

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pocono Base – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 17 May 2017



USS Lagarto

SS-371

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Meeting called to order at 1913 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 May:

23 May 1939	USS Squalus	SS 192	26 Men
03 May 1945	USS Lagarto	SS 371	88 Men
22 May 1968	USS Scorpion	SSN 589	99 Men

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

Tom Crosby led the members in an opening prayer

Roll Call: Members present were: Mike Smith, Alan Dempsey, Bob Smith, Bob Obrecht, Bill Klose, Tom Crosby, Darryl Betz and John Kelly

The members introduced themselves and the boats they served / qualified on for the benefit of Darryl Betz.

The Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for April have been posted and the Secretary provided the April Minutes for the members present.

Tom Crosby made the 1st motion to accept the minutes as posted. Bill Klose made the 2nd motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported an opening balance of \$x as of 1 April 2017, with expense of \$x and an income of \$x for the month of April. The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$x as of 30 April 2017.

Tom Crosby made the 1st motion to accept the treasurers' report as read. Bill Klose made the 2nd motion to accept. All in favor, motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: Bob Smith stated that we have 43 members, plus a prospective member who was unable to come to the last meeting.

Ways and Means: No report.

Flag Box Program: No report.

Correspondence: No report.

Budget / Donation: No report.

Publicity: Bob Smith stated that he has placed the usual ads in the Focus and the Pocono Plateau, though Bob said that they don't always make the current edition.

Parade: We will be in the Memorial Day Parade in Pocono Pines on Monday, 29 May 2017. Line up will be at 0930 Hrs with step off at 1000 hrs.

Speakers Bureau: No report.

Eagle Scouts: There are a number of Eagle Scout Courts of Honor within the next couple of months as shown in the Calendar of Events.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): No report.

Old Business: Bob Smith stated that the raffle tickets have been ordered and will be arriving shortly. Bob said he would get them in the mail when he can as well as handing them out to members during the meetings. Again, the raffle prize is a Camelback Cash Card with the drawing at the end of the October Meeting.

The Pocono Pines Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, 29 May 2017 at 1000 with line up at the Tobyhanna Elementary Center by 9:30.

Bob Smith stated that he would pick up people at the American Legion parking lot around 9:15 and take them to the elementary center. There will be food sponsored by the legion after the ceremony.

Bob Smith talked about the West End Fair and mentioned that he has the schedule posted on a link on the Base Website. Please sign up to help out in the tent. Bob stated that he would get passes for us to use for the entire week. Setup is 10AM on the 19th of August. The fair will open at 12PM Sunday thru Saturday with breakdown on Sunday 27 August at 10AM.

New Business: Bob Smith talked about National having a cruise and convention to the Caribbean in October 2018. Last time a cruise and convention was held, was back in 2007 and the cruise was in Alaska.

Tom Crosby mentioned that we can get reimbursed for expenses related to certain events throughout the year from Monroe County Veterans Affairs. Tom stated that he would get the information for us to consider.

Good of the Order: No one is known to be on the Binnacle list as of this meeting.

Frank McDevitt is looking for someone to take over the reading from the Submarine Operations of WWII. Mike Smith said he would take over the readings.

Calendar of Events:

21 May 2017: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for a Joseph Ross Rando at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tannersville, PA at 1PM. Will be mailed due to short notice.

29 May 2017: 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.

10 Jun 2017: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mark Steven Bartolacci on Saturday, June 10th at 10:30AM at the Chestnuthill Park Building on Rte. 715 in Brodheadsville. Bob Smith will do the presentation.

14 Jun 2017: Monthly Meeting and Flag Day ceremony with the American Legion Wilson-Fischer post. Meeting at 1700 with Flag Day Ceremony at 1800 with the Legion Post Membership.

15 Jun 2017: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Hunter T. Barabas at the Reeders Fire Company in Reeders, Pa at 6PM. William Gregor will do the presentation.

4 July 2017: Happy 4th of July.

19 July 2017: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs

16 Aug 2017: Monthly meeting at 1900 Hrs.

20 – 26 Aug 2017: West End Fair in Gilbert, PA. Will need volunteers to help set up, run the booth and tear down.

9 – 10 Sep 2017: Victorian Day's in Belvidere, NJ.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, 14 June 2014 at 1700 Hrs at the American Legion, Wilson-Fischer Post, followed by Flag Day Ceremony at 1800 Hrs.

1st motion made by Mike Smith to adjourn the meeting, 2nd motion made by Bill Klose.

All in favor, motion carried.

The base members joined the Commander in reciting the USSVI – National 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.”

At the end of the meeting, Tom Crosby offered a benediction to the members present.

Bob Smith declared the meeting of the Pocono Base adjourned at 1943 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael D. Smith
USSVI – Pocono Base Secretary