

Perch Base Minutes June 10, 2017

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8 April 2017. The meeting was called to order by Richard Kunze, Base Commander.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Richard Kunze led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick Simmons read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in June.

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

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| Carl Miner | Don DeMarte | Dan Marks |
| Richard Kunze | David Heighway | Marcia Unser |
| Don Unser | Tom Carrier | Rick Simmons |
| J.C. Reece - Speaker | Robie Robertson | George Woods |
| Jim Denzien | Bill Tippet | Nathan Tippet |
| Don Robertson | Wayne Clark | Don Schafer |
| John Mosher | Ken Meeks | Jim Andrews |
| Jennifer Zazueta | Bob Gilmore | Darell Kellerher |
| Larry Speight | Sam Mecham | Davy Jones |
| Leo Avalos | Ray Marshall | Douglas LaRock |
| Jerry McKay | Robert Wright | Chuck Emmett |
| Mike Olsen | Jack Patterson | David Metje |
| Herb Herman | DeWayne Lober | Edward Gonsowski |
| Lou Reynolds | Mike Hinderliter | Governor Joy |
| Doug Newland | Kelly Grissom | |

The first item of business was a call for approval of the April & May Base 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: Jerry McKay, Leo Avalos and Jennifer Zazueta.

Guest speaker, J.C. Reece, of the El Zaribah Shriners, gave a presentation.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not at the meeting, but Richard Kunze reminded the members of the June 16, 2017, deadline for the MidWatch.

Vice Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard was not at the meeting.

Chief Of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl thanked the members for all their support in his new job as COB.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave reported that he will verify those who say they are due a free lunch for recruiting a new member.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb reported that he has lots of items in stock. He also reminded members that he has the dolphin vest pins and various patches for sale. As he's not carrying a lot of inventory, he suggested that if any members needed something specific, to let him know and he will order.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There have been no major updates to the website during the past month. Other routine updates during the past month included posting photos for the Perch Base Annual Picnic, Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade, Mesa Marketplace Memorial Event and Memorial Day. The Sailing Orders were updated, Flash Traffics and meeting minutes uploaded. Lost Boat notices and Half Staff notices posted. Similar updates have been maintained on the Perch Base Facebook Group.

During May, there were approximately 1,522 page views on the Perch Base website during 598 sessions by 390 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are comparable to last month and seem to be typical. Approximately 85% of the sessions were from locations within Arizona. Another 11% were from locations in California. The Homepage accounted for the largest (53%) percentage of the page views this month, exceeding the Glossary (22%), the Eternal Patrol page (4%) and the Sailing Orders page (2%).

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported the total base membership is now at 175. He reminded members about the free lunch that is awarded to any base member, who recruits a new member. He also reminded members of the membership drive that will start in September.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reminded the members that all events are on the website.

Frontier Days – July 1, 2017 in Prescott

Convention – August 31, 2017 – September 5, 2017 in Orlando, FL

Sierra Verde Elementary School – Nov. 9, 2017.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck reported the American Submariner magazine is now available to the public for \$24.00 a year subscription.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Nothing to report.

Chaplain – Mike Olsen

Mike reported that George Crider is in medical care again, but hoping to go home soon. He has been assisting George's wife with Home Health Care options. He reminded the members of the Funeral Benefits available to all veterans. Mike also introduced Governor Joy, who handles funeral arrangements for Dignity Health.

Base Commander – Richard Kunze

Richard thanked the members for all the help he got at the picnic. It made setting up and tearing down a lot quicker.

Western Regional District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that he attended the 'online' Board of Directors Meeting. At this meeting, they voted to allow Assistant Regional Directors. They also decided to put off presenting the Constitution/Bylaws until the 2018 Convention. It was decided that all POC's are to be put out to everybody in the base. The nominations for District Commanders were completed. The Travelers Limited Liability Insurance Policy has been renewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Kunze reported that he's received 2 applications for the Scholarship Program. The deadline for this is July 31, 2017. Memorial Day celebration only brought 12-13 members from the base. He encouraged Perch Base members to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Kunze reported that the White Mountain Base, Show Low, is having their Golf Tournament the first Saturday in August. Everyone is invited to this event. Richard has more information for those interested.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The raffle for autographed book, "Ice Station Nautilus" by Rick Campbell, was won by Mike Hinderliter.

Perch Base is celebrating its birthday on June 20, 2017. It became a charter member on this date in 1995.

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Jim Andrews won the raffle, which his share came to \$93.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1255 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base