

Perch Base Minutes May 11, 2019

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 11 May 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, Edward Gonsowski read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in May.

The base welcomed new member Jim Koning.

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

Chuck Luna	Dave Heighway	Jack Patterson
Don Petty	Bob Saenz	Doug LaRock
Don Robertson	Rick Simmons	Jerry Auston
Dan Marks	George Woods	Mike Weeks
Chuck Emmett	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
Carl Miner	Howard Doyle	Marcus Hensley
Heather Hensley	Richard Hicks	John Beckett
Steve Snyder	Tim Moore	Bill Woolcott
Mike Olsen	Jim Andrews	Wayne Clark
Edward Gonsowski	David Metje	Steven Stanger
Lou Reynolds	Paul West	Jim Koning
DeWayne Lober		

The first item of business was a call for approval of the March meeting minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

The April Treasurer report was read.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Communications Officer/Historian – Chuck Luna**

Chuck had nothing to report.

**Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard reminded members that there are still boat sponsorships available.

**Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner**

Carl reported that he shined up the bell and to be careful with fingerprints.

### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave had nothing more to report.

### **Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley**

Marcus reported that he has forms available for anyone who wants to order a vest.

### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the addition of photos from the Annual Picnic and an article on the main page about moving Capt. Dick Noreika. 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.

The Rideshare/Carpooling effort now has its first success.

During April, there were approximately 800 page views on the Perch Base website during 407 sessions by 250 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 78% of the sessions originated in the US, 5% from the Canada, 2% from the Japan, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 38% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 53% of the traffic was to the home page, 24% to the Glossary, 4% to the Sailing Orders page, 3% to the Eternal Patrol page, and 2% to the Annual Picnic photo page.

### **Membership – Jim Andrews**

Jim reported that we have 179 members of Perch Base.

### **Events Coordinator – Don Unser**

Don reported the following events:

May 18, 2019 – Flagstaff Armed Forces Day

May 27, 2019 – Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Don encouraged members to participate in this event

July 6, 2019 – Prescott Frontier Days (Don is still waiting for more information)

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

### **Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck reported that there are new Perch Base Business cards available. He encouraged members to take at least 6 cards and hand them out when meeting fellow submariners.

**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 was not at the meeting.

**Western Region Director – Jim Denzien**

Jim was not at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Howard reminded the members that the deadline for the MidWatch is Friday, June 14, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to address.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tim Moore reported that the ASSM committee has had an initial meeting with the construction company. The estimated final costs of this project are around \$200,000.00 and he's hoping for some 'inkind' contributions to help with the cost. He's hoping that a dedication ceremony will be held around Veterans Day this fall. Tim mentioned that pavers are still available and that he has forms for these pavers if anyone is interested.

Rick Simmons mentioned that USSVI should respond to those who send checks for the Boat Sponsorship Program, so that members contributing know that they received the monies.

Don Unser mentioned that his Podiatrist will be making a presentation regarding Diabetes at a future meeting.

**BINNACLE LIST**

Stan Reinold.

**50/50**

Don Unser won the raffle which totaled \$63.00.

## **ADJOURMENT**

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

Submitted:

Marcia Unser

Secretary Perch Base