

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 17 March 2010



USS Perch I SS-176

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1912 by Base Vice Commander Frank McDevitt at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, Pa. The Purpose of the Organization was read. The Chief of the Boat tolled the Base Bell once for each of the following US Submarine Force Losses during the Month of March:

25 Mar 1915	USS F-4 (Skate I)	SS 23	21 Men
12 Mar 1920	USS H-1 (Seawolf I)	SS 28	4 Men
03 Mar 1942	USS Perch I	SS 176	8 Men
05 Mar 1943	USS Grampus	SS 207	72 Men
15 Mar 1943	USS Triton	SS 201	74 Men
26 Mar 1944	USS Tullibee	SS 284	79 Men
20 Mar 1945	USS Kete	SS 369	87 Men
26 Mar 1945	USS Trigger	SS 237	91 Men

Roll Call: Members present were: Frank McDevitt, Tom Shields, Gerald Zeman, Michael Smith, Bill Klose, Bob Smith, Rich Holmes and Dave Padora.

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

The Secretary verified that we have a quorum.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes from the February Meeting. The minutes were unable to be posted online due to both of the secretary's computers failing after updating and requiring complete reformat.

Bob Smith made the 1st motion to have the secretary transcribe and post the minutes from the February Meeting as soon as possible. Rich Holmes made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 28 Feb 2010.

1st motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Gerald Zeman. 2nd motion was made by Dave Padora. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: No report.

Correspondence: None.

Parades: We will be attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA on 21 March 2010. We are allowed only one vehicle in the parade. Bob Smith will be bringing the float from his house. Michael Smith stated that he would follow Bob Smith to the Stroudsburg High School in case something happened to the float along the way. We agreed to meet at the high school no later than 1200 hrs. The parade will step off at 1330 hrs. We also agreed to invite Oliver Nordmark to the parade, as he is now our oldest member of the base. Tom Shields provided a description of our organization to be read as we pass the reviewing stand.

New Business:

Frank McDevitt stated that there are more Eagle Scout Courts of Honor coming up. Dates are listed in the calendar of events section.

Frank McDevitt stated that Jack Ensminger would like to each base and would like us to pick a date. We decided that we would invite Jack for the 14th of June (Flag Day) to attend both our meeting and the Flag Day Ceremony we share with the Wilson-Fischer Post.

Old Business:

Frank McDevitt stated that our Flag Drop box at the Shop Rite in Stroudsburg is seeing a lot of activity even though it is in a terrible location.

Good of the Order:

Bob Smith stated that he came across some 48 Star Flags while cleaning out some drawers and stated that they would be authentic for the USS Barb float for the parade.

Michael Smith talked about the Plaque that our base was to have received at the 'Salute to America's Veterans'. The plaques were commissioned by Mount Airy Casino and were made by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation division at Tobyhanna Army Depot. MWR stated that they sent the plaques that were not originally made for those groups that did not receive them back to Mount Airy. I asked them if they could make a new one for us and have it sent to my work area on the depot. They agreed with this request, so we should have our official plaque by next meeting.

The new Slate of Officers has been sworn in. Rich Holmes performed the duty of swearing in the officers in accordance with our by-laws since our current Base Commander, Tom Crosby, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Rich Holmes was a former Base Commander.

They are:

Base Commander: Robert Smith
Base Vice Commander: Frank McDevitt
Base Treasurer: Bill Klose
Base Secretary: Mike Smith

The Base Secretary cast the deciding vote, as all positions were uncontested from the nominations made in January 2010.

Calendar of Events:

21 Mar 2010: St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA with our float. Parade will step off at 1330 hours and will run from the Stroudsburg High School and will end at Crystal Street in East Stroudsburg. All members participating need to form up at the High School no later than 1200 hours.

28 Mar 2010: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Justin Nuyen in Brodheadsville. Bob Smith will be the presenter at this ceremony.

17 Apr 2010: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Michael X. Gulston at the VFW in East Stroudsburg. Presentation will begin at 1500 hrs. Michael Smith will be the presenter.

18 Apr 2010: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jacob Holstein in Stroudsburg. Rich Holmes will be the presenter.

21 Apr 2010: Monthly meeting at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1900hrs.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 Apr 2010 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Tom Shields to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Frank McDevitt.

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.”

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 2012 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary