

Minutes for the January 2009 Meeting of the Puerto Vallarta NAVY LEAGUE

The meeting started at 1110 in one of the large ballrooms of the Casa Magna Marriott HOTEL & Spa with 40 members and seven guests in attendance.

Before the meeting got formally underway, we had a standing ovation for two visitors: Josefina Naya and Pamela Garcia of Marriott Public Relations. Without their tireless help and guidance, Toys for Tots Vallarta would not be what it is.

The guests introduced themselves as Ron ABBEY, Cmdr. Of the PV American Legion along with Dave SANDLER, Chaplain., John SAUR , ex Navy and presently MC at member Ken Fannings (already famous) PV Beach CLUB where John entices the next American Idols to sing karaoke. From Florida we had Jack and Dale PARISH as guests along with Coin and Pat JENKINSON who hail from beautiful Vancouver B.C.

Minutes: Two minor changes were read as corrections in the Dec. minutes namely; Mauricios instead of Mauriscos (perhaps a better name come to think of it) and Stuart Howard instead of Howard Stuart.

With these corrections the minutes were moved for approval by Sally Miltenberger and seconded by Judy Sorrell.

Treasurers Report: The bank balance as of 01/03/2009 was \$462,029.00 which reflected about 10% less income from last year. A motion to accept the report of the treasurer was introduced by Bob Dhamer and seconded by Bunny Ribbs.

Old Business: Ship Visit The surprise visit of the CHASE on Jan. 1st enabled us to only greet the ship with no chance of rallying a COMREL. Warren and Jeff met the ship and extended our best wishes. They plan to return and we will of course respond more adequately next time.

TOYS 4 TOTS:

Sally Miltenberger gave a report on the TOYS for TOTS program for 2008-09 first of all thanking everyone involved. She cited that the effort was excellent in spite of the fact that we were minus our enthusiastic Chairperson DUSTY GRAHAM who had to pass on coming south this year due to medical issues. She pointed out that in some areas we excelled and in some others we came up short but overall it was a great success both the Golf and the Gala Dinner and the silent auction etc.

In the past we've usually captured members after the monthly meeting to aid in the sorting and packaging of the toys including the inflation of 3000+ balls. This year we relied on people turning up and I'm happy to report that we had more than past times. Indeed we had everything put to bed (almost) by 1500hrs. a record to be sure.

Fred Pointkowski chaired one of the excelling elements, namely the golf, and reported that we fielded 23 teams with a total of 92 players and introduced a new revenue base this year, namely; selling MULIGANS and pressing everyone to join in the putting contest.

Robert Bertrand (although not in attendance) that many of the tickets distributed were returned late and not sold many complaining of the price causing some regulars to pass this year. Only 163 tickets were sold this year where our record 03 years ago was 293.

With regards to the distribution we changed the meeting date in January to allow for the distribution to take place on Jan. 7th when the schools were to resume albeit one day adrift from the 6th which is the real day of the KINGS. Bill CLARK and Kelly TRAINOR on routes did an excellent job of organizing things so that 13,000 toys would find the most needy kids in the district. There were 9 routes in all and this writer can attest that we enjoyed many many smiles on our route up the Cuale River to TALPA. One idea gleaned on my route this year was in order to determine TOTS from youngsters, is to impose the 95 cm rule. Install a ruler at 95cm and those that are under get a toy and those that have to crouch don't This in not an uncommon method in Mexico . (See Sirloin Stockade)

Another area we excelled in was the door prize solicitations of which there were many. My team recognized the stellar efforts of Ray MCPHERSON AI GOLDSPIEL Clemente CELIS, Cal LEAVITT along with the many others who came forward with prizes.

The auction went off with some glitches Sally reported. Some things to note was the short notice and cutoff. Also some of the certificates could have been clearer as to what the offer really was about. As a result 4 items were auctioned off at the meeting, namely;

Vitea Restaurant – winning bid	Judy Winston	\$800. pesos
Gold's GYM	“ “ Norm Yellowlees	\$1100.
Curves	“ “ Judy Sorrel	\$500.
Marriott Santiago accommodations	nil bidders	

New Business:

Dr. Irv Readerman (God bless him) has stepped up to the plate once more to convince Bernardo to do a Gourmet dinner at Trio's. These fund raising dinners benefit the Mariners fund (hosting the sailors who work the COMRELS) while providing gourmet dining as well as a needed social event to promote fraternity amongst the membership. Irv's effort (already sold out) involves one of the best restaurants in town where 48 members and friends as well as guests interested in supporting our troops will gather for a lavish 5 course gourmet dinner replete with a glass of wine with each course. This will take place on Feb. 5th. Next time sign up early as these are popular and for a very good cause.

32nd Street BODEGA in San Diego . Short report....goods are in transit (perhaps).

As the organization grows so does bureaucracy I guess and shortly an organigram will evolve giving responsibility to persons or committees to handle critical areas. Stay tuned.

Membership: With many guests and potential members in the room a dialogue by Membership chairperson Norm Yellowlees explaining how dues and joining are accomplished. To clarify things one must be a member of National to be a member of the Puerto Vallarta Navy League. That involves going on line at www.navyleague.org and in the top left hand corner under the caption JOIN/RENEW click and fill out the form paying special attention to Council Name especially if you've given a US address as we won't get credit for your membership. Under council locator we are listed towards the end under 'overseas' as. **VALLRT**. That handles the National and your anniversary (yearly, every three years or lifetime) will be due on the anniversary of the day you joined. Cost for one year is \$40 USD and you can pay on line through their secure server. The local however is calendar and costs \$200. pesos for one year and gives you a PVNL card that is honoured with a discount in many local establishments with a growing list.

Our local website by the way is www.vallartanavyleague.org .

The date is now set for the 2009-2010 annual golf tournament and it will be Dec. 12th

An acknowledgement of new member Herb Heinstein was made.

Jerry Lafferty introduced a motion that was seconded by yours truly to donate our old tee shirts to visiting sailors volunteering for our COMRELS. The motion was enthusiastically embraced and passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further issues from the floor a motion to adjourn was forwarded by Bob Dhamer and seconded by Sydney Phillips
The next meeting of the Puerto Vallarta Navy league will be February 3rd at the Casa Magna Marriott Hotel and Spa

Acting secretary , and

1st Vice President

Bill (Guillermo) SEMEYN Cross