

## June 2007 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the Airline Training Center of Arizona (ATCA), Goodyear, AZ at 1304 hours, 16 June 2007. Stan Reinhold, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain 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 June was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were thirty-one members, ladies and guests present.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold provided the membership present with background information on the facility (ATCA) since this is our first meeting here.

A prospective new member, De Wayne Lober, was introduced and he provided some background on himself.

Minutes from the May 2007 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of June 2007. 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

Before reports, Howard Doyle mentioned that we have had three recent paid ads for the Midwatch. Sometimes it only takes asking; people are willing to advertise. Stan Reinhold mentioned that his daughter will be responsible for writing the liability policy for USSVI. Ed Hawkins thanked his shipmates for the cards and visits while he was rehabbing recently.

Vice Commander – Bob Gilmore had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards reported that he was glad to be back after completing rehab after knee surgery.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that he would be having back surgery on 7/6 and was hoping to be back at the July meeting.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster – Ramon Samson had nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had no report.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold reported on the “cookie” project for Jim Nelson's son, Brent, who is in Iraq. Brent is one of our members.

Jim Nelson also thanked Howard Doyle for his part in providing a laptop computer for his son in Iraq.

The Subvettes were not represented.

### Old Business

Jim Denzien reported that the old float had been sold to Scamp Base in Escondido, CA for \$1000. He also reported on the progress toward construction of a new float. Attempts are being made to meet with the 702 Society to elicit their assistance; also we are trying to set up a meeting with Tucson Base personnel to get information and accurate cost data. Walt Blomgren volunteered a space to store the wing tank since we are becoming concerned about its security at Live Steamers.

Howard Doyle reported that the purchase of challenge coins was proceeding and we would receive them by mid-July. The coins will be offered for sale for \$15 for the first coin to base members and \$20 for all additional coins. Non-members price is \$20 per coin for all purchases. We will be looking at other avenues to market the coins.

The pending raffles for the gun club membership and the jewelry boxes will be conducted at the July meeting. Buy a ticket and support the Base.

### New Business

We have been having issues with meeting at Post 105 of the American Legion because of their use of our meeting time for other activities without giving us adequate notice. The E-Board held a meeting recently to discuss our options. The use of the ATCA facility was offered by Stan Reinhold. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that we use the ATCA facility until further notice. The motion carried by voice vote.

Tautog Base has recently been formed in Casa Grande. We have provided them with potential membership contacts that we have received. A discussion ensued as to whether we should support the new base financially. The idea was tabled for the present. We may consider a joint effort with all the other bases in Arizona.

We are going to be supporting “Fabulous Phoenix”, a holiday celebration at Steele Park near the VA on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Stan Reinhold and Jim Denzien will be points of contact.

### Good of the Order

Tim Moore talked about the Opportunity Raffle being conducted by WD5 and WD6. He mentioned that the base receives half of the revenue for tickets sold. The drawing will be held during the USSVI Alaskan Cruise in September.

Tim Moore also mentioned a program being conducted by WD6 called "Kaps for Kids". Other details of the program were mentioned. Jim Edwards will be in charge of the effort.

Jim Denzien mentioned a new book on the market: "Scorpion Down" by Ed Offley. It makes for interesting reading as it makes the claim that the boat was sunk by the Russians and there has been an ongoing cover-up.

### 50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Howard Doyle. He donated a portion of the winnings back to the base.

### Adjournment

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

Chaplain Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1415.

Jim Denzien  
Base Secretary/Treasurer