

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 15 July 2009



USS A-7 (Shark) SS-8

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1906 by Base Commander Tom Crosby at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. Acting Chief of the Boat Bob Smith tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of July:

17 Jul 1911	USS A-7 (Shark)	SS-8	7 Men
30 Jul 1919	USS G-2 (Tuna I)	SS-27	3 Men
30 Jul 1942	USS Grunion	SS-216	70 Men
04 Jul 1944	USS S-28	SS-133	49 Men
26 Jul 1944	USS Robalo	SS-273	84 Men

The Chief of the Boat led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present were: Tom Crosby, Bill Klose, Mike Smith, Rich Holmes, Dave Padora, Ivan Meixell, Skip Gallagher, Bob Smith & Ken Smith.

Meeting Minutes: The secretary read the minutes from the June 2009 Meeting.

Rich Holmes made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob Smith made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 30 June 2009.

Rich Holmes made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report. Bob Smith made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership:

Correspondence: Rich Holmes brought a card from Grover Kiick and read the letter contained within.

Rich also read a letter from Vince Flaherty regarding the recent Holland Club induction luncheon that was held at the Inn at Lambertville Station in Lambertville, NJ. They will be holding the Holland Club Induction luncheon again on 24 April 2010 at the Inn in Lambertville.

New Business:

Tom Crosby read an e-mail concerning the possible upcoming Dinner/Dance in October as suggested by Tom Shields. Tom Shields is requesting that a chairperson be chosen and a small committee be formed during the July Meeting. Included in the e-mail was a list of things to be considered for the event. A discussion was held regarding the proposed date of the event. One possible solution is that the date of the event be researched and set by the committee. The Dinner/Dance will be open to the public. Tom Crosby and Bob Smith stated that they would serve on the committee. Bob Smith recommended that a chairperson be selected when the committee meets. Tom Crosby stated that he would e-mail Frank McDevitt and then figure out a day to meet.

Old Business:

Ken Smith has started working on our new float in his garage. It is a scale model of an old fleet boat. Ken brought pictures with him as well as drawings he has made for construction. Ken is asking for anyone to help with the construction of the boat. Ken stated he would set up a schedule as to when he will be working on the float.

Tom Crosby revisited the discussion about the "Subvettes" group. We had tabled the discussion from the June meeting due to low member turnout at that meeting. The "Subvettes" is the Ladies Auxiliary of the USSV and an interest in getting one going for our group was made by Tom Crosby's wife. The "Subvettes" was re-established by USSVI in September 1996 and is in the USSVI By-laws Article X regarding the Ladies Auxiliary.

Bob Smith made a motion to allow Tom Crosby's wife to proceed with the formation of the Pocono Base Subvettes. Rich Holmes made the 2nd motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Ken Smith stated that he would like to have some kind of recognition for the companies that have donated construction supplies to our float. Bob Smith asked Ken for a list so he can forward the to 'The Focus' paper.

Rich Holmes suggested that we enter the float into the Memorial Day Parade in Stroudsburg to draw more attention to our base. Dave Padora suggested that we use it in the Veteran's Day parade in Lansford.

Bill Klose mentioned that the Scranton Base would like us to join them in the Veteran's Day parade in Wilkes-Barre. Bill stated that their ranks are a little thin.

Calendar of Events:

18 July 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Ken Smith to be tentative presenter.

19 July 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held in Effort, Pa. Rich Holmes will be presenting the certificate.

25 July 2009: Eagle Scout Court of Honor. (Postponed for a later date)

16 Aug 2009: Annual base picnic at the Mountain View Park, pavilion #4 in Tannersville, PA. Picnic will start about 1200 Hrs.

19 Aug 2009: Monthly meeting at Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900 Hrs.

07 Sept 2009: Labor Day Holiday

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Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 Aug 2009 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Bob Smith to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Rich Holmes.

All in favor, motion carried.

“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 1956 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary