

# **Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting**

**0900 Saturday 12 September 2020**

**VFW Post #2057**

**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone**

**252-446-7532**

**0800 Biscuits and cinnamon rolls at VFW before meeting - 10 members and 1 guest attended.**

**GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert at 0904.**

**DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of the diving alarm. “All rise”**

**INVOCATION – Joe Goarck led the opening prayer.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commander Vince Sievert led the base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **USSVI CREED**

**“TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. IN ADDITION TO PERPETUATING THE MEMORY OF DEPARTED SHIPMATES, WE SHALL PROVIDE A WAY FOR ALL SUBMARINERS TO GATHER FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT. THE ORGANIZATION WILL ENGAGE IN VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEEDS THAT WILL BRING ABOUT THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE SHIPMATES WHO HAVE GIVEN THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.” .....**

## **Tolling of Lost Boats:**

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony covering the months of June, July, and September were conducted by Commander Vince Sievert, Treasurer Dennis Cloutier, shipmate Will Iwaniuk and Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the seven submarines and the 402 men lost in the month of June. Dennis read the accounts of the three submarines and the 204 men lost in the month of July. Will read the accounts of the five submarines and the 260 men lost in the month of September. Richard Graves tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

**WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance**

**ALL MEETING ATTENDIES** - 10 SubVet members and one guest introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. Our guest, Wade Brooks, qualified in Daniel Webster (SSBN-626) in 1968.

**Eternal Patrol Memorial - None.**

#### **BINNACLE LIST –**

- Joe Goarck has lung and oxygen issues, doctors want him to go on oxygen 7/24
- Joe Goarck said his wife Jean is still dealing leg problems but their children have been visiting which has helped.
- Cathy Loch is challenged by chronic illness.
- Al Bremer doctors changed up his medication and he is trying to adjust to it.
- Richard Graves asked that you keep his brother and other family members who live in Oregon and the wild fires have come very close to their homes and businesses in prayer to protect them and their families and homes etc. from the fires that are ravaging the west coast.

Please keep everyone in prayer for healing and encouragement. Remember, we are all shipmates and if you need to reach out for support or just to talk we are here for you, that's what shipmates do!

**SPEAKER –none**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson**

Jerry gave an update on the on the NC SubVets organization and reported that shipmate Frans Van Baars mural is being made for the Moonshine Mountain memorial. Everyone at the meeting was privileged to see Frans's creation. Jerry gave update on the All Clear website, everyone should check it out. Jerry also stated that the bases need to start collecting the funds for the storage fees for the torpedo float an amount equal to \$1.00 for each primary base member. The funds would be earmarked for the storage and maintenance of the two NCSubVet floats and annual advertisement in National Convention Magazine. Jerry also informed the members that a new storage site for the torpedo float was needed prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> this year due the current location NC air museum is expanding and needs the area for new displays. If anyone knows a location that the float would fit 10' wide by 30' long let Jerry or Vince know. Jerry also said that he was going to meet with the members of the Abermare base on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss their borrowing the float for their Christmas parade in Edenton.

##### **BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert**

Vince let the members know that the Bailey Christmas parade has been canceled this year. (go figure!)

Vince discussed the national meeting (zoom) tolling of the boats. Said it was very good. He also brought up that afterward there was a large amount of pushback from many members about adding the USS Bonefish due to the ship not being lost at sea even through three crewmen lost their lives during the fire and the ship was scraped. The rub was that the ship and lost crew weren't lost at sea. The executive board convened afterward and agreed to remove the Bonefish from the lost boats list. Also during the tolling ceremony, the loss of men throughout the history of the submarine history that died while serving are recognized and the bell is tolled for the.

Vince brought up that the Tarheel base will be having a zoom meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and their guest speaker is the ex Co of the Louisville when she fired the first Tomahawk cruise missiles in anger by a submarine during Desert Storm. All are invited attend by zoom it should be interesting.

Vince also recognized shipmate Franz Van Baars with the Robert E. Link award from the National office for support of the organization for paint the banner for the Moonshine Mtn. banner and for the support of the ONS float. Congrats Franz BZ!

#### **VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck**

Nothing to report

#### **SECRETARY – Jack Murray**

Motion made and seconded to accept the 8 August 2020 meeting minutes as submitted by shipmate Will Iwaniuk since I wasn't able to be at the meeting. Motion passed. Thanks, Will for stepping into the breach!

#### **TREASURER – Dennis Cloutier**

##### **- Membership report: Submitted 8-8-2020**

Base Membership: 22

Regular Members 21

Associate Members 1

##### **- Financial Report: 8 August –12 Sept 2020**

<b>1. Starting balance:</b>	<b>\$782.16</b>
- Months Receipts:	\$182.00
- Months Disbursements:	\$0.00
<b>- Ending balance of all accounts:</b>	<b>\$964.16</b>
<b>- Resulted Gain</b>	<b>(\$182.006)</b>

**Notes: This report hasn't been reconciled against the September Southern Bank statements because they haven't been received yet.**

- Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion passed.

**WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk**

Will updated gave a brief update on the web site and web address.

**STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch**

No update.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FUND RAISER** – Vince/Phrog discussed base raffle and the tickets will be ready at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FLOAT SOP** - Phrog submitted the first copy of the SOP. Members discussed and made recommendations for changes . Phrog said he would revise to document and have it for review at the October meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vince inform members that base and national dues are due NLT November.

Base dues \$12.00 per year. National dues \$25.00 per year

If you're interested in life membership is based on your age. You can check the USSVI website or contact me and I will let you know the amount.

National

**EVENTS**

**December 5th** - Drawing for fund raiser. 50/50 raffle and an American flag carved in wood

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Mississippi River Cruise** – Canceled

**USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page**- Check it out.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198129857025276/?ref=bookmarks>

**BENEDICTION:** Shipmate Joe Goarck rendered the closing prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 10 October 2020 @ 1000, location TBD

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1130.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** – Three blasts of diving alarm.

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner was Jerry Emerson. He gave his share back to the base total \$50.00, BZ Jerry.