

MINUTES OF THE USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION MEETING  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005

1400 Meeting called to order by President Rudy Boff

President Rudy Boff lead in the Pledge of Allegiance

Recording Secretary's Report – W. L. Jones

Minutes of 2003 San Antonio meeting read

2003 minutes approved

705 shipmates in our records

248 current with dues

174 delinquent with dues

82 incorrect address

10 receiving complimentary newsletters

191 miscellaneous (deceased, never joined, etc.)

W. L. Jones reported that the earlier action of providing periodic printed rosters of shipmates to members is too cumbersome and there is no way to continually provide up-to-date rosters so that practice will be discontinued. Members may request, on an individual basis, a spreadsheet of members' names, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Vice President Ken Keene discussed his partial success contacting those shipmates who have made an inquiry but have never joined.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Tom Perkins

Tom Perkins, was absent so there was no report. In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, Tom Perkins, Rick Johnson explained the proposed changes in the by-laws. A motion was passed that these amended by-laws be approved.

Treasurer's Report – Warren Zschach

The Association had \$11,208.17 at the beginning of the this biennial period.

In the interim:

\$6248.23 was collected in dues

\$2041.74 was collected from the ship's store

\$19,498.14 total

Miscellaneous expenses including newsletter mailings, etc., totaled \$8353.13

\$11,145.01 balance in account

\$1382.00 remains in the "Ozbourn Family Special Fund"

Old Business:

Committee Report:

Ozbourn Commemorative Plaque at Fredericksburg

Treasurer, Warren Zschach suggested that the plaque effort be funded out of the Association's general fund. A motion was made and passed to do that.

Paul Logan, committee chairman, passed out 2 suggested formats for the plaque. After much discussion, the members decided upon a modified format comprised of components from each of the 2 originally-suggested formats. Discussion followed concerning attendance at the plaque-placing ceremony in Fredericksburg which is anticipated to be in early 2006. Specific information on the ceremony, when it is known, will be published on the Ozbourn website. It was suggested that the Association pay for Paul Logan's travel expenses to the ceremony but no action was taken. Members are encouraged to attend but at their own expense.

#### Special Fund for Ozbourn Family

Treasurer, Warren Zschach reported that all Ozbourn family members had been invited to this reunion but no response was received thus he suggested that this residual special fund be discontinued and the residual amount of \$1382 be returned to the Association's general fund. A motion was passed to that effect.

Survivor's Bottle – Member, James Clay's 2003 meeting suggestion about a Survivor's Bottle was discussed. Vice President, Ken Keene suggested that this is an item which is not pertinent at this time. After more discussion, the item was tabled for possible action at some future date.

#### New Business:

President, Rudy Boff, presented the slate of candidates for Association officers which include all incumbents except for the position of Corresponding Secretary – Tom Perkins. Rick Johnson had been asked to fill that position. Nominations from the floor were called for and, there being none, a motion was passed to except the slate of candidates as the Association Officers for the 2006-2007 period. Those elected or re-elected were:

Rudy Boff – President

Ken Keene – Vice President

W. L. Jones – Recording Secretary

Rick Johnson – Corresponding Secretary

Warren Zschach – Treasurer\*

\*although originally resigning from the job of Treasurer, Warren Zschach reconsidered and agreed to continue as Treasurer for 2 more year.

Rudy Boff told the group that Historian, Fred Conwell, who was not present at the meeting, no longer wished to continue in that position. Warren Zschach volunteered to take over the duties of Historian for the Association for the next 2 years.

Ken Keene introduced a discussion regarding donations. Because our treasury has ceased to grow and it is anticipated that in future years, the income will be less, he suggested that the Association limit the amount of donations/contributions it makes per biennial period. After some discussion a motion was passed to limit the overall total amount of donations/contributions to \$1000 per biennial period.

W. L. Jones gave an update on the Ozbourn website.

Bob Whitten asked that the Association consider giving a donation to a tropical fish aquarium in the south, which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. A motion to donate \$100 was passed.

Dick Clark suggested that the Association continue its annual contribution to the Tin Can Sailors organization. A motion was passed to contribute \$300.

John Jackowski suggested that the Association contribute again to the Navy Memorial Fund in Washington, DC. A motion was passed to contribute \$100

Pete Cole informed the Association that the Korean War Education organization had dissolved hence no more contributions will be requested.

President, Rudy Boff, read a letter from Charlie Akers who expressed his regrets for not being able to attend the reunion, but reflected very positively upon his long-term association with the Ozbourn shipmates.

The 2007 reunion committee was selected, consisting of:

Warren Zschach – chairman

Bill Graves

Dick Clark

Guy Posey

The committee will consider all possible sites but with some priority over selecting a site on the west coast. The committee will also investigate and possibly consider other reunion organizers besides Armed Forces Reunions which the Association has used for a number of years.

A motion was passed to provide up to \$500 for expenses to send someone on the Reunion Committee to investigate proposed sites for the 2007 reunion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1600 hours.

Submitted by: W. L. Jones – October 10, 2005