

Perch Base Minutes March 9, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 9 March 2019. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle Jr.

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

The base welcomed guest Gary Hirn. He is also going to join Perch Base.

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

Carl Miner	Howard Doyle	Jack Patterson
Dave LaRock	David Heighway	Mike Olsen
Chuck Luna	Bill Anderson	George Woods
Davy Jones	Dick Noreika	Chuck Emmett
William Montjar	Dan Marks	Rick Simmons
Marcia Unser	Don Unser	Don Schafer
Don Robertson	Bill Woolcott	Jerry Allston
Marcus Hensley	Heather Hensley	John Beckett
Lou Reynolds	Gary Staple	Jim Tolsma
Edward Gonsowski	John Mosher	Jim Denzien
Jim Andrews	Wayne Clark	Sam Mecham
Vic Van Horn	Jan Van Horn	Chris Urness
Tim Moore	George Gillette	Richard Hicks
Stephen Hough	Mike Dahl	Herb Herman
Gary Hirn		

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

The February Treasurer report was read.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna

Chuck reminded members that the deadline for the MidWatch is Friday, March 15, 2019.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard presented Vic Van Horn with his Holland Club Certificate, letter and coin, which wasn't available at the banquet.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave had nothing more to report.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Howard mentioned that there are extra American Submariner magazines available here at the meeting.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

There has been no major activity with the website during the past month. 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 with the exception that a notice was posted for the Eternal Patrol of Dewey Reed, which has not been posted to the website, pending more information on funeral plans.

During February, there were approximately 946 page views on the Perch Base website during 360 sessions by 194 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are a little lower than typical, probably because there were no events scheduled in the previous month. Approximately 83% of the sessions originated in the US, 3% from the China, 3% from the United Kingdom, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 49% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 39% of the traffic was to the home page, 13% to the Glossary, and 12% to the Sailing Orders page.

Membership – Jim Andrews

Jim reported that we have 177 members of Perch Base.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported the following events:

March 25-29, 2019 – Western Regional Roundup in Laughlin

April 13, 2019 – Annual picnic at White Tank Regional Park (4F)

May 18, 2019 – Flagstaff Armed Forces Day

May 27, 2019 – Veterans Memorial Cemetery

July 6, 2019 – Prescott Frontier Days

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

Don encouraged members to participate in the Veterans Memorial Ceremony.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck had nothing new to report.

Secretary – Marcia Unser

Marcia had nothing to report.

Chaplain – Governor Joy

Governor Joy was not at the meeting.

Western Regional District 2 Commander – Vic Van Horn

Vic reported that he has the list of boats that still need sponsors. The cost is only \$30.00 a year.

Western Region Director – Jim Denzien

Jim reported that the letter from Perch Base was sent regarding Fisher House and he encouraged other members to do the same. He also mentioned that there are about 80 people signed up for the Western Region Roundup in Laughlin, NV.

OLD BUSINESS

George Woods was sworn in as our new Vice Commander, by the Western Regional District Commander, Vic Van Horn.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to address.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don Unser reported that Midwestern University will be offering ‘free’ dental care on Saturday, March 23, 2019, to all veterans. They ask that you bring a copy of your DD214 or other discharge documents. A FlashTraffic will go out with this information.

Dick Noreika reported that he can no longer be on the board for the Save our Sail project and asked if anyone was interested to take his place, to contact him.

Tim Moore reported that the ASSM committee has had a meeting with the construction company and the memorial is on track and hoping to have completed this Fall. He also mentioned that there will be pictures taken during the construction of the ASSM and asked if anyone would be willing to go out and take pictures of this process. Dan Marks has volunteered to take pictures when he’s available.

Jim Tolsma encouraged Perch Base to recruit new members to our group.

BINNACLE LIST

Shipmate Dewey Reed passed away. When arrangements have been made, a FlashTraffic will be posted with this information.

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Don Unser won the raffle, which totaled \$91.00.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olsen. Meeting adjourned at 1242 hrs.

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base