

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 14 Jun 2014



USS Herring SS-233

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Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1709 by Base Commander Bob Smith at the American Legion Wilson-Fischer Post in Pocono Pines, PA. The Purpose of the Organization was read. The Acting Chief of the Boat 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 Acting 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, Rich Holmes, Skip Baker, Skip Gallagher, Dave Padora and John Kelly.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The secretary provided minutes for the members present at the meeting.

Skip Gallagher made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as presented. Rich Holmes made the 2nd motion to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Base Treasurer reported an income of \$xx.xx and an expense of \$xxx.xx for the month of May, with an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 May 2014.

Skip Gallagher made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report. Frank McDevitt made the 2nd motion to accept the report. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: No report, the membership chair is on the Binnacle list.

Correspondence: The Base Secretary was given two Thank You letters from Eagle Scouts Daniel Shaykevich and Elia Taddeo from Frank McDevitt.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he placed the usual ads in both the Pocono Plateau and the Focus papers.

Flag Drop Boxes: Frank McDevitt reports that the flag boxes are still busy. Frank McDevitt stated that the one box was stuffed with very large flags from Verizon.

Parades: Bob Smith stated that we just had the Memorial Day Parade in Pocono Pines and that we debuted the new and improved float.

Budget & Donation: No report.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): No report. Frank McDevitt stated that he is still unsuccessful with getting this program started in our area.

Eagle Scouts: Frank McDevitt stated that we received two thank you letters. Frank stated that there are also two Courts of Honor on the 22nd of June and another on the 19th of July.

Frank McDevitt read from the Submarine Operations of WWII on the loss of the USS Herring (SS-233). The Herring was sunk by a Land Based Gun Battery during the war.

Old Business: Frank McDevitt stated that there are two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor on 22 June 2014. The first is for Antoni Alvarado in Brodheadsville, PA. Bob Smith stated he would do the presentation. The second is in Canadensis. Frank stated that if there are no takers, he would mail the certificate.

Frank McDevitt also stated that there is another Eagle Scout Court of Honor coming up on Saturday, 19 July 2014 at 4 PM, for Ryan Seiple at the United Methodist Church in Stroudsburg, PA. Bob Smith stated that he would do this presentation as well.

Bob Smith stated that the raffle tickets should be ready by Tuesday, 17 June 2014. The tickets have been proof-read and sent to the printer. Bob stated that he was going to bring the sample, which has the following: Camelback Complex \$1500 prize. Bob stated that he would get the tickets in the mail when he receives them.

Bob Smith stated that the West End Fair is still the same week in August and that we have our spot.

New Business: Frank McDevitt mentioned about going back to Robert Christians Restaurant for this year's Christmas Dinner. Frank stated that the owner of the Village Squire had lost his license and the members stated that he had closed the restaurant. The members present agreed that Robert Christians had good food, with the only complaint, being the extremely icy parking lot. We will bring this suggestion up for next meeting.

Bob Smith asked that if anybody had pictures that were taken, to send them to Bob Smith so he could post them.

Bob Smith is asking for people to help man the West End Fair booth this year again. Bob stated that he will try to get tickets to be able to park in the back near our booth.

Bob Smith stated that he received an e-mail from Huey Dietrich regarding two potential designs for the Northeast Region. Bob stated he would e-mail them out to the members when he unzips them.

Good of the Order: Ken Smith is on the Binnacle list. Ken went to the hospital for evaluation for his knee and ended up requiring a pacemaker.

Calendar of Events:

22 June 2014: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Antoni Alvarado at the United Lutheran Church in Brodheadsville, PA. Bob Smith stated that he would do the presentation.

4 July 2014: Happy 4th of July.

16 July 2014: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

19 July 2014: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ryan Seiple at the United Methodist Church at 4 PM in Stroudsburg, PA.

20 Aug 2014: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

24 Aug – 30 Aug 2014: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. Will need volunteers to help set up, run the booth and tear down. Set-up will be on Saturday, 23 Aug 2014. Break down will be on 31 Aug 2014.

6 – 7 Sept 2014: The 27th Annual Belvidere Victorian Days in Belvidere, NJ. Setup will be early Saturday before the celebration. Teardown will be at the close of the Victorian Days on Sunday.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 1900 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Skip Gallagher 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.”

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1750 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