

July Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105 Phoenix, AZ at 1300 hours, 15 July 2006. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Tim Moore.

The members were led in a Prayer of Invocation followed by the standard ceremonial opening.

According to the sailing list, there were nineteen (19) members and two guests at the meeting. The members welcomed guests Frank Blum and Gudgeon Base Commander Jack Messersmith.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the June meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter, "The MidWatch". The motion carried.

Base Treasurer, Jim Denzien's reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of July, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Dave Harnish reminded the members of the 2007 USSVI Convention Cruise to Alaska and the present status of reservations by members. Dave also reviewed the results of his tour of the cruise ship during the USSVI Mid-year Board meeting in Seattle. Dave also briefed the members on the results of this year's USSVI Scholarship Awards Program.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle briefed the members on the "Wounded Warrior Project" to provide needed personal items to hospitalized Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are arriving at state-side military hospitals with nothing but the clothes on their back. Howard also welcomed Shipmate, Joe Bernard to the meeting after his recent bouts with health problems.

Dave Harnish informed the members that anyone can act as a sponsor for any entity in conjunction with the Boat Sponsorship Program. All that is required is a payment to the "American Submariner" for sending the entity three copies of the USSVI magazine each year. The cost to the member is \$25 per year.

Dave also informed the members that there was an effort underway to hold next year's Western Regional Conference in conjunction with the US Submarine Veterans of WWII's Southwest Regional Caucus. The event would occur in the May – April timeframe.

It was announced that the Long-Range/Short-Range Planning Committee will meet during the week of July 17.

Tim Moore reminded the members that Perch Base is Boat Sponsor for the Arizona Veteran's Home, the U.S.S. Honolulu, The U.S.S. Tucson and one of the Submarine Squadrons.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced that the planning effort surrounding holding a Submarine Birthday Ball in the area is continuing. A decision must be made by the end of October and whether or not there will be a Ball, depends upon the response by members.

Tim also announced that the August meeting will be held jointly with the Gudgeon Base in Prescott Valley. The meeting will be held at the Prescott Valley Moose Lodge on Saturday August 12.

It was announced that the Holland Club induction ceremony will be held in October probably at El Paso Ribs restaurant.

Members were informed that Perch Base will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast to be held at American Legion Post #105 in the morning of the third Sunday in August.

Tim Moore announced that Shipmate Jim Edwards has been elected as the Post Services Officer of Post 105.

Dave Harnish announced that Glenn Herold has been re-elected as Western District One Commander. He also informed the members that the national ballot will appear in the current issue of the "American Submariner". The ballot can be torn out and mailed in.

Ray Samson informed the members of the appointment of the new Member Data Base. He will email members with instructions as to how they may access their data. The system will be similar to the Naval Veterans online data base know as the "DeckLog."

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Moore announced that Perch Base will be looking to provide relief for Ed Brooks as Base Secretary. A request for potential candidates will be published in the "MidWatch" Base Newsletter.

Shipmate Billy Grieves asked for the floor and read an article from the "Polaris" magazine wherein a senior military retiree suggested that veterans should freely use the "hand salute" when the U.S. Flag is displayed, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited or the National Anthem is played. The point of the article is that those that have served their country should use the hand salute to denote that they are military veterans.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Harnish indicated that he has copies of the Plan of the Day for the 2007 Convention Cruise and will share it with anyone interested in the document. He also reminded those that plan to participate in the cruise, that a U.S. Passport will be required for the cruise. It will also take approximately six weeks to receive the Passport.

Tim Moore asked the members to think of ways to improve attendance at Base meetings and events and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Frank Rumbaugh announced that he had brought several Submarine articles to share with members. The articles were displayed on a meeting table.

Dave Harnish briefed the members on the results of the USSVI Mid-year Board meeting. He mentioned items such as the organization's finances and the review and approval of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By Laws that will appear on the National Ballot.

Tim Moore read some of the anecdotes provided by John Dudas.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was won by guest Frank Blum.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried.

The closing prayer was offered by Howard Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 1357 hours.

Ed Brooks, Secretary, Perch Base

From Beyond the Wardroom *Perch Base SubVettes*

We hope you are all enjoying your summer, the weather has been really cool, of late, compared to other years, but then there is the humidity.

Hopefully you will all be back to our meetings in September or October, we miss you all.

We want to send our best wishes to our September babies.

Edna Lidman – 9/4

Sue Caraker – 9/8

Gladys Lister – 9/8

Sue Shumann 9/20

Judy Wannamaker 9/21

Lee Cousin – 9/29

"HAVE A MERRY HAPPY TO ALL"

Our next meeting, if we have enough members, will be held at the Moose Lodge, 6501 E. 6th Street in Prescott Valley on August 12th at 11AM, hope you will be able to make it up the mountain for their cool weather. **SEE YA ALL THERE.**

All my best,

Nancy Nelson, President, SubVettes of Perch Base