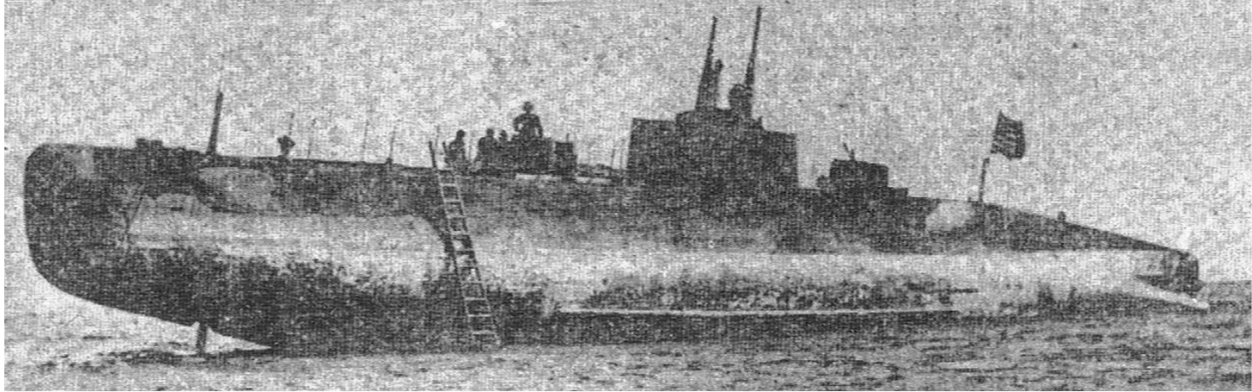


United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 16 March 2016



USS F-4 (Skate I) SS-23

Base Officers

Base Commanding Officer – Robert Smith / P.O. Box 601, Kresgeville, PA. 18333-0601
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Base Executive Officer – Vacant

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Base Treasurer – Alan Dempsey

COB – Alan Dempsey

Chaplain – Vacant

Meeting called to order at 1911 by Base Commander Bob Smith 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:

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| 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 |

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

Roll Call: Members present were: Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Mike Smith, Bill Klose, Alan Dempsey and new member William Gregor.

The members present introduced themselves and the boats they served on. William Gregor served and qualified on-board the Henry L. Stimson.

The secretary verified that a quorum was present.

The first order of business before the meeting was the election and installation of officers.

The following nominations were made:

Base Commander: Robert Smith,

Base Vice Commander: Frank McDevitt (Declined Nomination)

Base Treasurer: Bill Klose (Declined Nomination), Alan Dempsey volunteered

Base Secretary: Michael Smith

Bob Smith and Mike Smith have reluctantly accepted to continue in their respective positions. Base Vice Commander is vacant for now. Alan Dempsey has accepted position as new Base Treasurer.

If no one submits or accepts the position as Base Vice Commander, Bob Smith has the rights under Article XII Section 2 to fill the vacancy by appointment to complete the unfulfilled term.

It is important to fill the remaining officer position. So please, someone step up and take the office of Vice Commander.

Elected positions are effective upon completion of the March Meeting for the next two years.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary reported that the February Minutes were posted to the website and provided copies for the members present.

Ken Smith made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as posted. Alan Dempsey made the 2nd motion to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer had the following report February:

There was an opening balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 31 Jan 2016. There was a total of \$xx.xx in expenditures for National Dues and an income of \$xxx.xx for the month of February, with an ending balance of \$xxxx.xx as of 29 Feb 2016.

Mike Smith made the 1st motion to accept the treasurer's report. Alan Dempsey made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: No Report.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Parades: The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA is on the 20th of March. Step off will be at 1400 hours from the High School in Stroudsburg and will continue to Liztech in East Stroudsburg.

The Pocono Pines Memorial Day will be on the 30th of May, lineup at Tobyhanna Elementary School. Hours will be posted next meeting.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he was unable to place any ads in the local papers this month.

Flag Box: No report on how busy they are.

Eagle Scout: Bob Smith stated that there is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor coming up for Robert James Fritz III.

Donation: No report.

Kaps4Kids: No Report.

Fundraising: Looking into holding raffle again this year.

Old Business: The Stroudsburg St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on the 20rd of March. Participants are to line up at the Stroudsburg High School Parking lot by 12:30 PM with step off around 2 PM.

Due to lack of members present at the meeting and lack of interest in attending, the base will not be at the parade in Stroudsburg on the 20th of March. Also, there was no paperwork received from Monroe County regarding the parade including entry fee and time of parade.

The Base was represented at the Carbon County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jim Thorpe, PA back on the 13th of March. The parade route wound though the business district to the Square at Broadway and Rte. 209. The following members attended: Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Mike Smith, Ivan Meixell and Dave Padora.

New Business: For the benefit of our new member, Bob Smith and the other members explained the various programs that we do.

There is an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Robert James Fritz III to be held on the 3rd of April, 2016 at the American Legion, 201 East 5th Street in East Stroudsburg, PA. The court will begin at 1PM. Bob Smith is looking for someone to do the presentation.

Good of the Order: Skip Baker is still on the binnacle list due to complications of diabetes. He has problems walking. Please keep Skip in your thoughts and prayers.

David Jones may also still be on the binnacle list, but Bob was unable to contact him before the meeting.

Calendar of Events:

20 Mar 2016: St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stroudsburg, PA. Entry pulled due to lack of interest.

3 Apr 2016: Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Need Presenter

20 Apr 2016: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

18 May 2016: Regular membership meeting at 1900 hrs. at the Wilson-Fischer Post.

30 May 2016: Memorial Day Parade at Pocono Pines. Line up by 0930 hrs. at Tobyhanna Elementary School. Step off will be at 1000 hrs. There will be a ceremony and wreath laying at the cemetery across from the school after the parade. Also after the ceremony, the Wilson-Fischer post will be serving lunch at noon.

14 Jun 2016: Monthly Meeting and Flag Day ceremony with the American Legion Wilson-Fischer post.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 Apr 2016 at 1900 Hrs. at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post.

1st motion made by Ken Smith to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Alan Dempsey.

All in favor, motion carried.

The members present joined the Base Commander in the reading of the Base Creed.

“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 1949 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary