

USS CABILDO ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2023

HOSPITALITY ROOM in Embassy Suites East, Louisville, KY

The meeting was called to order at 3pm by President Leo Waltsak. Board members also present: Dale Bittle, Vice President, Warren Gammeter, Treasurer and Webmaster, and Ken Bredehoeft, Chaplain. Debra Fulps 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 offered a prayer to start the service. The service honored the passing of Elvin "Rudy" Rudasill, MCOMM, onboard from 1950 - 1955. Rudy passed away March 1, 2022, in Florida. Also honored was Jon Senkpiel, BT1 who served aboard from 1965-1967. Jon passed away on December 8, 2022, in Milton, Delaware. Details for all Over the Bar crewmembers 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 9/1/23 was \$12,589.25. The association received dues, 2022 raffle tickets and ship stores, along with a donation and interest income for a total inflow of \$787.56. Outflows of expenditures from the 2022 reunion, website hosting and the newsletter totaled \$3,583.77. Central Bank Balance as of 9/30/23 was \$9,741.05. Dale Bittle made a motion to accept the report, Loren Krause gave the second, all agreed, so approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Gwin had sold or donated all the remaining ship stores as voted on at the last meeting. The board thanked Sue for all her hard work to accomplish this task after her husband, Bob's passing in 2021. Warren discussed some errors that had occurred on the eHost web server, but he said that it is all working well now. The Constant Contact newsletter is also working very well, and all the newsletters are available on the USS Cabildo website.

The Board recognized and thanked Becky Lyon for hosting the reunion this year and doing such a wonderful job. The Board also thanked Maureen Bittle for attending this year after missing last year's reunion due to health issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Only six shipmates attended the meeting and three widows who have been granted the right to vote on all association matters. In total with six spouses and seven guests our group was twenty-two. Considering this, the Board officers had discussed suspending the election of officers and having the present members to continue to serve in their current capacity in perpetuity and presented that to the meeting attendees. Loren Krause made said motion, Marshall Kendricks gave the second, all agreed, so approved.

No one came to the meeting with a reunion plan for 2024. Leo called for ideas for locations where we might meet next year. Some locations were discussed, but most support was given to going to Branson, Missouri. The consensus was not to have a hospitality room and tours, but to go to shows, restaurants or other activities in small groups, especially since we are a small

group already. Michelle Crismas, daughter of the Bittles, volunteered to investigate hotel accommodations. Michelle lives close to Branson. Leo made a motion to proceed with that plan, and Loren gave the second, all agreed, so approved.

The Board recognized Frank Hulsman, Jr. and his uncle, Ed Hulsman who were in attendance. They live in the Louisville area and Frank's father served in the Navy from 1946-1952 and he served on the USS Cabildo. Frank, Sr. passed away in 2005. Frank, Sr.'s brother, Ed, served on the USS Monterey, an aircraft carrier, during the Korean War.

There was no more business and Dale made a motion to adjourn, Warren gave the second and the meeting was adjourned at 4pm.