

Perch Base Minutes June 9, 2018

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1210 hours, 9 June 2018. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. Howard Doyle Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance, Chuck Luna read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in June.

Per the sailing list, the following attended the base meeting:

Carl Miner	Davy Jones	Jack Patterson
Tony Christianson	Doyle Egg	Chuck Luna
Mike Olsen	Doug LaRock	Ray Marshall
Chuck Emmett	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Governor Joy	Wayne Clark	Don Petty
Dan Marks	Rick Simmons	Don Schafer
Jerry Allston	Don Robertson	George Gillette
Robie Robinson	Herb Herman	Ken Meeks
Sam Mecham	Jim Andrews	DeWayne Lober
Edward Gonsowski	George Woods	Mike Hinderliter
W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Don DeMarte	Vic Van Horn
Jan Van Horn	Chris Urness	Jim Denzien
Dan Moss	Layne Moss	David A. Metje
Dick Noreika	Lou Reynolds	Kelly Grissom
Jim Wall		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the May meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The May Treasurer report was not available this month, but will be read at the next meeting..

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reminded members that the cutoff date for the MidWatch is June 15, 2018.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard asked for a show of hands as to how many members were going to attend the BBQ at Tom Warner's home after the parade in Prescott.

Vice Commander – Glenn Posniack

Glenn was not at the meeting.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl reported that he fixed the microphone issue.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave was not at the meeting.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb reported that he has ordered more mesh hats. He will also be putting in an order this month, and if members had anything they wanted to order, to let him know.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been several cases when emails from webmaster@perch-base.org have gone into members' junk mail. I recommend members add webmaster@perch-base.org to their contacts list so it will be recognized as a trusted source. If your mail program includes the ability to add a domain to your trusted list, then add the domain perch-base.org so that other emails, such as Flash Traffics from communications@perch-base.org won't go to your junk mail.

Major activity with the website during the past month has been additions of a link to the Meeting Minutes to the Navigation drop-down menu, a Thank You note from Richard Kunze's sister, Margaret, Western Regional Roundup photos, the Annual Picnic photos, Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade photos, Memorial Day Ceremony pictures, a link to the ASSM summer raffle promotion, the Linda Wall obituary, the USSVI 54th birthday, updating the Float Maintenance page, and replacement of the membership application with a fillable form. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded, Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted and links updated. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During May, there were approximately 1,298 page views on the Perch Base website during 525 sessions by 360 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are about the slightly higher than usual, probably due to the posting of photos for the increased number of events during the month. The new statistic shows that 13% of the traffic are returning visitors and the other 87% are new visitors to the website. Approximately 74% of the sessions originated in the US, 2% from Canada, 6% from France, 2% from Canada and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 36% of the sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim had nothing to report this month.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

USS Phoenix (SSN-702) Reunion Reception – June 16, 2018.

Prescott Frontier Days- June 30, parade starts at 9:00 AM. They want everyone in place by 8 AM.

San Diego SubVets Annual Family Picnic – July 14, 2018.

Gudgeon Base Picnic – September 15, 2018. The picnic site has been changed and details are on the

website.

2018 Convention Cruise – Oct. 21 – 28, Departs from Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Don reminded the members that all the events are on the Perch Base website.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck had nothing to report.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor reported that Tim Moore and Vic Van Horn were both in the hospital recently.

Western Regional District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reminded members that the elections are coming up and urged members to vote. The voting will be from August 1 through the end of September.

ASSM – Chris Urness

Chris announced that the ASSM has now reached \$80,000.00 and that there is a raffle that will be going on throughout the summer. The winner will receive a model of a submarine of their choice. He encouraged members to pass on this information to friends/relatives, to help support the ASSM.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard recognized that our two WWII members, Ray Marshall and Lou Reynolds are attending the meeting today. Howard announced that this month is the birthday of Perch Base Charter (June 20, 1995) and that there is a cake in the back, to commemorate this event.

Howard encouraged members to sponsor a boat, which costs \$30.00 a year. You can contact Vic Van Horn for more information.

Howard also reported that the deadline for the scholarship program is the end of July. The applications are on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

The USSVI national elections are being held and all information is in the American Submariner magazine. Jim Denzien urged the members to vote.

Howard reminded the members that they can nominate individuals for the National Awards. This information is also on the USSVI website.

Jim Denzien commented that the Convention and Visitors Bureau is handling most of the duties for the 2020 Convention and that this is a joint effort between Tucson and Perch Base. He's already had several members volunteer to help. There's going to be a meeting with the hotel staff on June 25, 2018.

UAV – There was nothing to report this month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dick Norieka thanked the Perch Base Moving Company (Dan Marks, Don & Marcia Unser), who helped with his brother's move into a different apartment last week.

Jim Wall thanked the members who attended his wife's memorial.

BINNACLE LIST

George Crider is at home and getting Hospice care.

50/50

Howard Doyle won the drawing, which came to \$85.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. Meeting adjourned at 1247 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base