

Perch Base Minutes July 12, 2014

Meeting was called to Order at 1200.

The Monthly meeting of Perch base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 12 July 2014. The meeting was called to Order by Howard Doyle, Jr, Base Commander.

Howard gave the Benediction and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Andrews read the Purpose of the Base. A moment of silence followed and a Tolling of The Boats lost in July.

New members, Dave Wickline and Donald Schafer, were recognized. Visitor James DelFrate was also recognized. Renoldo Atos has been gone awhile, but is back now and was also welcomed by the base.

According to the sailing list 27 members, 2 new members and 1 visitor were present.

Richard Kunze	Dave Fyock	David Fledderjohn	Dan Marks
Renoldo Atos	Ted Hunt	Mary Denzien	DeWayne Lober
Rick Simmons	Ed Schafer	Chuck Emmett	Kelly Grissom
Lou Reynolds	Dave Metje	Jim Andrews	Marcia Unser
Jim Denzien	Douglas LaRock	James DelFrate	Don Unser
Tim Moore	John Zaichkin	David Heighway	Mike Hinterliter
Layne Moss	Dan Moss	Howard Doyle Jr	Don Schafer
David Wickline	Herb Coulter		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the last Base Minutes. It was so moved, 2nd, and approved by voice vote.

Howard Doyle Jr. read the treasurers report ending June 30, 2014. A motion was made to approve the report, 2nd, and approved by voice vote.

Officers reports

Vice Commander - Richard Kunze.

Richard reported on the Frontier Days Rodeo Parade, which was well attended this year. He mentioned how the crowds stood and saluted as our American flag went by.....very patriotic. It turns out that this appears to be the largest parade in AZ, with 173 entries.

Membership - Rick Simmons.

Membership now stands at 165. Rick, once again, reminded members that they need to vote in this year's National Elections. Chuck Emmett will have his laptop available for those that want to vote after the meeting. Members were also urged to log in to the Perch Base Website and update their personal information.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

The Gudgeon Base picnic will be Sat., July 19, in Prescott. There was a show of hands and 11 members of Perch Base will be attending. A map will be made available on the Flash Traffic with directions to the picnic area.

Congress Parade will be on Sat., Oct. 4 and Perch Base will have their float at the parade.

The Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, Perch Base will present wreaths.

Past Base Commander – Jim Denzien

New Western Regional Director is going to be needed as the past Director has resigned and the only candidate on the current ballot, Bob Bissonette, has been appointed to fill the vacancy..

He also stressed the need for everyone to vote in this year's National Elections.

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober

Had T-shirts and other items on sale.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Site has been completely overhauled. Dan also mentioned the link to the National Organization so that people can vote online. If anything doesn't work right, there is a link at the bottom of every page for you to input any issues, to which the Webmaster can respond.

Communication – Chuck Emmett

Chuck mentioned the nice note and contribution to the Scholarship Fund, made by Renaldo Atos. Chuck also encouraged people to send in a request for the Scholarship that Perch Base has made available.

Once again, voting was mentioned. He has paper ballots also, for those that don't want to vote online.

Old Business

ASSM – Dan Moss

Dan reported that the IRS has received the 501C3 application. It will take approximately 90 days for completion if no issues arise.

Dan described the monument that will be erected at West Bolin Memorial Plaza, and the people that have donated their time to help get this project completed. Copies of the flier are available from Chuck Emmett. The flier is also available on the Perch Base Website.

Scholarship committee - Perch Base is offering \$1,000 for those family members of all regular Perch Base members, who are seeking to further their education. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2014. Rick Simmons explained the requirements, which are also on the Perch Base Website.

Storekeeper - DeWayne Lober

DeWayne is planning on retiring from the Storekeeper position, so the base needs a volunteer to take over this position.

Communication - Chuck Emmett

Editor of Desert 1Mc Region Newsletter is needed. Chuck explained that he could help the person who volunteers for this position.

The upcoming National Election is now on and members can vote until August 27. There are some proposed technical changes to the Constitution to be voted on. Chuck also has the magazine for members to read regarding the issues to be voted on. Everyone was encouraged to vote.

New business

Howard mentioned that Dex Armstrong has passed away. He wrote several stories and articles as the "Aft Battery Rat".

Dave Fyock mentioned the Mount Soledad Memorial, in San Diego, California, which honors veterans. He wondered if Perch Base would be interested in sponsoring. Howard suggested that Dave take the lead and bring this information to the board and we will discuss.

Good of the Order

Jim Denzien mentioned the potential for building a second float, which would be a WWII Fleet Boat. Anyone interested, should contact Jim.

Binnacle List

Walt Blomgren under the weather.

Gene Crabb had heart valve replacement surgery.

50/50 was won by Doug LaRock, who received \$63.00.

Benediction was read by Howard Doyle Jr.

Adjournment

All outstanding business having been accomplished, it was moved and 2nd to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by voice vote and adjourned at 1300.

Marcia L. Unser
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