

January 2007 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1300 hours, 20 January 2007. Tim Moore, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Joe Bernard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony for boats lost in January was followed by a moment of silence and a tolling of the bell for Shipmate Frank Rumbaugh, who left on eternal patrol on January 16th.

Guests at the meeting included Jack Messersmith, Gudgeon Base Commander who introduced George Syler, a WWII submarine veteran; Brad Veek, Gudgeon Base Treasurer; Bob Bailey from Gudgeon Base; Shipmate George Debo introduced some submarine friends from Pebble Creek: Karl Bergstrom and Bernie Fromm; Shipmate Jim Nelson introduced Terry Cash who is being reinstated as a member; National Senior Vice Commander Jim Foote, who is becoming a Perch Base member.

According to the sailing list, there were forty-five members and guests present.

Minutes from the November 2006 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of January 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Base Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold reported that Les Parsons, former OIC of the bathyscaph Trieste, would be giving a presentation at the March meeting.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore was not present.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not present.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported that the “delinquency” rate was 9 %. Notices were sent to “dinks”.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett reported that he appreciates the input for the newsletter. Keep the input coming.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson stated that if any additional items were desired to be carried in the Ship's Store to let him know.

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Old Business

Base Commander Tim Moore stated that one of the highest priorities in the near future is the March election of new officers. Interested individuals are encouraged to make their wishes known.

Western Regional Director Dave Harnish gave an update on the plans for the conference to be conducted on April 9-14 in Laughlin NV. Registration forms and agendas were made available to the membership.

The base is looking into the possibility of replacing our float with one that is a replica of the USS Phoenix SSN-702. Fact-finding is currently going on. We are getting information from the members of Tucson base who have recently finished a similar project. The results will be furnished to the membership when available.

Tim Moore mentioned that the sale of advertising (business cards) in the Midwatch needs to be considered again as a source of revenue. There were no ads in the January issue. Sale of the advertising may assist in paying for the new float project.

Tim Moore reported that he had contacted Groton Base concerning their satellite base program. It may be a possible solution for an "east valley" base. Their program appears to be working well.

New Business

Base Commander Tim Moore also mentioned that all hands should be thinking of our goals and objectives for the year 2007. Some items to be included are participation in Luke Days at Luke AFB and again having an informational booth at the Thunderbird Balloon and Air Classic in Goodyear.

We should be thinking of the annual base picnic. We have not discussed this recently and we need to be planning it soon. Dave Harnish will find out about the availability of the Live Steamers area.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Jim Nelson received a round of applause for his selection as "Sailor of the Year" for 2006.

A prayer was offered for the safety of Brent Nelson who will soon be stationed with the Army in Iraq.

Comments were made by the attendees at Admiral Vernon Clark's presentation at the Pebble Creek theater. The presentation was outstanding and those that did not attend missed a fine gathering. The Admiral met with the attendees after the presentation. Thanks to George Debo for his efforts in bring the presentation to our attention.

Tim Moore reported on upcoming guest speakers: Ken Earls in February and Les Parsons in March.

Bill Lee, member of Tucson Base and the National Boat Sponsorship Program Chairman, made a presentation on the Boat Sponsorship Program. He spoke of the benefits of sponsoring people, submarines and organizations. He also indicated that the program has greatly expanded in the recent past and the support is appreciated.

It was announced that shipmate Al Landeck, Vice Commander of Gudgeon Base, has suffered a stroke.

The Subvettes will be conducting a raffle to raise money for scholarships and that pictures of the items would be placed on the website.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jim Edwards.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Joe Bernard offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1412.

Jim Denzien
Base Secretary/Treasurer