

Perch Base Minutes August 11, 2018

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 11 August 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, Edward Gonsowski read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in August.

New member Nick Price and guest, Jaid Urness were welcomed to the group.

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

Carl Miner	Davy Jones	W. H. Doyle Jr.
David Heighway	Chuck Emmett	Herb Herman
Barbara Herman	Chuck Luna	Edward Gonsowski
Don Schafer	Jim Andrews	Marcia Unser
Robert Wright	David Kleinz	Steve Snyder
Rick Simmons	Dan Marks	Jim Nelson
Glenn Posniack	Nick Price	Layne Moss
Dan Moss	Nancy Nelson	Jim Denzien
Ken Meeks	David A. Metje	Tim Moore
Richard Noreika	Mike Olsen	Vic Van Horn
Jan Van Horn	Chris Urness	Jaid Urness
Governor Joy	Jim Wall	George Woods
Kelly Grissom		

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

The August Treasurer report was read.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck had nothing to report.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard asked for a show of hands as to how many members were going to attend the Gudgeon Base picnic next month.

Vice Commander – Glenn Posniack

Glenn had nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl reported that he straightened out the blue bag on the float. He also checked around the float and people trailer and thinks the float should be painted soon. He also suggested that we get stencils instead of decals for the float.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb reported that he has more hats available and other items for sale.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

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 July, there were approximately 1,221 page views on the Perch Base website during 446 sessions by 296 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. The new statistic shows that 17% of the traffic are returning visitors and the other 83% are new visitors to the website. Approximately 74% of the sessions originated in the US, 7% from France, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 31% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim had reported that we have 178 members. He reminded members that Oct. 1, is the date to start the membership renewal drive. Everyone will be receiving letters regarding the renewal issue.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don was not at the meeting.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported that he has the new business cards for those members that want them.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor reminded the members to let him know when someone is sick, so we can put them on the Binnacle list and have the Chaplain visit.

Western Regional District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reminded members that the elections are now and urged members to vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard encouraged members to sponsor a boat, which costs \$30.00 (8.22 cents per day) a year. There are 46 boats that don't have sponsors. Contact Vic Van Horn for more information.

Howard also reported that four scholarships were awarded. Jaid Urness was at the meeting and Howard presented her with her monies. The other three getting scholarships are Cameron Millette, Jacen Millette, and Cole Norieka.

NEW BUSINESS

The USSVI national elections are now open and Jim Denzien has paper ballots that can be filled out after the meeting. Howard also requested that when voting, to approve the new Constitution and By-Laws at the end of the ballot. There are two laptops available after the meeting for members to vote online.

Howard reported that the Gudgeon Base picnic is being held on Sept. 15, 2018 and that all Perch Base members are invited. He suggested that members let him know if they're going. The new location is on the website.

Howard reminded the members that the 2020 National Convention is being held in Tucson and that they're requesting assistance from Perch Base. You can contact Howard, Jim Denzien or Dennis Ottley, the Commander of the Tucson base.

UAV – Jim Denzien had nothing to report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Moore reported on the progress of the ASSM. The Memorial now has \$90,000.00, which is fantastic. He's got more commitments from various companies and hopes to reach the \$100,000.00 goal by the end of this year. He also reported that all 65 Lost Boats now have sponsors.

Glenn Posniack mentioned that his company will match, up to \$2500.00, any corporate donations made to the ASSM.

Jim Denzien reminded members that they can still sign up for the National Convention Cruise that takes place October 21-28, 2018.

Tim Moore also reported that there are books/memorabilia in the back for sale and all proceeds from these items will go to the ASSM.

Robert Wright reported that he uses the VA facility in Surprise and that it's being downsized and may be closed. He encouraged members to let the VA know that this facility is really needed in

that area. He also mentioned that his grand-daughter, who got a scholarship several years ago, wanted to let the members know how appreciative she is for the money given her to further her education.

BINNACLE LIST

George Crider

Steve Hough

Herb Herman

50/50

Carl Miner won the drawing, which came to \$77.00. He donated \$47.00 back to the base and sponsored a boat with the remaining \$30.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. Meeting adjourned at 1245 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base