

June 2009 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1215 hours, 13 June 2009. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in June and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

According to the sailing list, twenty-six (26) members and guests were present. New members and guests introduced included Bill Allen, Steve Marcellino, Karl Berstrom, and John Schlag.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the May 2009 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

In Dave's absence, Jim Denzien reported on the base's financial status as of 01 May 2009. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

Items reported included but were not limited to the following:

1. We will be taking our float to the USSVI National Convention in September unless instructed otherwise from convention personnel.
2. It was discussed that we still have the need for a Chief of the Boat. We will send out a broadcast e-mail and publish the need for a COB in the MidWatch. This solicitation will include a list of the COB responsibilities. Among other things, COB responsibilities include, but are not limited to, getting the meeting place ready, acting as Master at Arms and we will be adding the task of scheduling guest speakers.
3. Upcoming float obligations include two requests for the 4th of July. One is for participating with Gudgeon Base in the Prescott Frontier Days Parade. The parade commences at 0900 and will last about two hours. Ed Brooks, Gudgeon Base Commander, has us registered us for this event. Gudgeon Base personnel have offered guest rooms for Perch Base members who wish to stay overnight. The other event is the Fabulous Phoenix 4th Celebration at the Steele Indian School Park. We need to be staged on site at 1700 for that event which will begin at 1800 with a fireworks display at 2100. The next event will be the USSVI National Convention 8 – 12 Sep 2009.
4. We received two quotes for our insurance needs from Mert Bean. Each of these quotes included annual premiums of around \$2000.00. It was decided to table this discussion until such time that we can have Mert attend a board meeting to further discuss the details of our needs and requirements.

5. With respect to the Save Our Sail project, everything has been finalized for Perch Base to take over total responsibility. We need to re-affirm with the Navy that we can still procure the sail. There are three board members for the Save Our Sail project and they are Tim Moore, Dave Harnish and Jim Denzien. The Perch Base Foundation board consists of Stan Reinhold, Bob Gilmore and Jim Denzien. We need to have meetings separate from other base activities and we want to expand the membership of these boards so there are more people helping out with making decisions and picking up some of the work that needs to be done. The Perch Base Foundation board is open to all Perch Base Members. The SOS Foundation is open to anyone and we will be recruiting former members of the Phoenix Commission to participate with us in this project.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Base Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle was not present.

Base Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Base Treasurer – Dave Harnish was not present.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren reported that Jack Moore is going into the hospital Wednesday for back surgery. Chuck Emmett added that Dick Bernier returned to be with us today after a three year absence. It's good to have Dick back with us.

Base Chief of the Boat – TBA

MidWatch Editor – Chuck Emmett reported on the 2-sided brochure that we distribute when we have float events. This is in the process of being modified and re-printed for future events. We also hand out small decals/tattoos for kids at these static display events. It was also clarified that we don't "sell" hats at these events, but we do accept donations.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober reported that he now has some triple x size shirts that some members have requested for \$20.00 each. He also has some special buy shirts for \$8.00 each and some SOS Foundation hats for sale.

Membership Chairman/Webmaster – Ramon Samson was not present

Historian – Jim Newman reported that we are continuing to put together an archive of historical information for Perch Base. If anyone has anything at all in the way of artifacts or photographs they are willing to contribute, we will be glad to add them to the archives. However, if you are giving pictures, please identify them with dates and names.

Float Coordinator – Barry Bowers was not present.

Public Relations – Ben Acosta was not present.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reiterated that the USSVI National Convention is from 08 – 12 September 2009 and anyone interested in attending should go to the National website and get registered. It is a joint convention with the International Submariners Association (ISA/USA) and it is also in conjunction with the Submariners Association of Canada. There is RV parking available at the Admiral Baker complex for active duty or military retirees and there is another RV park in the Pacific Beach area. There are a number of boat reunions being held at the convention.

Jim announced that we do have a new Perch Base Chaplain. Walt Blomgren volunteered and has assumed the duties of Chaplain. Thanks to Walt for stepping up to the plate and helping us out with this important responsibility.

New Business

As was mentioned at last month's meeting, the Tautog Base in Casa Grande is sponsoring All Arizona Submarine Base Picnic to be held on 17 Oct 2009 Picacho Peak State Park which is located about half way between Phoenix and Tucson on Interstate 10. More details about this event will be forthcoming.

Jim mentioned again that we have a need for a Chief of the Boat and we need someone to step up and volunteer for this position.

Good of the Order

Jim read the trip report he received from Ed Brooks, Gudgeon Base Commander, regarding our participation with our float in the Armed Forces Day Parade held on 16 May 2009 in Flagstaff. Our participation was well received by all in attendance and they (Gudgeon Base) are looking forward to our participation in the Prescott 4th of July Frontier Days celebration.

Rick Simmons donated two DVD copies of Taking Chance, one for Post 105 and one for Perch Base to loan out for Perch Base Members. Rick also donated a new clip board for our use.

There will probably be no Perch Base meeting in September because of the USSVI National Convention. The Perch Base contingent can have a gathering in San Diego.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Chuck Emmett who won \$35.00.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1303 hours.

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore
Secretary, Perch Base USSVI