

Perch Base Minutes March 14, 2020

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was convened at Dillon's Restaurant, in Glendale, AZ at 1200 hours, 14, March 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Doyle.

Mike Olson gave the invocation and Howard Doyle Jr., gave the Pledge of Allegiance, Edward Gonsowski read the USSVI Purpose. A moment of silence followed by the Tolling of the Boats lost in March.

The base welcomed new member Tom McGowan and Art Clement. Guests included Denis Ottley (Tucson Base), Terry Moor (Tucson Base), Mike Ortiz (Tucson Base) and Romie Ortiz (Tucson Base).

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

Carl Miner	Tim Moore	Davy Jones
Glenn Posniack	Edward Gonsowski	Douglas M. LaRock
Tom McGowan	Charles Tobias	Mike Olson
Chuck Luna	Marcia Unser	Don Unser
Dan Marks	Dick Noreika	John Carpentier
Art Clement	Joe Trotter	John Schwab
James Wall	W. H. Doyle Jr.	Steven Stanger
Jim Denzien	Denis Ottley	Terry Moore
John Beckett	Mike Ortiz	Romie Ortiz
George Woods	Alice Woods	Vic Van Horn
Jan Van Horn		

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

Howard Doyle Jr. gave the Treasurer report for February.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Communications Officer/Historian/MidWatch – Chuck Luna

Chuck reported that the deadline for the MidWatch is March 20, 2020.

Commander – Howard Doyle Jr.

Howard mentioned that someone had left a 'Navy' jacket at the last meeting and asked if it belonged to anyone attending this meeting.

Vic Van Horn performed the swearing in ceremony of George Woods as the Vice Commander of Perch Base.

Vice Commander – George Woods

George had nothing to report.

Chief of The Boat – Carl Miner

Carl had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Dave Heighway

Dave was not in attendance.

Storekeeper – Marcus Hensley

Marcus was not in attendance.

Webmaster – Dan Marks

Major activity with the website during the past month has been the posting of the Rogers Ranch Static Display, Herb Herman Eternal Patrol Notice, and additional ASSM construction photos. 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 February, there were 1,464 page views on the Perch Base website during 507 sessions by 294 users based on Google Analytics. These numbers are typical. Approximately 83% of the sessions originated in the US, 6% from Germany, 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. 39% of the traffic was to the home page, 11% to the Sailing Orders page, 10% to the Glossary, 4% to the ASSM Construction page and 2% to the Annual Awards Banquet page.

Membership – Joan Miner

Joan was not in attendance.

Events Coordinator – Don Unser

Don reported the following events:

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

Don also reported that due to the Covid 19 virus, events may be cancelled, so everyone should pay attention to any future FlashTraffics for more information.

Past Commander – Chuck Emmett

Chuck was not in attendance.

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 reported that he has withdrawn his name for Western Region Director.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard reported that the Western Regional Roundup has been cancelled.

Denis Ottley, from the Tucson Base, gave an update on the convention being held in August. He left several forms for Perch Base members to take and possibly recruit sponsors in their area. He also had forms for volunteer slots during the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Vic Van Horn swore in Joe Trotter as our new Treasurer.

Howard reminded members of the USSVI National Election, which Vic Van Horn is on the ballot for Western Region Director.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Vic Van Horn reported that he's part of the USSVI Charitable Foundation Committee. His wife Jan passed around the 'Noisy Bucket', which members threw in their change. Vic, once again, said he would match whatever the members put in the bucket. He has put reading material on the tables that lists the different foundations that members can contribute.

Tim Moore gave an update on the ASSM, which is coming along. At present time, nothing can be done at Bolin Plaza until the legislature ends their current session.

Glenn Posniack reported that his son Joseph has been accepted in the Nuclear Power Program.

BINNACLE LIST

Davy Jones will have eye surgery.

50/50

The raffle amount totaled \$124.00. Vic Van Horn won the raffle, which his half was \$62.00. Vic gave his share to the USSVI Charitable Foundation.

ADJOURMENT

Benediction was led by Mike Olson and adjourned at 1305 hrs.

Submitted:
Marcia Unser
Secretary Perch Base