

September 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans, Perch Base was convened at the American legion, Post 35, Chandler AZ at 1255 hours on 20 September 2008. Jim Denzien, Vice Commander, called the meeting to order.

The membership was led in a prayer of invocation by Dave Harnish, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a standard ceremonial opening. A moment of silence was observed for shipmates on eternal patrol and the tolling ceremony for boats lost in September was conducted.

According to the sailing list, there were twenty members and guests present. Minutes from the July 2008 regular meeting as published in the Midwatch were approved. Treasurer Dave Harnish reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of September 2008. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Special Presentation: Vice Commander Jim Denzien presented Nancy Nelson with a set of special "Wives" Dolphins that had been carved by Shipmate Ed Brooks. The presentation was for Nancy's work in establishing the SubVettes. Bravo Zulu!

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Vice Commander – Jim Denzien had nothing additional.

Chief of the Boat – Jim Edwards was not present.

Chaplain – Howard Doyle was not present.

Webmaster – Ray Samson had nothing to report.

Membership Chairman – David Fledderjohn was not present.

Newsletter Editor – Chuck Emmett was not present.

Storekeeper – DeWayne Lober was introduced as the new Storekeeper having relieved Jim Nelson.

Past Base Commander - Tim Moore was not present.

Old Business

Vice Commander Jim Denzien reported on the following issues: the annual Awards Banquet is still to be conducted in late January/early February 2009. He also gave a report on the status of the new float construction. He stated that the Kap(SS) for Kid(SS) presentation was made at Children's Hospital on September 18th and the base members participating were well received. He also reported on the status of the "Save Our Sail" project and the 702 Society transition from the USS Phoenix Commission. Treasurer Dave Harnish gave a report on this year's convention just recently completed in Dallas.

New Business

Vice commander Jim Denzien stated that it is not too early to be thinking of next year's elections in March. He established a Nominating Committee of Tim Moore, Ray Samson and himself. He mentioned that the time is now to begin the reenlistment effort. Annual memberships lapse on the 1st of January 2009 if not renewed. Get it done early. We need to be thinking of conducting fund raising activities on behalf of our Foundation. This is the money-raising arm supporting base activities. Treasurer Dave Harnish spoke about looking at potential sources for base insurance. A motion was made and seconded for Dave to investigate sources. The motion carried by voice vote. One of our past Base Commanders, Brian Thomason, was in attendance. He made a presentation promoting the idea of forming a base in the East Valley. It was well received and there is a list of potential members. The membership made a motion to support the formation of a new East Valley Base and provide \$500.00 as seed money if started. The motion was

seconded and passed by voice vote. Perch Base will be participating in the Veterans Day parades in both Anthem and Phoenix.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Tim Moore has made reservations for next year's convention in San Diego and asked that anyone interested in sharing a room to contact him. Due to Hurricane Ike, the monument consisting in part of the USS Cavalla in Galveston was damaged. The National Organization may make an appeal for our support. Be alert for the appeal. Our upcoming meetings will be as follows: October at Post 61 in Avondale at 35 N. Dysart Road; November at Post 44 in Scottsdale at 7145 E. Second Street

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Shipmate Rick Simmons and was donated to the Base Treasury.

Adjournment

All the outstanding business having been concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.
Treasurer Dave Harnish offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Denzien
Vice Commander