



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes February 28th, 2015

-Call Meeting to Order

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

-Invocation

Base Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the Invocation.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

-USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Calvin Reese.

-Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for March was presented by Ray Fritz and Rick Pettit.

-Member Introductions

There were 35 members present and 2 guests where present.

-Special Presentations

George Birmingham was awarded his 5 year USSVI membership pin.

Jack Jeffries presented an Award Pennant to the Base. The pennant features a patch of every National USSVI Award that the Base has earned since its formation in May 2007. The Pennant is now a part of the Lost Boat Tapestry display.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the January 2015 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and E-mails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Raymond Zieverink gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2015. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,798.57
Kapss4Kidss	\$1,899.37
Sailor of the Year	\$ 0.00
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 47.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,852.20

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-New Jersey South Memorial Project

Steve Bell reported that the NJ South Base has begun working on a perpetual memorial project. This project is dedicated to all Boats. The National USSVI Board has promise \$1,000.00 in matching funds. The motion was made to donate \$100.00 from the Base General Fund. The motion carried.

-SK Report

There was no SK report.

-Good of the Order

-Base Elections

Steve Bell reported on the progress of Nominations for Base Officers. All hands are reminded to contact Steve for any additional nominations. Current nominations are...

Base Commander – Rick Pettit

Base Vice Commander – Jack Jeffries

Base Treasurer – Raymond Zieverink

Base Secretary – Tom Kelly

-Kaps4Kids

Jack Jeffries reported that the next K4K visit will be at Victory Junction on April 11th. Jack explained to our new members the purpose of the K4K program and how the various hospitals and the children benefit from our visits. Due to the limitation of member allowed to attend at these visits, a list was passed around for those shipmates who have yet to participate.

-Bilge Rats 2015

Steve Bell reported that this year's show is being finalized. The new show will be a "southernized" version of the Ed Sullivan Show, called Ned Sullivan. Steve and Raymond states that no matter what your talent level may be, you are encourage to join the troop. The first show will be performed during the Burnsville Memorial Weekend.

-S.E. Regional Convention and Burnsville

Steve Bell reminded all members interested in attending this year's S.E. Regional Convention in Cape Kennedy, FL on April 20th. The Burnsville Memorial Service will be on May 15 and 16. This year's host hotel will be the Big Lynn Lodge. All members planning on attending should get their registrations in soon.

-Sailor of the Year

Steve Bell that the District raised another record amount in support for this year's SOY. As a result of the generosity of the bases, each runner-up will receive \$175.00. A hearty well done to the recipients and a thank you to all Base members.

-Piedmont Periscope

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

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on March 28th, 2015 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Pot luck dinner will be at 1730 hrs. and the meeting will start at 1900 hrs.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Respectfully Submitted by

Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary