

May 2008 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at Happy Trails Resort, Surprise, AZ at 1300 hours, 17 May 2008. Stan Reinhold, 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 a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in May was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty members and guests present.

Minutes from the February 2008 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of May 2008. 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 - Bob Gilmore reported on the work that he has been conducting on the Memorial at the National Cemetery. The other work done by the volunteer committee was mentioned. There will be one more work party prior to Memorial Day. Bob volunteered to be in charge of the maintenance.

Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Denzien had nothing additional to report.

Chief of the Boat - Jim Edwards was not present.

Chaplain - Howard Doyle reported that shipmate Joe O'treba had gone on eternal patrol on May 12. The internment ceremony will be conducted at the Prescott National Cemetery on June 21.

Membership Chair - David Fledderjohn reported that last month we had four new members. Other new members were introduced: Bob Bailey and Angus McPherson.

Newsletter Editor - Chuck Emmett reminded all hands that we could use more ads for the Midwatch. The ads may be tax deductible through the foundation.

Storekeeper - Jim Nelson reported that he had "everything" for sale.

Webmaster - Ray Samson reported that we had just renewed our domain registration and web site for another 3 years.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore had nothing to report.

The Subvettes were not represented.

Old Business

Since there was only one candidate for each open base officer position (Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer), a motion was made and seconded that the slate be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. The new officers are: Vice Commander - Jim Denzien; Secretary - George Debo; Treasurer - Dave Harnish.

Jim Denzien reported on the status of the foundation. The tax exemption has been approved by the IRS and the foundation is a bona fide 501c(3) organization as of January 22, 2008. Jim also reported on the progress with the new float construction. We enlisted the support of the owner of a fiberglass fabrication facility in Glendale and we are making progress toward building the model. Commander Stan Reinhold will be making contact with a potential source for welding the tank.

The meetings in June and July will be at Happy Trails Resort with the August meeting being a joint meeting with Gudgeon Base in Prescott Valley. All members were encouraged to keep the maps to the meeting site at Happy Trails to conserve paper. We are looking at additional sites for future meetings.

If anyone is interested in a trip to a museum boat, please contact Howard Doyle.

Base Commander Stan Reinhold reported on a joint meeting attended by representatives of Perch Base, the Phoenix Commission and the Navy League. He reported that the Phoenix Commission was possibly looking for an organization to take over the "Save the Sail" project - bringing the sail of the former USS Phoenix here for a memorial. There was a discussion and information provided concerning the subject. After the discussion a motion was made and seconded to have Perch Base assume these responsibilities. A vote was taken by the members present and all were in favor of Perch Base assuming these responsibilities. Stan will take that information to the Phoenix Commission

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Jim Nelson. He donated the winnings to the base treasury.

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 1346.

Jim Denzien
Base Secretary/Treasurer (Outgoing)