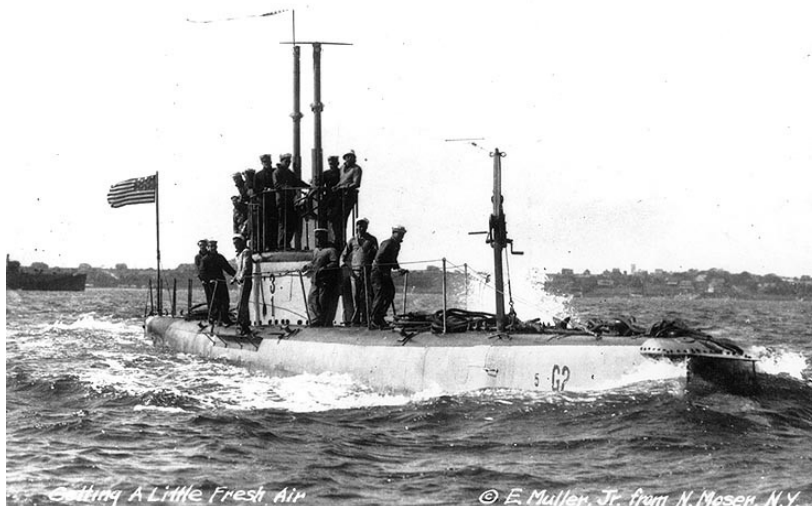


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 18 July 2007

Photo # NH 102651 Crewmen on USS G-2 "getting a little fresh air", prior to World War I



USS G-2 SS-27

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Chaplain – Vacant

The following are the US Submarine Force losses during the month of July.

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| 30 July 1919 | USS G-2 | SS-27 | 3 Men |
| 30 July 1942 | USS Grunion | SS-216 | 70 Men |
| 04 July 1944 | USS S-28 | SS-133 | 50 Men |
| 26 July 1944 | USS Robalo | SS-273 | 74 Men |

An informal meeting was held after another excellent catered dinner from Tom Shields.

Roll Call: Members present were: Rich Holmes, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Tom Shields, Tom Crosby, Ken Smith, Frank McDevitt and Albert Tafa.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx on 30 June 2007.

Old Business:

Rich Holmes met with Dan Ferguson, an aide to Mario Scavello, on the 6th of July. Rich received a letter from Dan about some of the projects we have undertaken, including the possibility of having Rte.611 renamed. Contact Rich Holmes if you would like to see the letter.

We received the \$50 refund from Monroe County for the Memorial Day Wreath.

Tom Shields brought up the point that we are stuck on trying to use Styrofoam for our float. He said he is looking into alternatives, including the possibility of the tubes used for concrete molds. Ken Smith brought up the possibility of using a cold mold process. The reason for looking into alternatives is the cost of the foam blocks.

Frank McDevitt and Tom Crosby went down to look at the condition of the trailer. Frank reported that is in good shape, no critters, but a few bees and other bugs.

Frank brought up and voiced his concern about our not having insurance provided by national. As was stated in the last minutes, the insurance carrier that was supplying national did not renew the policy. Frank's concern is that all bases and members do not have any liability insurance to even conduct meetings and the like. This is the biggest reason why we have not been able to work on the float project and the trailer.

New Business:

D-2 Ballots are available online and need to be returned by August 3rd. There are two candidates running. One candidate is Vince Flaugherty; the other candidate is Doug Smith. Rich Holmes has recommended Vince.

Bob Smith is asking that if anyone has pictures from any of our events to please send them to him so he can post them on our website.

Rich Holmes stated that he was contacted by a Mrs. Pucchio about a presentation on WWII submarines. Rich stated that what she wanted and our current schedules conflicted. Rich stated that he would like suggestions and other inputs about trying to put together a PowerPoint presentation to be used during our speaking events.

Good of the Order:

Rich Holmes has updated our sailing list to reflect the new e-mail address for Bob Vaughan.

The first of our new flag drop boxes was installed at The Flag Store in Sciotta, PA. Rich Holmes is still asking for our input as to where we can place these boxes.

Frank McDevitt stated that he was able to locate a locker for us, but when he went to try and get it, he was told by the Pocono Mountain School District super that they might need it, but that we are first on the list to get one.

As a reminder, our 2nd annual base picnic will be held on 26 August 2007 at the Mountain View Park. The picnic will be at the same location as last year (pavilion #4). Please contact Rich Holmes or Mike Smith if you are going to attend. We need to get a good count for Tom Shields, who will be catering the picnic again this year. Hope to see you there. This is also a good time for those members who have not attended our meetings to try and get together.

Next meeting will be held at the American Legion, Wilson-Fisher Post in Pocono Pines, PA, on 15 August 2007 at 1900 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
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