

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, 19 August 2009



**USS Flier**

**SS-250**

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

**Meeting called to order** at 1903 by Base Commander Tom Crosby at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. Bill Klose tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of August:

17 Aug 1942	USS Bass I	SS 164	25 Men
29 Aug 1943	USS Pompano	SS 181	76 Men
13 Aug 1944	USS Flier	SS 250	80 Men
24 Aug 1944	USS Harder	SS 257	84 Men
06 Aug 1945	USS Bullhead	SS 332	84 Men
26 Aug 1949	USS Cochino	SS 345	1 Man
26 Aug 1949	USS Tusk	SS 426	6 Men (assisting Cochino)

The Base Commander led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Tom Crosby, Bill Klose, Mike Smith, Frank McDevitt, Dave Padora, Tom Shields, Bob Smith & Ken Smith.

**Meeting Minutes:** The secretary read the minutes from the July 2009 Meeting.

Frank McDevitt made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes as read. Bill Klose made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 July 2009.

Dave Padora made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the treasurers' report. Frank McDevitt made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The remainder of the meeting was held in an informal manner.

### **Committees:**

#### **Membership:**

**Correspondence:** Tom Crosby read a letter from John Martin, Commander of DAV in Chester County and Life Member at Large with USSVI. Mr. Martin is requesting to purchase a base patch for display. Tom Crosby proposed sending a patch to Mr. Martin at no charge. Bob Smith motioned for 'so moved', there were no objections. Bill Klose volunteered to pay postage and to include a link to our website to Mr. Martin.

Frank McDevitt stated that there is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sept 20, 2009 and Mike Smith would be the presenter. Frank also stated that he expects the Courts of Honor presentations to increase by the end of the year.

**New Business: None**

### **Old Business:**

Ken Smith brought in some of the bill of receipts for the material cost of the float that he has constructed. Ken stated that the bulk of the material has come from Home Depot and that they still have not responded to Ken's request for donations. Ken stated that he would do another letter with the Letterhead again. Ken stated that the only other contributor is Kramer's. Ken would like to keep the receipts.

Bob Smith made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion that the Base reimburse Ken Smith for the money spent and to keep the receipts on the float. Frank McDevitt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Dinner/Dance committee will meet after tonight's meeting.

Ken Smith stated that the base picnic was good, but would like to see us bring some entertainment like board games, cards, horseshoes and the like for next years picnic. There is a horseshoe pit available. Bob Smith stated that he could bring Bocce Balls for next year.

### **Good of the Order:**

The Base Secretary promises to have the previous meeting minutes available to the members prior to each successive meeting.

Tom Crosby's wife is working on getting a letter out to the wives of the Pocono Base in conjunction with the 'Subvettes' organization.

Bob Smith stated that the list of all Eagle Scout Courts of Honor are posted on the website.

Frank McDevitt stated that he is now a driver for the DAV in the Tobyhanna area.

Ken Smith talked about obtaining presentation folders for the certificate. They are currently being sent to the presenters inside a document protector. Tom Shields stated that he was led to believe that the scouts take the certificates and place them in a folder or a memory book. We should just look into obtaining a folder to place the certificate in. Also, when we present the certificate to the scout, it is proper form to present the certificate with the right hand and shake hands with your left hand.

Frank McDevitt would like to add a 'Vote of Confidence' to Ken Smith for all of the work he has done on constructing our Base Float.

Frank McDevitt brought up a point about going to go see Grover Kiick and George Eckert again in the future.

### **Calendar of Events:**

07 Sept 2009: Labor Day Holiday

16 Sept 2009: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

20 Sept 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for William J. Gushue at Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton at 1400 Hrs. Mike Smith will be Presenter.

21 Oct 2009: Monthly Meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 16 Sept 2009 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Bob Smith to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Frank McDevitt.

All in favor, motion carried.

The members present joined the Base Commander in the reading of the Base Creed.

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.”

Tom Crosby declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1931 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary