

Perch Base Minutes November 9, 2024

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, November 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Commander George Woods.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. George Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chuck Emmett read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in November read by George Woods.

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

Alice Woods	George Wood	Bob Gilmore
David Heighway	Victor Van Horn	Randy Pirkle
John Brown	Chris Gahan	Doug La Rock
Glenn Posniack	Joe Trotter	Governor Joy
Paul Miller	John Beckett	Dan Marks
Kevin Sheehan	Charles Tobias	Kirby Anderson
W H Doyle Jr.	Carl Miner	C C Clarke
Jessie Taylor.	Bob Saenz	Carol Saenz.
Jeff Brower	Don Unser	Marcia Unser.

The first item of business was a call for approval of the October 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

New Members Klaus Springling and Jeff Bowers were introduced and told their backgrounds.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan

- Kevin gave the treasurer's report. Perch Base Foundation Balance: \$ 8,031.63.
- Perch Base Operations: \$ 18,047.09
- Both Square devices are operational and. Available for credit card transactions.
- Tickets are on sale for the Jan 25,2025 awards dinner for \$65 each.

Communications Officer- Chris Gahan

- Chris reminded the group of the upcoming Midwatch holiday edition with a deadline of 12/19/2024. There is a need for more folks to submit articles and updates for the submarine community.
- He requested input from anyone who attended the USS Phoenix event
- Associate member, Carol Culberson, the USS Arizona Legacy Chair, reviewed details of an upcoming presentation by former submariner Fred Rouse on Nov 21. Details will be posted on the website.

Commander – George Woods

- George had no comments.

Vice Commander – David Heighway

- The Vice Commander has nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Don Robertson

- No report

Storekeeper – John Beckett

- John has sold all the calendars.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Updated stats are on the website

Membership – Paul Miller

- Currently there are 175 members for Perch base.
- Membership drive is underway

Events Coordinator – CC Clarke

- Details for 2024 Phoenix Veteran's Day parade are on the website for the 11 November event which will run from 0930 – 1100.

Past Commander – W. Howard Doyle, Jr

- Howard requested the membership to actively participate in the parade and other events.
- Reviewed the planning and cost details for the January 25 Annual Awards dinner:
 - Same location as previous years: Pebble Creek Tuscan Country Club in Goodyear
 - Tickets on sale now. \$65 each, same as last year at Nov, Dec and Jan meetings
 - Menu: Appetizers, Entrees: Roast Pork, Salmon, Chicken, Salad, Dessert

Base Historian-Chuck Emmett

- Chuck had nothing to report

Secretary – VACANT. Acting Secretary – Kevin Sheehan

- George reiterated that his designation as Acting Secretary was necessary to complete the establishment of the new bank account to satisfy the bank's legal requirements for the organization.
- Kevin had nothing to report.

Chaplain – VACANT

OLD BUSINESS December base meeting will be held 12/14/2024 at Dillions at Noon

NEW BUSINESS

- There is still a great need to fill the vacant Chaplain position and the vacant Secretary position
- The Secretary position is a mandatory BOD spot in our policy and procedures documents.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Noisy Can proceeds to USSVI National.
2. Donald Unser presented information on a new heart monitor from Kardia for those with AFIB that is approved and can be ordered by the VA to alert when an AFIB incident occurs.
3. Associate Member Carol Culberson, AZ Legacy Chair, reported on an upcoming presentation by Fred Rouse, former Submarine sailor, on 21 Nov at the IHOP on W Bell Rd. It was also reported that the City of Phoenix has budgeted \$3.5 M to continue Cold War Monument design and construction next year.
4. It was reported there will be a USS Sunfish reunion in Huntsville, AL next year.

BINNACLE LIST

Warner Howard Doyle, JR	Mary Denzien.	James Denzien
Chuck Emmett	DeWayne Lober	Chuck Luna
Curtis Morgan	Richard Simmons	Davy Jones

50/50

Doug La Rok won the drawing (\$61.00 each to Doug and Perch Base).

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Submitted:

Kevin Sheehan

Acting Secretary Perch Base