

July 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 1302 hours, 21 July 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 July was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty-four members and guests present.

A prospective new member, Dave Fledderjohn, was introduced and he provided some background on himself.

Minutes from the June 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 July 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

Vice Commander – Bob Gilmore had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that he had back surgery on July 6th and was recuperating satisfactorily.

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

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett had nothing to report.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson reported that he now has the challenge coins for sale: \$15 for the first coin (for base members) and \$20 for each subsequent coin.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore reported on the opportunity raffle that is currently underway. The tickets are \$20 each and half of the proceeds goes to the base.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Jim Denzien reported on the status of the new float. The fuel tank has been moved to Walt Blomgren's home for security reasons. We are still trying to make a presentation to the 702 Society and the next opportunity will be on August 8th. Jim is preparing a presentation on the construction of the Tucson Base float that will be shown to our membership.

The International Submariners Association will be having a convention in the United States in 2009 in San Diego. Applications to join ISA/USA are in the Midwatch.

New Business

There is an election to be conducted for Western District 1 Commander. Since there is only one candidate, Jim Dunn, the vote was conducted by show of hand rather than by ballot. The results were unanimous for Jim Dunn and Base Commander Stan Reinhold will report the results to the Western Region Director.

The base has decided to order 45 of the 2008 USSVI calendars. The National organization needs our input to insure that a sufficient quantity of calendars are produced.

Next month's meeting will be with Gudgeon Base in Prescott Valley at the Moose Lodge on August 11th at 1200. The social hour will begin at 1100.

Good of the Order

The "Fabulous Phoenix" activities were not supported on the 4th of July as intended. The weather was extreme and there were not enough volunteers to adequately staff the event.

Jim Denzien reported on his recent underway on the USS Helena (SSN 725) in San Diego. He was underway of July 17th and spent the day on the ship with members of the 702 Society, the Phoenix Commission and other guests. One of the guests was Miss USA 2006.

Shipmate Jack Moore reported that he had some printers available. If anyone has a need for one contact him.

50/50 Drawing and Raffles

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jim Edwards.

The raffles for the gun club membership and the jewelry boxes were conducted. The winners are: Gun Club Membership: Howard Doyle; Jewelry Boxes: Ed Hawkins and Tim Moore.

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