

Perch Base Minutes April 14, 2018

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14 April 2018. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

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

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

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| W. H. Doyle Jr. | Doug LaRock | Jim Andrews |
| Carl Miner | John Zaichkin | Fred Fuller |
| Dan Marks | Ray Marshall | Sam Mecham |
| Don Robertson | David Heighway | Michael Bryant |
| George Woods | Tim Moore | Layne Moss |
| Robert Denton | Edward Gonsowski | David A. Metje |
| Robert Wright | George Gillrtte | Chuck Emmett |
| Mike Olsen | Don Schafer | Governor Joy |
| Larry Ruggles | DeWayne Lober | Davy Jones |
| Wayne D. Clark | Steven Stanger | Vic Van Horn |
| Ken Meeks | Chris Urness | Jan Van Horn |
| Rick Simmons | Jim Edwards | Sherry Woolcott |
| Don Petty | Dan Moss | Bill Woolcott |
| Otto Schmall | Don DeMarte | Lou Reynolds |
| Glenn Posniack | Herb Herman | Steve Snyder |

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

David Heighway read the Treasurer's report.

The base welcomed new members Otto Schmall, Mike Bryant and Donald Petty.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Webmaster – Dan Marks

The only major activity with the website during the past month has been additions of the newsletter and the promotion for the ASSM Western Regional Roundup Raffle. Other 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 March, there were approximately 828 page views on the Perch Base website during 434 sessions by 305 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are about the same as usual. The new statistic shows that 17.3% of the traffic are returning visitors and the other 82.7 are new visitors to the website. Approximately 85% of the sessions originated in the US, 3% from Great Britain and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 21% of the

sessions were from locations in the Metro Phoenix area, which is assumed to come from our local membership.

Chief Of the Boat – Carl Miner

Carl reported that he will be checking the USS Phoenix readiness for parade season.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing additional to report.

Vice Commander – Glenn Posniack

Glenn noted that the “crowded house” (45 attendees) is a rarity.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor reminded the membership to call him if you know of anyone on the Binnacle List.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that Howard Enloe re-joined and with today’s new members, we have 173 members.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reminded members that the USSVI National Elections are coming soon and encouraged a good voter turnout. Additionally, he encouraged voting for Jim Denzien as the Western Region Director.

ASSM Chairman – Tim Moore

Tim reported that the fundraising is at \$75,000 toward the \$100,000 goal. He also encouraged buying raffle tickets for the drawing which will be held during the Western Regional Roundup in Las Vegas.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard congratulated Lou Reynolds for his selection in the Veteran’s Heritage Book as a WW2 and Korean War Veteran. Jim Denzien was also included in the Veterans Heritage book and attended the book signing.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb noted that he has 8-inch dolphin window decals and vest clips for sale.

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not present at this meeting.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don was not present at this meeting.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia was not present at this meeting.

Western Regional District 1 Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim was not present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard Doyle, Jr. discussed the upcoming events:

2018 Western Regional Roundup - April 23 - 27, Sam's Town, Las Vegas. Although the date has passed to book rooms at the discounted price, members may still come.

Annual Lunch Picnic Meeting - May 12, White Tanks Park. Admission is \$6.00 per car. There is a potential problem that if the weather remains dry, there may be a burn restriction preventing cooking food. Watch for a Flash Traffic which may reschedule the picnic or discuss menu changes. Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade - May 19. Howard asked if anyone will volunteer to tow the "people trailer." He also reminded members to bring their own folding chairs for the "people trailer."

Howard noted that as of Wednesday, April 11, there are 220 people signed up for the 2018 Convention Cruise - Oct. 21 - 28.

Vic Van Horn, the manager of the USSVI Boat Sponsorship Program noted that about 35 boats in the fleet have to sponsors, yet. Vic reminded the members that individuals, not just bases can sign up.

Chuck Emmett again reminded members to vote in the upcoming election.

Howard identified that Rick Simmons will again be the Base Scholarship selection committee chairman and additional members are needed to volunteer for the selection committee.

Howard reminded the membership that the USSVI Awards supplication submittal deadline is April 30, 2018. Vic Van Horn stated he has submitted an application for a Meritorious Award for Perch Base.

NEW BUSINESS

UAV – Howard Doyle, Jr. reported on behalf of Jim Denzien that there was nothing to report regarding the UAV.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

BINNACLE LIST

George Crider is at home and getting Hospice care.

50/50

Don Petty won the drawing. He received \$114.50.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:

Dan Marks, for Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base