

# United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, 14 Jun 2011



**USS Golet**

**SS-361**

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**Chaplain – Vacant**

**Meeting called to order** at 1704 by Base Commander Bob Smith 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: Bob Smith, Frank McDevitt, Bill Klose, Michael Smith, Tom Shields, Dave Padora and Ken Smith.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The secretary provided the minutes from the May 2011 Meeting.

Tom Shields made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes as posted. Dave Padora 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 2011.

Bill Klose also stated that he is working on transferring our account to PNC Bank. Bill stated that he has the paperwork from National and would need a letter from the base to complete the process.

Ken Smith 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.

**Committees:**

**Membership:** No report.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Ways and Means:** No report.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Flag Drop Boxes:** No report, other than we have a lot of flags.

**Parades:** Bob Smith discussed the Stroudsburg Parade on Memorial Day. Basically it was cancelled due to the weather. There was a lot of discussion that the parade organizer should have notified the groups that the parade was cancelled so they didn't have to find out until the last moment.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss):** Frank McDevitt stated that he contacted St. Luke's in Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley Cedar Crest in Allentown about the program, but has not heard back from them. Frank stated he would keep trying them. Frank also stated that Pocono Medical Center has nothing and Geisinger in Wilkes-Barre has nothing as well. Frank stated that Geisinger referred him to Danville, that they might have something up there.

### **New Business:**

Frank McDevitt stated that there is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Adrian Anthony Lemos in East Stroudsburg, Pa on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July at 11AM. Michael Smith stated that he would get back to Frank if he could go to the ceremony.

### **Old Business:**

Ken Smith talked about the repairs to the camper trailer. He and Bob Smith constructed a couple of wood tee's to support the collapsed sections of the roof. Ken stated that he would mark places where to sit. Ken also stated that they installed a couple of flag holders on the cradle.

Ken stated that he still has not been able to get to the mailbox to sand blast it, but would do so shortly.

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

Bob Smith thanked the ship's cook (Tom Shields) for tonight's dinner.

Frank McDevitt also thanked Ken Smith and Bob Smith for bringing the float up to Lake Naomi prior to Memorial Day.

Bob Smith and Tom Shields talked about that if anyone has any idea of what event we could go to, it would help get us noticed. Tom Shields discussed going to some of the fairs and such.

### **Calendar of Events:**

04 July 2011: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

16 July 2011: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Adrian Anthony Lemos in East Stroudsburg, Pa at 1100 hrs. Michael Smith will be the tentative presenter.

20 July 2011: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

20 Aug 2011: Annual base picnic in New Jersey. Rain date is on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

28 Aug – 3 Sept 2011: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. We have a space available to us. We will be selling most of our raffle tickets at this event.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Dave Padora to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Tom Shields.

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 1733 hrs.

The members present joined with the members of the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post at 1800 for the Flag Day Ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith  
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary