

## Perch Base Minutes January 9, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 9 January 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Don Unser led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dewey Reed read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in January.

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

Richard Kunze	Bill Woolcott	Jim Denzien
Jim Andrews	Mike Olsen	David Metje
Karen Emmett	Chuck Emmett	Herb Herman
Dan Marks	Josh Whitmore	Mike Dahl
Ken Meeks	Davy Jones	John Zaichkin
Jim Mann	Larry Speight	Mike Hinderliter
Bob Srenz	Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock
David Heighway	Tim Moore	Edward Gonsowski
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Don DeMarte
Marcia Unser	Brutus Loftin	Howard Doyle Jr.
Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	Robie Robinson
Jack Messersmith	Lou Reynolds	Gene Crabb
George Gillette	Dan Moss	Layne Moss
Bill Larime	Ed Brooks	David Fledderjohn
Dan Caum (Visitor)	Nicholas Daley	John Mosher
William Tipett	Nathan Tippet (Guest)	Angel S.....(Guest)
Glen Posniack	Pete Sattig	Dewey Reed
Dottie Reed		

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 Dec. 31, 2015.

Chuck reported that Black Canyon City has rewarded Perch Base with a check for \$100.00 as a thank you for participating in their parade.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Vice Commander/COB - Richard Kunze**

As of January this year the dues for National is \$25.00. Nominations are open for this position in January and February. Nominees must accept nomination verbally or in writing if not present when nominated. Elections will be held at the March monthly base meeting.

#### **Communications Officer – Chuck Luna**

Chuck was not present at the meeting.

## **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Treasurer's report has already been read

## **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Dan reported that there were 2,800 hits last month, about 66% from Arizona. In the upper left corner is the Navigation Menu, to use where else you can go on the site. This was the big change this past month. He showed the members the area where the 'event's menu is located. Dan has improved the 'Above The Fold' area to increase the interest in our website.

## **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported that since his report in early December, we have added two new members to Perch Base and USSVI. The annual dues renewal drive is over and the results are: USSVI -88% have paid, Perch Base – 91%, and Donations equates to 70%. As of January 1, 2016, eleven members have not paid their dues. Out of these eleven, three have notified him that they are not going to renew their membership. If the remaining members aren't heard from by January 9, 2016, they will be removed from the roster.

As of this date, Jim has received 39 reservations for the Awards Banquet. The deadline for reservations is January 15, 2016.

## **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

The Awards Banquet on January 23, 2016.

Laveen - February 6, 2016.

Tale of Two Cities - Feb. 20, 2016.

RV Park - March 17, 2016.

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

Akimel A-al Middle School – May 9, 2016. A motion was made to go to this event, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Flagstaff Armed Forces - May 21, 2016.

Memorial Day at National Cemetery – May 30, 2016.

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

Luke AF Days – April 2, 2016. More details when available.

All events are available on the Website.

## **Past Commander – Howard Doyle**

Howard Doyle still has raffle tickets for the AZ Firearms, which will benefit one of the Goodyear Fire Dept. members who has health issues. He reminded members of the Awards Banquet being held January 23, 2016. A silent auction by ASSM will be held during the banquet.

## **Chaplain – Mike Olsen**

Billy Grieves is now in a private home.

Jim Andrews scheduled for surgery the end of the month.

Ernie Plantz buried with honors, in Groton, CT.

## **District Commander – Jim Denzien**

Navy Week in Phoenix, AZ from March 21 through March 27. More information to follow. He urged

members to attend the Western Region Roundup in Laughlin and sign up for the Convention in Reno.

### **Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck announced that he needs a volunteer to be the Storekeeper for Perch Base.

Chuck also announced that he has nominated Richard Kunze for the position of Vice Commander and Richard has accepted the nomination.

### **ASSM – Dan Moss**

Chuck received a message from sponsors of National Convention, and they're going to have special place set up for the ASSM. An official recognition letter was received from US Congressman, Salmon from Gilbert. Dan reported that they now have 50 items that will be available at the banquet for the Silent Auction.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jack Messersmith gave a presentation of the Boat Sponsorship Program explaining how this program works and where the magazines are sent. The cost is \$30 a year per subscription. There are also calendars available at \$7 each.

Chuck mentioned that there are submarine models available in the back of the room, for anyone who wants to take them. He announced that the Western Region Roundup & the National Convention are all mentioned in the next issue of the American Submariner Magazine.

Jim Denzien announced that they're looking for suggestions of what the subvets want to see at the Western Region Roundup. These can be sent to Jim Denzien or Chuck Emmett.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Admiral Vern Clark, USN (Retired), and former CNO will be our speaker at the banquet and is excited to have been invited back. Chuck encouraged members to wear their vests at the banquet and 'long' pants.

The MidWatch is now available online and Chuck brought in hard copies for those who don't have online access. All this information is on the web page as to when he needs input and when it will be sent out.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Howard Doyle announced that he has 3 raffle tickets left for the rifle.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Bill Larime from Gudgeon Base brought in his collection of dolphins and gave a little history of this extensive collection.

### **Binnacle List**

Billy Grieves  
Jim Andrews

**50/50**

John Mosher won the raffle which came to \$124.00.

**ADJOURMENT**

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

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base