

February 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, 17 February 2007. Tim Moore, Base Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Chaplain Howard Doyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in February was conducted.

New members and guests at the meeting included Jimmie Dixon, Steve Smith, Bernie Fromm, Karl Bergstrom and Matt Hayball

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

Minutes from the January 2007 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of February 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

Vice Commander – Stan Reinhold had no report.

Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore had no report.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that shipmate Ed Hawkins was improving and that he was in the Boswell Rehabilitation Center, Room 523, Bed 2.

Membership Chairman – Ramon Samson reported on the status of base reenlistment.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not present.

Ship's Storekeeper – Jim Nelson had no report.

Old Business

Base Commander Tim Moore stated that we would be having the election of new base officers next month. All positions have at least one candidate. Over the next year we will be looking for others to step forward.

The Western Region conference will be on April 9-13 in Laughlin NV. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Caucus for the WWII Submarine Vets. Registration forms and agendas were made available to the membership.

There will be a "Salute to Veterans" parade on April 21st in Riverside CA. All hands are invited. We will be taking our float to participate. A float of the SSN-21 is being brought up from Texas and the Tucson Base is considering bringing their float. We'll have a WWII, Los Angeles Class and a Seawolf Class float for the parade.

We are making progress with fabrication of a new float. Tucson Base has provided a CD with photos of the in-process fabrication of their float and points-of-contact for us. Jim Denzien and Howard Doyle are working the project. Dave Harnish has a lead on acquiring an 18' wing tank from Peoria High School.

We still need to make plans for the annual picnic. Last year's picnic was in March and the earliest this year would be May. If we don't have it by then we should consider a joint event with Gudgeon Base later in the summer.

New Business

The Holland Club induction needs to be planned. We have at least three inductees and need to coordinate the ceremony with them for their availability.

Good of the Order

Vice Commander Stan Reinhold announced that Lufthansa has given permission for us to have our Christmas party in December at their facility. No specific date has been chosen. He also reported that the Scottsdale Gun Club has donated a full one-year membership to the Base for our purposes. We will be conducting a raffle.

Shipmate Jim Nelson gave an update on his son Brent who will soon be stationed with the Army in Iraq. He is one of 186 Navy members to be facing this duty.

A reminder was made to invite wives and significant others to participate with us and with the Subvettes.

Tim Moore reported on the upcoming March guest speaker: Les Parsons, former OIC of the bathyscaph Trieste II.

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

Jim and Jean Dunn gave a CD presentation of their trip to Moscow last year for the International Submariners Association conference. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Bernie Fromm.

Adjournment

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

Chaplain Howard Doyle offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1441.

Jim Denzien
Base Secretary/Treasurer