latest Cabildo Association Cookbook.
- Becky Lyons for designing our Cabildo Association Reunion pins.
- Bob Gwin for maintaining the Ships store.
- Paul Fleming, Mary Anne Tsompanas and George White for organizing and conducting the Cabildo Association's annual Raffle.

Finally, in recognition of her time and continuous generosity to the USS Cabildo Association and its members, Becky Lyons was presented with a Cabildo Jacket by Bob Gwin.

A Motion was made to adjourn the 2013 Business Meeting by Paul Fleming and Seconded by Pablo Garcia.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Leo A. Waltsak
President
16 September 2013