

Perch Base Minutes September 10, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 10 September, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Robie Robinson read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in September.

According to the sailing list the following attended the base meeting:

Richard Kunze	David Metje	Davy Jones
Ray Marshall	John Zaichkin	Dave LaRock
Bill Horn - Visitor	Chuck Luna	Wayne Clark
Ken Meeks	Don Robertson	Howard Doyle
Tony Christianson	Robie Robinson	Edward Gonsowski
Mike Olsen	Chuck Emmett	Jim Mann
Jim Andrews	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Don Schafer	Mike Hinderliter	John Carpentier
George Gillette	Larry Speight	Dave Heighway
Herb Herman	Jim Nelson	Jim Denzien
Jim Edwards	Scott Strey	Dan Moss
Layne Moss	Don DeMarte	Rick Simmons
Steven Stanger	Richard Noreika	Doyle Egg
Lou Reynolds	Holly Walker	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August Base meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Dave Heighway read the Treasurer's report ending August 31, 2016.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reminded everyone that articles for the next MidWatch are due next Friday, Sept. 16, 2016.

COB – Richard Kunze

Richard reported that the 2017 calendars are being printed and he hopes to have them available by the next Perch Base meeting. He also reported that Governor Doug Ducey has proclaimed that all flags be flown at half-mast tomorrow, Sept. 11, 2016, in memory of those lost on 9/11. A count of those planning on attending the Gudgeon Base picnic in Prescott, was taken so he can report back to Tom Warner.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb announced that the new hats will be available at \$20.00 each, and those that wanted to put in an order now, could do so. He will also have calendars for sale, when they arrive. He can also order Holland Club hats.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan was not at the meeting.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that we have a total of 170 members attached to the Perch Base and USSVI. He is currently preparing for our 2017 dues renewal drive starting on October 1st. On September 19, 2016, he will be mailing the dues reminder letters to all members. This should ensure all members will receive these letters by October 1st. The reminder letters have the recent credit card change written into them also. If you pay your Perch Base dues during the month of October your name will be entered into the Early Bird drawing, which will be held at the annual awards banquet in January, 2017. For the Perch Life, the USSVI Life, and the Holland Club for Life members who do not pay dues, they will receive a Donations letter, because as you know Perch Base cannot survive with just dues payments alone. Jim will not be taking dues today. If you decide to pay by credit card, it must be done face to face at one of our monthly meetings on October 8th, November 12th, or December 10th.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Prescott Valley Picnic – Sept. 17, 2016, which starts at 11:30 AM

Congress Parade – October 1, 2016.

Navy Ball – October 8, 2016 at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade – Nov. 5, 2016

Black Canyon Parade – Nov. 5, 2016, after the Daisy Parade.

Tale of Two Cities – Feb. 25, 2017

All events are available on the Website.

Past Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard reported that at the Reno Convention, several items were discussed. The National Website is still having issues and probably won't be updated any time soon. There are Insurance conflicts, which the National Board is trying to resolve.

Howard also reported that Chuck Emmett received the Robert Link Award at the convention in

Reno. Perch Base received the Golden Anchor Award, and Howard Doyle received the Silver Anchor Award. The 2017 convention will be in Orlando, Fl. The 2018 convention might be an Eastern Caribbean Cruise, out of Fort Lauderdale, in October.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that he went to the UAV meeting, but didn't have anything to report at this time. He also reminded everyone about the Navy Ball, which is being held on Oct. 8th, 2016, at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa. Jim also reported that Rick Romley will now be the judge in Veterans Court.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Nothing to report.

Base Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck announced that Chuck Luna received the 'Participation' Award for the MidWatch, which was presented to the base, at the convention in Reno. He presented the award to Chuck at this base meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Moss reported that at the convention, they raised quite a bit of money. He also reported that Davy Jones was successful in selling the books he had, and donating part of the profits to the ASSM. The ASSM will be raffling off three items. The first being a submarine replica, crafted out of Walnut. The second a 3-day, 2-nite stay at Harrah's in Laughlin, NV, and the third item is an 8X8 paver.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Emmett mentioned how he has more Business Cards with the Perch Base information, which can be handed out to interested Submariners. He had a few on hand, but those that want more, can email him and he will send them out. This is a good way to get more people interested in joining Perch Base.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Denzien had some challenge coins for sale at \$15.00 each. Davy Jones reported that Keith Post, a Perch Base Member, won the Silver Anchor Award, as a Submarine Historian, at the convention in Reno.

George Crider is still in the Care Center, after taking a fall last week.

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Dave Heighway won the raffle, which his share came to \$82.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1245 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base