



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes August 23rd, 2014

-Call Meeting to Order

1900 hrs. Base Commander Steve Bell called the meeting to order.

-Invocation

Walt Sealy gave the Invocation.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

-Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for March was presented by Walt Sealy and Shipmate Rick Petitt

-USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Shipmate Steve Kortheuer.

-Member Introductions

There were 27 members and 2 guests present.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the July, 2014 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and Emails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Steve Bell gave the Treasurer's Report for July 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,976.29
Kapss4Kidss	\$2,184.67
Sun Valley NJROTC trip to Hawaii in December	\$ 500.00
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 116.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,175.62

-Old Business

-C&B Amendment (vote)

Base Commander Steve Bell held the vote by show of hands for the approval of the proposed Amendment to the Carolina Base Charter and Bylaws. By show of hands of the members present, the Amendment to the C&B passed. Steve Bell as USSVI District Commander approve the revision to the Base C&B and gave the signed document to the Vice Commander for the base records.

-New Business

-Annual Picnic (Food and Porta-Jon)

Next month's meeting will be the Annual Picnic at Jack Jeffries home in Monroe, NC. The Base's Sub-Vette's will cover the cost of the food for the meeting. Steve Bell requested that the base provide \$200.00 from the Base General Fund to Jack Jeffries. These funds are to cover the cost of a Porta-Jon rental and other needed supplies. The Motion was made to provide the requested funds and seconded with any un-used funds to be returned to the base. The motion passed.

-SK Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that he is taking orders for the 2015 USSVI Calendars. Next year's theme will be Fast Attack boats. The expected price for the calendar will be \$8.00. Any member wanting a calendar should contact Jeff Nieberding.

-Good of the Order

-National Elections

Steve Bell reminded all hands that voting for the National Elections will close on August 27th, 2014. All hands should go online to USSVI.org and follow the links to vote.

-Dues Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all hands that Base and National dues are coming up. Steve urges all hands to consider the 3 year or 5 year option for national dues. The Life Membership is pro-rated base on the age of the member, and might be a more viable option for our senior shipmates. Dues should be paid to the Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink.

-Bilge Rat Productions

The next performance of "Hee Haw" will be on the 13th of September in Mathews, NC.

-Kaps-4-Kids

-Victory Junction Visit

Shipmate Bob Bunny reported on the latest Base visit to Victory Junction. Bob and his wife accompanied Steve Bell and Jack Jeffries this time. In addition to presenting the campers with Caps and Honoree Submariner Certificates, Representatives of the Krispy Kreme Company made a donation of \$465,000 to the Camp. Of special note, Richard Petty was also present and signed ball caps. Mr. Petty signed an addition 5 caps to be raffled off by the Base as a fund raiser to support our Kaps-4-Kids program. The first cap will be raffled off during next month's picnic at Jack Jeffries home.

-Jeff Gordon's Children's Hospital

Jack Jeffries reported that the planned visit had to be canceled. A new date is being planned, date and time will be E-mailed to the Membership by Jack.

- Levine Children's Hospital

Jack Jeffries Reported that due to policy changes Base members and family will no longer be able to visit the children in their rooms. The Hospital has invited the Base to participate in their Halloween Program on October 31st. Plans are being made, Jack will up-date the membership once finalized.

-Guest Speaker

Cmdr. Roy Sheeley, USN (Ret, Roy was the Commanding Officer of a floating dry-dock (USS Waterford) at Submarine Base New London. He gave a presentation of the procedures for dry docking a submarine. Roy covered the planning, engineering and preparations before docking, during docking and un-docking. After his presentation, Roy held a Q & A session with those present.

-Piedmont Periscope

Robert Schilke reminded all hands that submissions for the newsletter needs to be sent to him not later than September 15th.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on September 27th, 2014 at 1300 at Jack Jeffries' home in Monroe, NC. Those members who need directions should e-mail Jack for directions.

-Benediction

The benediction was given by Walt Sealy.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Michael Hubbell
Base Secretary