

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Saturday, 13 Jun 2009



## USS Golet SS-361

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

**Meeting called to order** at 1613 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 June:

20 Jun 1941	USS O-9	SS 70	34 Men
12 Jun 1943	USS R-12	SS 89	42 Men
30 Jun 1943	USS Runner	SS 275	78 Men
01 Jun 1944	USS Herring	SS 233	80 Men
14 Jun 1944	USS Golet	SS 361	82 Men
18 Jun 1945	USS Bonefish I	SS 223	85 Men

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

**Roll Call:** Members present were: Tom Crosby, Frank McDevitt, Bill Klose, Mike Smith, Bob Smith and Gerald Zeman

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII on the loss of the USS Golet (SS 361).

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

Gerald Zeman made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob Smith 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 May 2009.

Bob Smith made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the treasurers' report. Mike Smith made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Committees:**

**Membership:**

**Correspondence:**

**New Business:**

Frank McDevitt stated that the Minsi Trails scouts have given us permission to use one of their buildings to construct our submarine for the float. The building will only be available for use between September and May due to use for camp during the summer.

**Old Business:**

Frank McDevitt stated that the shop where we ordered our wreath has closed. This is why we had no wreath for the parade and ceremony.

Frank stated that Ken Smith now has only one phone number and has given the members present his new phone number. Rich Holmes will need to be told so he can update our sailing list.

**Good of the Order:**

Frank McDevitt passed on a request from Tom Shields, if anyone present would be interested in a Dinner Night with the wives sometime in June.

Bill Klose, Frank McDevitt and Mike Smith talked about the trip we made to NYC to see the USS Growler and Intrepid.

We agreed to table the discussion of the "Subvettes" until the July meeting due to lack of attendees to the meeting. Tom Crosby's wife would like to get involved with this.

Bob Smith would like to get a list of members who have the ability to tow our trailer. Bob also recommended that we should bring it to our meetings, when the weather is good, as a PR idea.

**Calendar of Events:**

04 July 2009: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

15 July 2009: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

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

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 15 July 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 Gerald Zeman.

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 1647 hrs.

The Flag Day Ceremony followed our meeting today. Members present joined with the Legion Members in the retirement ceremony honoring our National Flag.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary