

Perch Base Minutes February 13, 2016

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 13 February, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Emmett, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Chuck Emmett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Hinderliter read the USSVI Creed. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February.

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

Richard Kunze	George Debo	Jim Denzien
Jim Andrews	Mike Olsen	Sam Mecham
Jim Nelson	Chuck Emmett	Herb Herman
Dan Marks	Richard Noreika	Mike Dahl
Brad Lawrence	Davy Jones	John Zaichkin
James Newman	George Woods	Mike Hinderliter
Royce Pettit	Ray Marshall	Doug LaRock
David Heighway	Tim Moore	Glenn Posniack
Don Unser	Don Schafer	Don DeMarte
Marcia Unser	Chuck Luna	Howard Doyle Jr.
Rick Simmons	DeWayne Lober	Robie Robinson
William Tippet	David Metje	John Mosher
George Gillette	Dan Moss	Ken Meeks
Dottie Reed	Mary Denzien	David Fledderjohn
Marcus Hensley	Dewey Reed	Pete Sattig
George Crider		

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 January 31, 2016.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reminded the members that he needs articles for the newsletter. The deadline for the MidWatch is March 18, 2016.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Treasurer's report has already been read

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Dan reported there is a video on the main page of the website, which features the stories from Billy Grieves

experiences on submarines. He encouraged everyone to view as it's very interesting.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that several members were dropped from the roster, which gives Perch Base a total of 163 members. He is working on updating the Perch Base & USSVI rosters with current information. Bill Maida won the early bird drawing at the banquet. He doesn't have to pay his Perch Base dues for next year, as a reward.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Tale of Two Cities - Feb. 20, 2016.

Paradise RV Park - March 17, 2016.

Navy Week – March 22, 2016. We will have a static display at this event.

Luke Air Force Days – April 2-3, 2016. More details when available.

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. Jim Denzien suggested that we extend an invitation to the Tucson Base to join Gudgeon and Perch Base for this parade.

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

All events are available on the Website.

Don encouraged members to attend the parades, as they're well received and we have a lot of fun.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Billy Grieves is now in a care home.

District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reminded the members of the Western Regional Roundup in Laughlin. Registration is going to be \$20.00 a person. This information is also on our web page.

Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck announced the upcoming election for Vice Commander, and asked if there was anyone that wanted to nominate someone at this time. The nominations will be close on Monday, February 15, 2016. Further action will take place at the March Base meeting.

He also mentioned the need for a storekeeper. Herb Herman volunteered to take this position.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard Doyle reported that the Awards Banquet was a success. He has obtained the same place

for the banquet to be held Jan. 21, 2017. He needs suggestions as to a speaker or other venue for the upcoming event.

Dan Moss gave an overview of what is happening with the ASSM. He also reported that the Silent Auction at the Awards Banquet brought in \$950.00. Tim Moore reported that the pavers for the memorial have generated \$1600.00.

Davy Jones has more books by Dex Armstrong for sale, which all the monies go to the ASSM.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Kunze reported that all bases have been invited to the Perch Base picnic, which will be held at the White Tanks Park (Ramada 4F). The event will be from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The cost to get into the park is \$6.00 per car. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and the normal side dishes this year.

David Heighway presented Dan Moss a check for \$500 to purchase a brick for the USS Perch SS176, which will be on the back wall of the memorial.

Don Unser reported that Perch Base received a certificate of appreciation for being part of the Daisy Mountain parade in Anthem each year.

Perch Base will also take part in a static display at the Rogers Ranch School in Laveen. Waiting for more details, which will be put on our website.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The MidWatch does have spaces for classified ads.

Jim Denzien reported that the VA Hospital in Phoenix has a new parking garage.

Binnacle List

Billy Grieves

50/50

Dewey Reed won the raffle which came to \$106.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1303 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base