

Perch Base Minutes September 8, 2018

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8 September 2018. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation. Howard Doyle Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance, Rick Simmons read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in September.

New member Mike Weeks was welcomed to the group.

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

Bob Gilmore	Jack Patterson	Dave Kleinz
Rick Simmons	Chuck Emmett	Robert Wright
Mike Weeks	W. H. Doyle, Jr.	Carl Miner
Dan Marks	Wayne Clark	Marcus Hensley
Jim Wall	Mike Olsen	Herb Herman
Paul Miller	Jim Denzien	Don Schafer
David Heighway	Don Unser	Marcia Unser
Jim Andrews	Edward Gonsowski	Dave LaRock
Ray Marshall	Tim Moore	Lou Reynolds
Richard Noreika	Sam Mechan	Steve Hough
Dave Metje	Davy Jones	Kelly Grissom
Jim Edwards	Marion Cartland	Anthony Christianson
Doyle Egg	Vic Van Horn	Jan Van Horn

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August meeting minutes.

The September Treasurer report was read.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck was not at the meeting.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard mentioned that those going to the picnic in Prescott, should bring chairs/tables/canopies, as the new area doesn't have enough facilities.

Vice Commander – Glenn Posniack

Glenn was not at the meeting.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Herb Herman

Herb reported that he has more hats available and other items for sale.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the past month has been additions of the Perch Base Scholarship photos at the August Monthly meeting, George Crider Eternal Patrol, and Cisco Systems sponsorship of the USS Cisco at the ASSM Memorial. 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 August, there were approximately 923 page views on the Perch Base website during 498 sessions by 343 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. The new statistic shows that 14% of the traffic are returning visitors and the other 86% are new visitors to the website. Approximately 60% of the sessions originated in the US, 23% from France, 3% from the UK, 2% from China, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 22% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. California hits accounted for 20% of the US traffic.

Dan also mentioned that if members wanted to vote online after the meeting, they could use his computer, but would need their password.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reminded members that Oct. 1, is the date to start the membership renewal drive. Everyone will be receiving letters regarding the renewal process.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Gudgeon Base Picnic – September 15, 2018. 7201 E. Long Look Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ

2018 Convention Cruise – Oct. 21 – 28, Departs from Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade – Nov. 3, 2018 - No information on Black Canyon Parade.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 12, 2018

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck asked if any member picked up the box of cards that were handed out at the last meeting. He also reported that he's ordered more cards.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy was not at the meeting, but in his place, Mike Olsen shared the information for George Crider's Memorial service that is scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 20, 2018 at 11:00 at the Salvation Army Chapel in Surprise. More information will be shared via Flash Traffic, when it comes available.

Western Regional District Commander – Jim Denzien

Jim reminded members that the elections are still ongoing and urged members to vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard encouraged members to sponsor a boat, which costs \$30.00 (8.22 cents per day) a year. Vic Van Horn reported that there are 14 boats that don't have sponsors. Contact Vic Van Horn for more information. Vic Van Horn mentioned that he has patches for those who are fist time sponsors of these boats.

Howard also reported that the four scholarship recipients, got their monies. Two recipients sent cards to thank Perch Base, which were passed around.

The deadline for the MidWatch is Sept. 14, 2018. Howard encouraged members to send in their articles.

Marion Cartland reported that the Navy Ball will be held in Scottsdale, on Oct. 6, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Howard announced that the position of Base Commander will be up for election in 2019 and asked that anyone interested in this position to contact him. The Vice Commander election will be in 2020.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Moore reported on the progress of the ASSM. The Memorial now has over \$90,000.00, which is fantastic. He also reported that a new raffle for \$500 certificate, is in place now and he has tickets for those who wanted to buy them today. Tim encouraged members to look at the charity table out front, as Dillon's is contributing monies to the ASSM that these items collect.

Dick Norieka reported that he had attended a function at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility that had hula dancers, and when they found out that he was the Captain of the Kamehameha, they all got excited as the dancers were from Hawaii. He announced that he was giving all the dancers hats, with the Kamehameha inscription.

Davy Jones let the group know that he still has Dex Armstrong books for sale, and that all proceeds go to the ASSM.

BINNACLE LIST

No one is on the Binnacle list this month.

50/50

Chuck Emmett won the raffle, which totaled \$106.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base