

Perch Base Minutes August 10, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 10 August 2019. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

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

The base welcomed guests Jacen, Cameron and Chad Millette. Governor Joy introduced his brother Toby Baca.

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

Davy Jones	Carl Miner	Chuck Emmett
Don Unser	Marcia Unser	Rick Simmons
L. A. Keating	W. H. Doyle Jr.	Doug LaRock
David Metje	Glenn Posniack	Chuck Luna
David Heighway	Jim Koning	Mike Weeks
Jerry Austin	Don Robertson	Ken Meeks
Tim Moore	Dan Marks	Jacen Millette
Cameron Millette	Chad Millette	Edward Gonsowski
Mike Olsen	Dick Noreika	Paul Miller
Chris Urness	Steven Stanger	Governor Joy
Tobby Baca	Tim Sekosky	Richard Hicks
DeWayne Lober	George Woods	Don DeMarte
Kelly Grissom	Richard Hicks	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the July meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

David Heighway gave the Treasurer report for July.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the deadline for the MidWatch is Sept. 20, 2019.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard encouraged the members to submit an article for the MidWatch.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing to report.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus was not at the meeting.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the addition of a promotion for the “Pinups For Vets” charity recommended by Rick Simmons at the July meeting. Based on input from the Gudgeon Base Commander, the date listed for the Gudgeon Base Picnic was updated to Saturday, September 21. 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.

A significant change to the website has been made which changes the website from absolute to relative addresses. Although not visible to the user, the change allows the website to be displayed at our meetings or events without the availability of WIFI or internet service using a computer as the server. The webmaster investigated an apparent case of “Email Harvesting” where “bots” scan the internet for email addresses. Since there is a webpage with the @perch-base.org email addresses for the Board of Directors, the SPAM was limited to only several members of the Board.

Located and contacted 3 possible drivers for another member in Sun Lakes.

During July, there were 1,399 page views on the Perch Base website during 530 sessions by 342 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 80% of the sessions originated in the US, 3% from the China, 2% from the United Kingdom, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 28% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 43% of the traffic was to the home page, 41% to the Glossary, 3% to the Sailing Orders page, 2% to the Eternal Patrol page, and 2% to the Prescott Frontier Days Parade page.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim was not at the meeting.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported the following events:

August 14-20, 2019 – USSVI Convention in Austin, TX

Sept.21, 2019 - Gudgeon Base Picnic – When more information is available, there will be a Flash Traffic sent out.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck had nothing to report.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy had nothing to report.

Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn

Vic was not at the meeting.

Western Region Director – Jim Denzien

Jim was not at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard presented the Scholarship checks to Jacen Millette and Cameron Millette. Chris Urness accepted the check for Jaid Urness. Each received \$1,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to address.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don introduced the speaker, Dr. Tim Sekosky, D.P.M., who gave a presentation on Foot Care.

Howard reported that the USS Batfish/Museum diesel boat had damage from the storms and that the Foundation was asking for donations to help restore the boat. The Perch Base Board has agreed to send \$100.00, and he said that anyone who would like to help, could get in contact with him, and he would make sure the monies got to the museum. All donations are tax deductible.

Tim Moore has a stainless-steel pair of Dolphins that he will put in a Silent Auction. The bidding will start at \$100.00 and more information will be in a future newsletter and on the Perch Base website.

BINNACLE LIST

Harold Weber

50/50

Don Robertson won the 50/50, which totaled \$150.00. His share was \$75.00. Don donated his share of the winnings to the fund to restore the USS Batfish in Muskogee, Oklahoma, which received serious damage to her mooring and flooding inside the boat during the recent record flooding of the Arkansas River.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. Meeting adjourned at 1254 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base