November 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American Legion, Post 44, Scottsdale AZ at 1300 hours on 15 November 2008. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Howard Doyle, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in October was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-four members and guests present. Minutes from the October 2008 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved. Treasurer Dave Harnish reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of November 2008. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice Commander – Jim Denzien had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

Webmaster – Ray Samson was not present.

Membership Chairman – David Fledderjohn was not present.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober had nothing to report.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Old Business

Vice Commander Jim Denzien reported on the status of the "Save Our Sail" project. The presentation made to the Parks and Recreation Review Board concerning the placement of the USS Phoenix (SSN702) sail and rudder in Steele Indian School Park was successful. The Review Board approved the concept and we can now proceed. The debut of the new float is complete. Information was provided concerning the two parades and the static display at Echo Mountain School that we participated in for Veterans Day.

New Business

Shipmates Chuck Emmett and Jim Denzien will be attending the Veterans Day Parade Awards banquet to receive our award. Shipmate Barry Bowers agreed to become the float/parade coordinator. Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) presentations will be conducted on a regular basis: twice a year. We will be moving our meetings to the second Saturday of the month commencing in January 2009. We are closing in on a location for the Annual Awards Banquet. We will also be having a picnic this spring.

Guest Speaker

Shipmate John Dudas, a member of Gudgeon Base and Northern Supervisor for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, gave a presentation on Veterans Benefits. The presentation was well received and a question and answer period followed

Good of the Order

The content of the e-mail received from Vice Chairman Pete Lumianski of the USS Phoenix Commission regarding the result of the presentation to the Parks and Recreation Review Board. The e-mail contained information on where the process is now headed.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sandy Bernard.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote. Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Denzien Vice Commander