

the hospital. His relief in going through the safe, came upon the slip of paper. Written on the paper were these words: "Starboard is Right. Port is Left."

Minutes of the Arizona Subvets, Perch Base, for 9 September 2000:

The Eboard Meeting, was convened by Roger Cousin at 1215.

The General Meeting was convened by Roger Cousin at 1308.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Sailing List: 18

Guests: 0

Old Business: **Don Wannamaker** has 2001 calendars for sale. (Information in this Newsletter)

New Business: **Don Wannamaker** talked about his trip to San Diego (with **John Redding**). He solicited the sale of the calendars to the three different subs he visited. He sounded encouraged about the sale to active duty personnel on board the subs.

A presentation was made by the Commander to **Bob May** for 50 years of sub service. He received a Holland Club certificate, a patch, and a membership card.

Jim Newman called to say he has just completed his final phase of his annual trip, and will be back next month.

Ray Samson will be co-chairman, along with **Gary Patterson** on the membership committee office. This was an executive decision made by the Commander.

Don Wannamaker gave a presentation on the WWII sub convention held on the first week of September. He said it was an excellent convention, and he was very pleased with all the activities he participated in. A motion was made and passed stating that the membership list will be sent to all Perch Base members. A motion was made and passed to have nametags made for each Perch Base member.

Lou Tejera's donations of a painting and book for fund raising for needy personnel netted \$260. The names of the winners were not recorded, but will be put in the minutes of the next meeting.

Roger Cousin announced he is giving up responsibility of all Perch Base offices effective at the end of the month. He will remain a Perch Base member and assist in the transition of the offices he held. Good of the Order 50/50 was \$68.

The meeting was adjourned at 1425.

Commanders Comments:

There are 4 other recipients for Holland Club certificates which I will send out shortly. They are: **Hubert Maxey, Ken Becker, Billy Grieves, and Joe Benard**. These men were presented with their

Certificates in mid September. According to the Membership Co-Chairman, **Ray Samson**, he believes the motion was to make the Membership List Available to all members, not to send to all. This will be clarified and the next meeting.

Note: The names of the raffle winners and what each won is noted above. My announcement of resignation, was reported in error. I believe I said I was leaving at "the end of the year (December 31)." Others agree with me. I would never leave my post without ample notification and time to train my replacements. I believe it's obvious how much Perch Base has always meant to me and still does. I request that the Minutes be changed.

Fund Raiser for USS Torsk SS423:

In November the Torsk Volunteer Association and Ron Martini will be holding an auction on Ron Martini's BBS (at <http://wavecom.net/bbs/subboard/index.html>) to benefit the Torsk Volunteer Association (TVA). At this point we are collecting items to put up for auction. All donated items should be shipped to me at my address below, where we will catalog, number and photograph them. On October 15, Ron will post a message on the BBS with a link to a web page listing all the items that are available to bid on. Bidding will start on November 11 and run through November 25. Bidding is done through email, and the web site is updated daily with the high bidder amount and initials. Once Ron has received payment after the auction, TVA will ship the items to the winning bidders. Ron will then send a check for the total amount to TVA. All proceeds will go directly to TVA for maintenance and restoration projects on Torsk. **USS TORSK, SS-423**, was commissioned on December 16, 1944. **TORSK** made two war patrols in the Pacific and sank the last two enemy ships of World War II. She continued to serve as an active unit of the United States Navy making over 11,000 dives until she was decommissioned on March 4, 1968.

After a three-year assignment as a Naval Reserve training vessel in Washington, DC, **TORSK** became a memorial in Baltimore, Maryland in September of 1972. Every year thousands of people tour her confined spaces and learn what life was like for the men of the Silent Service. Through the efforts of volunteers and contributions such as yours of materials and funds, we will preserve the Torsk for future generations so that they too can remember the sacrifices made by the men of the submarine force who gave their lives in the service of our country.

Thank you for your support!

Gilbert

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