

USS CABILDO ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 8, 2024
HOSPITALITY ROOM HILTON BRANSON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL

Chaplain Ken Bredehoeft gave an invocation to open the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Leo Waltsak. Board members also present: Dale Bittle, Vice President; Warren Gammeter, Treasurer and Webmaster; and Ken Bredehoeft, Chaplain. Kathleen Bredehoeft was asked to take the meeting minutes and agreed to do so.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by everyone present.

The Memorial Service was held before the business meeting. Ken said a prayer to start the service. Our Memorial Service honored the passing of two shipmates since our last reunion. Heinrich (Henry) Harich, EM2, onboard from 1961-1965. Henry passed away October 4, 2023 in South Dakota. Also honored was Marshall Kendrick, BT3, who served onboard 1964-1967. Marshall passed away March 22, 2024 in Kansas. Chaplain Bredehoeft then read from a long list of shipmates no longer living but who, stretching back 20 plus years, brought such enjoyment to the reunions through their presence and service. The mere mention of their names brought smiles to the faces of everyone present. Details for all Over the Bar crew members can be found on the USS Cabildo website.

Business meeting:

Treasurer's report: Warren gave the financial report to everyone. The Central Bank Balance as of 9/27/2024 was \$8,417.55. Our e-mailing lists now total 214. We are mailing less than 10 hardcopy newsletters.

Old business:

Thanks to Dale and Maureen Bittle and family for hosting our 2024 Cabildo reunion in Branson, MO.

New Business:

Only four shipmates attended the reunion this year. All widows have been granted voting rights on association matters. Once again, none of our Board of Officers wanted to change their jobs so we reelected the same slate with one vote.. Motion was presented, seconded and approved.

No one came to the meeting with a reunion plan for 2025. Claire Waltsak discussed a possible train trip to the Grand Canyon while staying in Arizona. Warren Gammeter brought forth a cruise on Holland America or a San Mateo reunion plan that would include a boat cruise and Blue Angels show. We requested all proposals by 12/1 so they could be referenced in the Fall newsletter and plan a zoom meeting mid-December to make our decision.

There beings no more business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM

Website Report

2024 Reunion Branson, MO

Warren Gammeter

The web hosting service this year from eHost.com started out fair and then by summer became unacceptable. Vdec.com acquired eHost.com and it appears to me they were unfamiliar with “Widows websites”. Whenever our site was moved to a different server, problems often arose that took some time to be fully understood and corrected. Websites are frequently moved to different servers to allow for maintenance and other reasons. Once these issues were understood and resolved things would be good for several months. A few months back we were up and down for several weeks. After being down at least one third of the time they said that all sites were now required to have an SSL license. SSL licenses are an enhanced level of security that used to be required only from sites that did financial transactions. Had whomever made the change to make them required given us and their support staff advance knowledge of this change we could have bought a license and avoided this long disruptive period. I have concluded that we should relocate our site with another hosting company and have tentatively selected WinHost.com who have Windows site experience. Once it was clear to me that we need and should buy an SSL I bought a one-year license through eHost.com to get the site backup quickly. The SSL license is transferable. I plan to move the site to WinHost in November.

Newsletter Report

2024 Reunion Branson, MO

Warren Gammeter

Our e-mailing lists now total 214 and with first class postage at \$.73 it would cost us \$156.22 per newsletter just for postage to use U.S. mail. With four newsletters a year that would be \$624.88 before printing costs so the \$230.35 we spend on Constant Contact is money well spent. We are now mailing less than 10 hardcopy newsletters. Constant Contact also makes a format that is easy for me to also put a PDF copy of each newsletter on the website and print the few copies we mail.

Central Bank Balance 9/30/2023 \$ 9,741.05

Inflows:

2024 Dues	13 Crewmembers	\$	325.00
Bank Interest	Central Bank Checking	\$	75.72
Total Inflows			\$ 400.72

Outflows:

2023 Reunion	Hospitality Room Supplies	\$	(553.38)
Postage Stamps		\$	(13.20)
Website	eHost	Hosting	\$ (233.10)
	eHost	SSL Licence	\$ (71.99)
Newsletter	Constant Contact	\$	(230.35)
Checks	Central Bank	\$	(22.20)
Reunion 2024	Deposit Gatherings Plus	\$	(500.00)
Memorial donations		\$	(100.00)
Total Outflows:			\$ (1,724.22)

2024 Net Outflow: \$ (1,323.50) \$ 8,417.55

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