

Perch Base Minutes November 14, 2015

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 November, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

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

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

Richard Kunze	Bill Woolcott	Fred Fuller – New Member
Jim Andrews	Mike Olsen	David Metje
Marcus Hensley	Chuck Emmett	David Fyock
Dan Marks	Chuck Luna	Mike Dahl
Ken Meeks	Davy Jones	John Zaichkin
Jim Denzien	Larry Speight	Mike Hinderliter
Bob Srenz	Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock
David Heighway	Tim Moore	Edward Gonsowski
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Don DeMarte
Marcia Unser	Dick Noreika	Howard Doyle Jr.
Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	Robie Robinson
Emil Schoonejans	Lou Reynolds	Holly Walker
George Gillette	Dan Moss	Layne Moss
Bill Larime	Ed Brooks	David Fledderjohn
Bill Maida	Sam Mecham	John Mosher

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base meeting minutes. It was approved by voice vote.

Dave Heighway read the Treasurer's report ending Oct. 31, 2015.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice Commander/COB - Richard Kunze

Richard reported that the Gilbert static display was well received. The two parades on Saturday, Anthem & Black Canyon City, were also successful. There were several attendees from Perch Base for both parades. The Veterans Day Parade had 23 riders.

Communications Officer – Chuck Luna

Chuck will be taking over the Mid-Watch in 2016. Please send any articles you want input to Chuck.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Base coins are in and available for sale. He has 4 calendars left, that can be purchased, all others can be purchased online. The shirts are available online. The base vest order forms are also online and when completed, send to Marcus, so he can get directly to Holly.

Mid-Watch Editor/Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Treasure's report has already been read. Dave is still working on the Mid-Watch for this quarter and requested more input from the members.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

During October, there were approximately 3,244 page views on the Perch Base website. Although it doesn't look much different, these pages now are designed to be easier to read on smartphones and tablets because about 20% of our traffic now comes from mobile devices. The only major visual difference is a navigation button in the upper left corner, instead of the navigation bar that ran down the left side of the page.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Since my last reporting in early October, we have not added any new members to Perch Base or USSVI. The annual dues renewal drive is still well on its way. As everyone who has not paid, December 31, 2015 is approaching very quickly. As of 11/14/2015, 68% of USSVI and 70% of Perch Base have paid their dues. For Donations, 57% of base members have made donations. A private donation of \$100.00 was made by the Doubleday family.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7, at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Starts at 10:30 am. Perch Base will be laying two wreaths at this ceremony.

Perch Base Banquet – Jan. 23, 2016. This will be held at the same location as last year's banquet and starts at 6 PM.

Paradise RV Park Parade – March 17. More information to follow.

Past Commander – Howard Doyle

Howard Doyle is selling raffle tickets for the AZ Firearms, which will benefit one of the Goodyear Fire Dept. members who has health issues.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike introduced himself to the members.

Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck mentioned his concern regarding some members (9) who don't have computers and aren't notified of events that are taking place. He is going to send a letter to these members to see if, in fact, they want to be notified of upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS

Base activities – Already reported. The base wants to thank those who have towed the boat/trailer to all the events.

Nominations are now out for National Officers.

Jim Denzien is running for the Western Regional Director.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Convention in Reno, NV in August 16-20. Full details in Submariner Magazine.

Awards Banquet – Still on track and a speaker has been set up. More information to follow. Trying to keep the fee the same as last year, which is \$35.00. There will be a Silent Auction, and they're looking for items for this event.

Chuck handed out business cards to the members, to be handed out to potential new members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dan Moss gave an update on the ASSM. They have a keynote speaker for the dedication. They've requested an autographed football from the Cardinal's, and an autographed basketball from the Suns. He also needs donations for the Silent Auction at the Awards Banquet. Sent letters to all the bases with lost boats and received 3 responses to support the Lost Boat Plaque at the Memorial.

Issues regarding the Perch Base Foundation & Perch Base were discussed.

Bill Larime wanted to thank Holly for doing a great job of embroidering his hat. He also has been collecting submarine pins from all over the world. He would like to bring them to one of our meetings next year.

Jim Denzien went to the UAV meeting and reported that they have not appointed a new Director for the VA Medical Center. He will be doing a presentation at the December meeting, to inform them of what our base does and what we hope to accomplish.

Binnacle List

Billy Grieves
George Crider

50/50

Ed Brooks won the raffle which came to \$89.00. He donated to the ASSM.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1330 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base