

## Perch Base Minutes January 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at the Salvation Army Sun Cities Valley Corps., in Surprise, AZ, at 1200 hours on 9 January 2021. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Unser read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in January.

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

Jim Denzien	Howard Doyle	Marion Cartland
Ed Gonsowski	Heather Hensley	Marcus Hensley
Dale Holland	Carl Miner	Joan Miner
Dan Marks	Bill Monk	Mike Olsen
Don Petty	Don Unser	Chris Urness
George Woods		

There were no new members, however Dale Holland introduced himself since he had not attended a meeting in a long time.

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

Joe Trotter was not present for the Treasurer report, however Howard Doyle reported that they were working on the End-of-Year report pending receipt of the last bank statement of the year.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Vice Commander – George Woods**

George had nothing to report.

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

Don reported on the status of upcoming events:

1. Western Region Roundup in Reno, NV, has been rescheduled from March to an unspecified date in October 2021.
2. The Awards Banquet is still scheduled for April 3, 2021, but the Pebble Creek management is not conducting events with more than 40 people and cannot yet commit if they will accept larger parties in the near future.
3. Arizona Silent Service Memorial Dedication Ceremony: April 17, 2021 at the Memorial in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza.
4. USSVI National Convention in Orlando, FL, remains scheduled for August 30, 2021, to September 04, 2021, but both the Convention Registration and Hotel are still closed and no updates have been provided. Don reminded those present that if they plan to also attend boat reunions during the National Convention, such as the USS Skate, to keep in touch with their Reunion Committees.

#### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website since the last meeting has been adding an Eternal Patrol Notice for Gene Luellig, a sales reminder for the USSVI Calendars, posting the new MidWatch newsletter and snail-mailing copies to the 6 members without email. Routine updates during the past month included updating the Sailing Orders page, Flash Traffics, base correspondence 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 Page.

During December, there were 633 page views on the Perch Base website during 366 sessions by 297 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers seem typical. Approximately 75% of the sessions originated in the US, 9% from China, 2% from the United Kingdom, 2% from Canada and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 58% of the U.S. based sessions were from locations in Arizona, which is assumed to come from our membership. 38% of the traffic was to the home page, 4% to the submarine videos, 19% to the Glossary, 3% to the Eternal Patrol page and 3% to the Sailing Orders page.

During the last week of December, the Facebook PAGE had 7 Page Views (number of times a PAGE's profile has been viewed), and 8 Post Reach (number of people who saw any post at least once).

**Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner**

Carl had nothing to report.

**Membership – Joan Miner**

Joan reported that we have 174 members in good standing. Howard stated that USSVI National has granted an extension period to the end of January 2021, due to COVID. Howard said he would contact the "DINK" members. Marcus Hensley, our Storekeeper, noted that he can email invoices to members who indicate to Howard that they are ready to pay via credit card.

**Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley**

Marcus stated that he has calendars for sale

**Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard restated that the Western Regional Roundup is rescheduled for October, but no specific date is available, yet. Howard also restated that there is no new information, yet, on the National Convention.

Watch for Flash Traffics if we get more information on upcoming events.

**Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna**

Chuck was not in attendance, but Howard reminded everyone that the deadline for input to the next MidWatch is March 19, 2021.

**Treasurer – Joe Trotter**

Joe was not in attendance.

**Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck was not in attendance.

**Secretary – Marcia Unser**

Marcia was not in attendance.

**Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor Joy was not in attendance.

**Western Regional District 1 Commander – Vic Van Horn**

Vic was not in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Denzien asked for someone to become the alternate to him to represent Perch Base on the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV.) The UAV is comprised of almost 60 Veteran Service Organizations. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, except July and August, and usually include a speaker. Recent meetings have been conducted via ZOOM. A Flash Traffic has been recently issued for a volunteer and it will be added to the next MidWatch. Jim Denzien has been our primary representative for the past 8 years.

Howard Doyle discussed the upcoming election in March for Base Commander. He reminded the group that he is term-limited and cannot serve another term. Any member in good standing may be nominated, but must first accept the nomination prior to being placed on the ballot. To date, George Woods has been nominated and accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Perch Base member Dale Holland reported that he has joined the USS Arizona (SSN-802) Sponsorship Committee. It will be a Block 5 Virginia-class submarine, The Town of Gilbert is

trying to become the sponsoring city and Perch Base has identified that we wish to participate. The next committee meeting is January 26, 2021.

Don Unser entered a motion that Perch Base donate \$100 to the Salvation Army Sun Cities Valley Corps, in appreciation of their generosity to provide us a meeting place. The motion was seconded by George Woods and a call was made for questions on the motion. A call was then made for approval of the motion, which passed by majority.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There was no 50-50 raffle conducted, however, Don Unser brought some pulse oximeters to the meeting that he gave, free-of-charge, to any member in return for a their making a donation to the Salvation Army kettle.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

Howard Doyle reported on the status of members on the Binnacle List. Details of the discussion are not documented in the minutes for privacy.

Joe Trotter  
Marcia Unser  
Chuck Luna  
Chuck Emmett  
Howard Doyle

### **ADJOURMENT**

The benediction was led by Mike Olsen and the meeting adjourned at 1255 hrs.

Submitted by:  
Dan Marks  
Filling in for Secretary, Perch Base USSVI