

July 2010 Perch Base Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base was convened at the American Legion Post #105, Phoenix, AZ at 1225, 07 July 2010. The meeting was called to order by Jim Denzien, Base Commander.

The "Call to Order" was led in a prayer of invocation by Walt Blomgren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the standard ceremonial opening. The tolling ceremony was conducted for all boats lost in the month of July and a moment of silence was observed for our shipmates on eternal patrol.

As the first item of business, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the June 2010 regular meeting be approved as published in the MidWatch monthly newsletter. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Denzien, acting as Interim Treasurer, reported on the base's financial status as of 30 June 2010. Jim asked the membership for anyone who might have some financial experience to consider volunteering and stepping up to serve as Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

According to the Sailing List there were 23 members present which included one new member, Dewight F. Kramer who is a WWII veteran. Dewight joined the Navy in 1942 and qualified aboard the USS Archerfish SS-311 that same year. Jim also introduced Steve Balthazor a Perch Base member who joined the base after attending the Gilbert Veteran's Day event last year. This is Steve's first opportunity to attend a meeting. Steve served aboard the USS Seahorse SSN-669 and

USS Puffer SSN-652 and decommissioned both boats.

Jim Denzien	Tim Moore	Jack Moore	Davy Jones
Jim Nelson	Joe Varese	Ted Hunt	Walt Blomgren
Chuck Emmett	Howard Doyle	Bob Warner	Steven Balthazor
De Wayne Lober	Rick Simmons	Dewight Kramer	Ron Dutcher
Richard Bernier	George Crider	John Schlag	Richard Kunze
Stan Reinhold	Charles Brady	Marty Zipser	Pete Lumianski, Guest

Base Commander's Board of Directors Meeting Report

There were revisions made to the Policies & Procedures Manual which are posted on the website. The most significant change is the Secretary and Treasurer positions have been moved from elected positions to appointed officer positions with no term limits. These positions will remain as a part of the Executive Board. These changes are in compliance with National guidelines and what other bases are currently doing. There is a requirement that persons being appointed to these positions will be either regular Perch Base members or duly sponsored associate members.

We will be modifying our display case with new shelves and lighting so we can display some our awards and artifacts.

We are reviewing the Perch Base Constitution for possible changes and/or amendments. Any changes will be made after the USSVI Convention to insure we are in compliance with National.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice-Commander – Howard Doyle had nothing to report.

Secretary – Tim Moore had nothing to report.

Treasurer – TBA

Chaplain – Walt Blomgren mentioned that he has the hospital information for Bob Nance for anyone who wants it. Bob is in Del Webb recuperating from hip surgery. Walt has Bob's home phone number and hospital bed number for anyone who is interested.

Chief of the Boat – Jack Moore reminded the membership that we are still in need of additional members who can tow the float occasionally. Anyone who can help with this endeavor should contact Jack.

MidWatch Editor/Interim Webmaster – Chuck Emmett reminded the membership that we have the "classifieds" on the web page and he has posted pictures from the Prescott Frontier Days event. He went on to say that we still want more entries for the "Now This Ain't No Sh*t" column.

Base Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober reported that he has some new hats for sale.

Membership Chairman – Rick Simmons had nothing to report.

Historian – Jim Newman was not present.

Events Coordinator – Barry Bowers was not present.

Past Commander – Stan Reinhold had nothing to report.

Old Business

Jim asked Rick Simmons report on the Prescott Frontier Days Parade. He reported that it was well organized and very successful with the local media reporting that there were 10 to 15 thousand people in attendance. The crowd was very enthusiastic and supportive of the event. We had a very good turnout from Perch Base members which complimented our shipmates from Gudgeon Base. Rick encouraged the entire membership to attend next year.

Walt Blomgren extended a Bravo Zulu to DeWayne Lober for his effort in organizing a static display for our float on the 4th of July at Butler Park in Glendale.

Jim went on to say that events like the Prescott Frontier Days and the static display at Butler Park give us excellent visibility and positive exposure in the community. Although the Butler Park event was not well publicized, it was well attended including having Mayor Phil Gordon in attendance. Anyone who might be aware of community activities in which we might want to participate, should get that information to the Event Coordinator to be brought up to the board for review.

New Business

We will not be having a September Perch Base meeting because of the USSVI National Convention. There will be an August meeting.

Jim announced that our new Events Coordinator will be Joe Varese aka “The Wanderer”. Joe stepped up and volunteered so if any of the members become aware of events, programs or inquiries requesting or float or Submarine Veteran participation, Joe will be the point of contact for all such requests.

Jim also announced that Bob Warner is stepped up and volunteered to take over as Perch Base Treasurer. When Jim comes back in from his trip later in the summer, the turnover of this function will be finalized.

Howard announced that his wife had open heart surgery earlier this week and is doing very well with the recovery process. Howard extended his thanks and gratitude to all for their support and concern.

Good of the Order

Tim announced that his company, American Home Maintenance donated \$100.00 to the foundation in recognition of Jack Moore’s air conditioning installation. Tim reminded the membership that if they know anyone, friends, neighbors or associates, who might be in need of air conditioning, please let him know and American Home Maintenance will donate \$100.00 to the foundation for any referral that leads to a sale.

Tim announced that we are planning our August Phoenix Children’s Hospital Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) visit for one of the last two Thursdays of the month. As soon as the date has been selected by the hospital, Tim will advise Joe Varese and plans will be finalized and announced to the membership.

Jim announced that at the conclusion of our meeting, Pete Lumianski will make a presentation to the group about the Save Our Sail project.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Bob Warner who won \$39.00 of the \$79.00 that was in the drawing.

Adjournment

The benediction was offered by Walt Blomgren.

All outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1300 hours.

Jim introduced Pete Lumianski who is a retired Navy Captain. He also introduced Marty Zipser who is a Life Associate Member of Perch Base and was also the Chair of the Phoenix Commission when it was taken out of commission. He is also here to help support the SOS project. With that, Jim turned the meeting over to Pete for his presentation about the SOS project.

Tim Moore, Secretary, Perch Base USSVI