

February 2011 General Meeting Minutes

Before I get into the official minutes from our general membership meeting, I want to first pass along kudos to the membership for such a successful inaugural meeting at Dillon's Restaurant. We had forty-three members and guests in attendance which ranks up there as one of our most well attended meetings. And secondly I want to thank both Richard Kunze and John Schlag for answering the call and stepping up to offer their assistance with regards to my plea for help in finding a Secretary and their willingness to assist with other projects. We will work with both of these gents and do what makes the most sense to utilize their abilities and will be in the best interest of Perch Base. Thanks again to Richard and John.

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant at Arrowhead, in Glendale, AZ at 1207 hours, 12 February 2011. 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 the month of February and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

According to the Sailing List there were 43 members and guests present. Jim introduced Dick Sinclair who is visiting with us and is a member of Polaris Base in Rapid City, SD. Dick will be in the valley this month and may be with us at next month's meeting. Jim also introduced Jim Strassels who is a member of Gudgeon Base and has moved to Chandler and will be joining Perch Base. Another new member who will be joining us from Dolphin Base in San Jose is Dewey Reed. Also with us today was Jim Paper who recently joined Perch Base and another member whom we haven't seen for a while was Ron Zomok. The complete sailing list included:

Jim Denzien	Tim Moore	Rick Simmons	Jack Moore
Ted Hunt	Jim Strassels	Richard Kunze	Jack Kimball
Steven Stanger	Robb Roberts	John Zaichkin	Walt Blomgren
Ron Zomok	Doug LaRock	Raymond Marshall	Bob Warner
Dick Sinclair	Dewey Reed	Dottie Reed	Mike Dahl
Jim Edwards	DeWayne Lober	Karl Krull	Tom Clonts
Jim Paper	Emil Schoonejans	Jim Nelson	John Schlag
Richard Bernier	Joe Varese	Stan Reinhold	Karl Bergstrom
George Debo	Jim Newman	Dick Carraker	Gary Carraker
Don DeMarte	Davy Jones	Herb Herman	Jacob Hawes
Don Moss	Howard Doyle	Chuck Emmett	

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the January 2011 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Warner reported on the base's financial status as of 31 Jan 2011. 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

Jim reported on the awards dinner which was very successful this year. We had fifty plus members and guests in attendance with our keynote speaker being RADM Barry Bruner who is COMSUBGRU 10 in Kings Bay, GA. Kudos to Jack Moore for the banquet preparation and getting the Admiral here to attend.

We did have Admiral Bruner's presentation on the website but we pulled it off at his request. He made this request because he was somewhat more candid with us than he would have been to the general public and some of his comments were for our ears only. Chuck has videos of the Admiral's presentation available at \$10.00 each to cover the costs of producing them.

We are preparing a video to show on a T.V. that we hope to have when we have the float out for static displays. This is a work in progress that should be completed soon.

Elections will be coming up in March and as it stands right now, the only two positions up for re-election are the Commander and Vice-Commander. No one other than Jim and Howard has expressed any interest in running for these offices. The secretary and treasurer are no longer voted positions. They are appointed by the Base Commander with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Jim passed along his thanks to Rick Simmons, our Membership Chair for a job well done and complimented the base membership on the re-enlistment effort. We were very successful this year and Perch Base continues to grow.

Jim announced that we now have a "crew" for the float. When we participated in the Papago Park Antique Military Vehicle event, someone had (for sale) some 1/18th scale model army statuettes. Chuck painted them to look more like navy personnel. Placing them on the sail of the float gives a whole new perspective on the real size of a Los Angeles class fast attack submarine. This addition has been very well received by all who have seen it.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle announced that we just completed the Parada del Sol Parade in Scottsdale and were very well received by the public. He also announced that we will be participating in the Ira Hayes/ 66th Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony & Parade next week in Sacaton, AZ.

Secretary – Tim Moore put out a plea to the base soliciting support from the membership to step up to the plate and volunteer where assistance is needed. More specifically, we need a Secretary as well as additional personnel to help with miscellaneous events and upcoming projects like the SOS project.

Treasurer – Bob Warner had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren had nothing to report.

Chief of the Boat – Jack Moore thanked the membership for making our Annual Awards Banquet a success.

MidWatch Editor/Webmaster – Chuck Emmett announced that he had DVD's of Admiral Bruner's Annual Awards Dinner keynote presentation. They are available for \$10.00 each to cover costs. Chuck also re-iterated that the presentation was taken off the website at the Admiral's request who stated "I was talking to you sub vets. I don't want this out there to the world".

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober announced that he has applications for vests and he has some specials on some shirts.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons reported that everyone has paid their 2011 dues except four members who chose not to re-enlist. Rick mentioned that if anyone needs 2011 stickers for their membership cards he has them available. We did the "Early Bird" drawing for the membership renewal effort this year. Anyone who got their dues in before the end of October was entered into the "Early Bird" drawing and the winner of that drawing was James F. Newman who, as the winner, will not have to pay base dues next year.

Events Coordinator – Joe Varese had nothing to report.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Historian – Jim Newman had nothing to report.

Old Business

Jim again reminded the membership about the March elections and re-iterated the need for a Base Secretary as well as more membership support for upcoming events and projects like the SOS project. Jim talked about the USS Lapon SSN-661 memorial project which was done by the Ozark-Runner Base in Springfield, MO which is much the same as what we hope to accomplish. We can learn from their experience which should aid us successfully accomplishing our project.

New Business

Jim announced April 9th Submarine Birthday Picnic which will be held at the White Tanks Regional Park. We want to encourage this to include all family members and their guests. There is a \$6.00 fee per carload to enter the park.

Jim announced the list of upcoming events This month's event's include the February 17th Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit to the Phoenix Children's Hospital and vests will be the Uniform of the Day. Following this will be the aforementioned Sacaton Iwo Jima Memorial event on Saturday the 19th. The last event before our next meeting will be on Friday, 03/04/11 at the Peoria Sports Complex located on the southeast side of Loop 101 and Bell Road at 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382. This will be the Mariners Vs. Reds NRD Phoenix sponsored Military appreciation day event. Other future events through the 4th of July were announced and will again be announced at upcoming meetings and will also be published in the MidWatch. The membership was again encouraged to participate in these activities.

Good of the Order

Don DeMarte reported on the Arizona Stand Down event at the Memorial Coliseum. This is an annual event for homeless veterans and there were over 1000 in attendance this year. Don mentioned that he ran into two of whom were wearing dolphins. Don will attempt to get additional information so perhaps we might be able to do something to assist our homeless Brothers of the Phin.

Jim mentioned the Binnacle List which includes Walt Blomgren is now recuperating from recent hip surgery. Also, Jim Wall is in Del Webb in room D428 recuperating from a serious gall bladder surgery procedure. He will most likely remain in the hospital for up to two weeks and would like to have visitors. Stan Reinhold was with us today and updated the group on his recent bout with respiratory problems.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Dewey Reed who won \$57.50 of the \$115.00 contributed for the drawing.

Adjournment

All 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 1315 hours.

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

Tim Moore

Secretary, Perch Base USSVI