

Perch Base Minutes April 9, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 9 April, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Richard Kunze, Vice Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Richard Kunze led the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Stanger read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in April.

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

Richard Kunze	Robb Roberts	Jim Denzien
Jim Andrews	Steven Stanger	Sam Mecham
Jim Nelson	Glenn Posniack	Herb Herman
David Fyock	Kelly Grissom	Mike Olsen
Lou Reynolds	Davy Jones	John Zaichkin
James Newman	Jim Mann	Edward Gonsowski
Howard Doyle	Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock
David Heighway	Tim Moore	Dick Noreika
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Robert Wright
Marcia Unser	Chuck Luna	Larry Speight
Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	David Kleinz - Guest
Bill Larime	David Metje	Ken Meeks
George Gillette	Dan Moss	David Fledderjohn
Ed Brooks	Mary Denzien	Pete Sattig
Harold Weber – New Member		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last 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 March 31, 2016.

Richard Kunze announced that tomorrow, April 10, 2016 is the anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher.

He also announced that April 11, 2016, is 'Wear Your Dolphins To Work' Day.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck Luna reported that the latest Midwatch has been sent out. He encouraged everyone to send pictures or stories to be included in the Midwatch.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb has many items for sale in the back of the room.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan was not at the meeting. Dan reported at the board meeting that there were a lot of hits on the Silent Service Videos that are on our website.

Membership – Jim Andrews

We currently have a total of 165 members attached to the Perch Base and USSVI. One additional member, James Trail Jr., was added after last month's meeting.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Western Regional Roundup – May 1-6, 2016 in Laughlin.

Akimel A-al Middle School – May 9, 2016

Perch Base Picnic – May 14, 2016 at the White Tanks Park

Flagstaff Armed Forces - May 21, 2016.

Memorial Day at National Cemetery – May 30, 2016.

Prescott Parade – July 2, 2016.

National Convention in Reno, NV – August 15-20, 2016.

All events are available on the Website.

Past Commander – Howard Doyle

Howard reminded everyone that plans to attend the parades in Flagstaff and Prescott should make their reservations now, as the motel rooms are filling up fast and prices are going up also.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that he had attended the UAV meeting last Saturday, but had nothing pertinent to report

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike had nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSM - Dan Moss reported that the fund raising is in full swing. Tim Moore announced the Spring Fling Raffle which is in effect now through April 30. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the picnic next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Kunze reported that the picnic event is set up with the caterer. Refreshments will be provided. If anyone wants 'beer', they will have to bring their own. Drinks in glass containers are not allowed. A headcount was made at the meeting, and the count came to 51 base members/family will be attending. There hasn't been any feedback from other bases that were invited to this event.

There will be a Holland Club induction at the picnic.

Also at the picnic, there will be a raffle on the book signed by Rick Campbell.

Richard reported that Chuck Emmett was attending the National Board of Directors Midterm meeting in Orlando, Florida this weekend.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Davy Jones announced that he still has more Dex Armstrong books for sale.

Edward Gonsowski announced that his boat, the Sunfish, is having a reunion here in Scottsdale. The dates for this reunion are June 22 – 26. He invited 'all' members to attend this reunion. A Flash Traffic will be sent out with more information.

Jim Denzien reminded everyone to vote, as he is running for Western Regional Director this year.

He also mentioned that the Grand Canyon Council of Boy Scouts of America made a presentation at the last UAV meeting., in regards to the Eagle Scout presentations. USSVI has an Eagle Scout recognition program. He asked if anyone is interested in helping with this program to contact him.

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Glenn Posniack won the raffle which came to \$106.00.

ADJOURMENT

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

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base