

## Perch Base Minutes February 8, 2020

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 8, February 2020. The meeting was called to order by Vice Commander George Woods.

Mike Olsen gave the invocation and George Woods gave the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Robertson read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in February.

The base welcomed new member Bill Monk, Doc Dawkins and Jim Glass. Guests include Bill Espinosa, Rosemary Espinosa, Fred West, Derek Hesse and Jim Symonds.

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

George Woods	Dan Marks	Brad Seidel
Fred West	Dick Noreika	Davy Jones
Marion Cartland	Jim Symonds	Jack Patterson
Glenn Posniack	Doug LaRock	Charles Tobia
Don Robertson	Marcus Hensley	Robie Robinson
Bill Woolcott	Jim Glass	Marcia Unser
Don Unser	Wayne Clark	Chuck Emmett
John Mosher	Vic Van Horn	Jan Van Horn
Jim Edwards	Carl Miner	Joan Miner
W. H. Doyle Jr.	John Beckett	Mike Olson
Jim Kening	Bill Espinosa	Rosemary Espinosa
Chris Urness	John Carpentier	Gene Crabb
Bill Monk	Tim Moore	James Wall
David Heighway	Mike Olsen	Joe Trotter
Jim Tolsma	Elaine Tolsma	Derek Hesse
Lou Reynolds	Jim Andrews	Kelly Grissom
Doc Dawkins		

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.

David Heighway gave the Treasurer report for January.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

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

Chuck was not in attendance, but George Woods reminded the members that the deadline for the MidWatch is March 20, 2020.

#### **Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.**

Howard reported that we have one nomination for Vice Commander, and anyone that wants to be on the ballot, should let him know. The election will be at the March 2020 meeting.

Howard reported that Perch Base won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Motor Vehicle Group, at the Laveen Parade last week.

Howard gave out Perch Base Longevity Pins to Dick Noreika (5 yrs.), Jim Wall (20 yrs.), Howard Doyle (20 yrs.). A Holland Club Pin was given to John Carpentier,

Howard reported that you need to register by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February for the Western Region Roundup and that Vic Van Horn has the forms.

### **Vice Commander – George Woods**

George reported that the next Awards Banquet will be held on January 23, 2021 at the same location as this year's banquet.

### **Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner**

Carl had nothing to report.

### **Treasurer – Dave Heighway**

Dave had nothing more to report.

### **Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley**

Marcus reported that he still had 2020 Calendars for sale.

### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the posting of the Laveen Parade photos, Anthem Veterans Memorial solar alignment photos, ASSM construction photos, Annual Awards Banquet photos, and "Dental Day" at the Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Arizona. 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.

During January, there were 1,455 page views on the Perch Base website during 557 sessions by 293 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 85% of the sessions originated in the US, 2% from the United Kingdom, and the remainder were widely scattered around the world. Approximately 42% 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, 10% to the Sailing Orders page, 9% to the Glossary, and 5% to the Annual Awards Banquet page

### **Membership – Joan Miner**

Joan reported that we now have 186 members. She also asked members to let her know of any updates to their profile, so she can update her records

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

Don reported the following events:

March 22-27, 2020 - Western Region Roundup in Laughlin, NV

May 9, 2020 - Base Picnic

May 16, 2020 - Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade

May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day at the National Cemetery

August 23 – 30, 2020 - Convention in Tucson

### **Past Commander – Chuck Emmett**

Chuck had nothing to report.

### **Secretary – Marcia Unser**

Marcia had nothing to report.

### **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

Governor Joy was not at the meeting.

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

Vic had nothing to report.

### **Western Region Director – Jim Denzien**

Jim was not at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Howard reported that the 2020 USSVI Convention in Tucson is still needing people to sign up to help with various positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

George Woods introduced our guest speaker, Rear Admiral James A. Symonds, Retired.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Vic Van Horn reported that he's part of the USSVI Charitable Foundation Committee, and that he thought that Perch Base could contribute by giving their change, in the "Noisy Contribution Bucket", which his wife, Jan passed around. Vic also indicated that he would match whatever monies were collected today. The monies collected will be given to the Treasurer, who will collect and at the end of each quarter, give to the Charitable Foundation. He has put forms on each table that lists the different foundations that members can contribute.

Tim Moore gave an update on the ASSM, which is now under construction and hoping to have the dedication this Fall.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

Herb Herman

Ray Marshall

### **50/50**

The raffle amount totaled \$156. Bill Espinosa won the raffle, which his half was \$78.00. Bill gave his portion to the USSVI Charitable Foundation.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Mike Olson and adjourned at 1325 hrs.

Submitted:  
Marcia Unser  
Secretary Perch Base