**Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: December 17, 2016**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

* Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called the meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. at the VFW Post located in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

**INVOCATION**

* Carolina Piedmont base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave us the tonight’s invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

* All joined together in saying our nation’s Pledge of Allegiance.

**USSVI CREED**

* The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Mike Toomey.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

* The Tolling of the boats for December was presented by Tom Hulme and Mike Hubbell.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

* There were 20 members present at this month’s meeting.

**READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES**

* The November 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the December 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope. A motion was made to accept the November minutes as posted; no discussion and the motion passed.

**READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

* Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink presented the treasurer’s report thru December 17th, 2016.
* A motion was made to accept the December treasurer’s report as presented; no discussion and the motion passed.

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| Category | Balances as of 12/17/2016 | Last Reported Balances |
| Kapss-4-kidss Fund | $1,210.50 | $1,439.50 |
| Moonshine Mtn Memorial Fund | $920.00 | $500.00 |
| NC Air Museum | $92.00 | N/A |
| Scholarship Fund | $461.00 | $425.00 |
| General Base Fund | $5,187.21 | $5,154.10 |
| Total Balances | $ 7,870.71 | $ 7,518.60 |

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Holland Club Fund**
* Our base received a memo from National regarding the current condition of the National Holland Club Fund; the memo reported the fund which is used for purchasing patches, certificates and other items related to members being recognized as qualified in submarines for 50 years is currently depleted of funds.
* Protocol is that each local USSVI base across the country is to contribute $1 per member per year for each person who is a member of the Holland Club at their base; the memo indicated that some bases are not making contributions to this fund. The current depletion of the fund is being exasperated by the fact that the number of members entering the Holland Club is increasing significantly due to the aging of members countrywide.
* We were reminded our base currently has 44 persons who are Holland Club members with 5 new inductees coming in January; our base actually contributes $2 per member per year to the national Holland Club fund. No changes were made regarding our Holland Club contribution.
* **Sailor of the Year Fund**
* On the flip side of the national fund conversation, our base was notified that the Sailor of the Year (SOY) fund is currently experiencing an excess of funds in this account. Our base typically contributes $400 per year to the SOY fund.
* A motion was made, seconded and passed that Carolina Piedmont Base will reduce our contribution to the SOY fund to $250 per year.

**SK REPORT**

* Our base storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported he still has a few remaining 2017 USSVI calendars left for purchase. Calendars are $8 each. This year’s theme is “Historical Classes of Boats.”
* Jeff also is available for ordering patches, vests, challenge coins, etc.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* **Subvettes Organization Update**
* Glenna Hubbell, currently acting a President of the National USSVI Subvettes, reported to the base membership that a vote was taken with all participating member ladies of the Subvettes to determine the path forward for this organization. Glenna reported that the vote came back that USSVI Subvettes will continue as an organization but will be directed individually by each local base who has a Subvettes group.
* The funds currently residing in the National Treasury for the Subvettes will be used to both set-up a yearly scholarship in the name of the Subvettes (until the funds are depleted) and will also be used to have a plaque made in honor of the USSVI Subvettes to be placed at a memorial site out in Phoenix Arizona.
* **Bilge Rats Funding – Executive Board Approval**
* Between last month’s meeting and tonight’s meeting Dale Moses contacted the board that there was a need for upgrading the sound equipment for use at Bilge Rat productions. Moe was reminded that the base had a standing commitment that $100 per year would be made available to the Bilge Rats from the base’s General Fund.
* Money had not been distributed from the General Fund since that commitment was made. Our base’s executive board voted collectively that $300 would be made available to Moe to upgrade the production’s sound equipment.
* The purchase of the new sound equipment totaled $279.89.
* Next Bilge Rats production will be on Saturday Jan. 28th; same day as our next base meeting.
* **Dues**
* Reminder: Last call to pay dues for 2017. If dues are not paid by mid-January to National those effected members will be dropped from membership rolls.
* **Updates – Eagle Scouts, Color Guard Events, Sub Education Programs**
* Dale Moses notified us our color guard will be presenting colors at the Wednesday, February 25th Charlotte Hornet’s basketball game at Spectrum Arena (formerly Time-Warner Arena).
* Moe also reported he has the date of February 10th reserved for us to meet again at a Checker’s hockey game at Bojangle’s Arena. Tickets are $16 per person and 12 people have currently signed up; we need at least 8 more persons to be recognized as a special group and for our name to appear on the arena’s scoreboard.
* **Update: Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Memorial Restoration Fund**
* Steve Bell reported that almost 13,000 dollars has been raised to date for the drainage improvement project needed at Moonshine Mountain submarine memorial.
* Raymond Zieverink reported that our base has just surpassed the $1000 individual-contribution mark needed to match the challenge presented by Ray Fritz at our October meeting.

**OPEN 1MC**

* USS Charlotte - Rick reminded us our base currently sponsors the submarine USS Charlotte (SSN-766) which is stationed on the west coast. We understand Charlotte Fire Department is also in contact with this submarine. We are seeking to find out if any person stationed onboard submarine Charlotte resides in the Charlotte area and if so we would like to make arrangements to have them join us at one of our future base meetings.
* Jim Schenk reported he attended a breakfast sponsored by Richard Childress Racing at Richard’s Coffee Shop in Mooresville and he discovered one of Childress’ employees was a former submariner and Jim was able to get him signed-up as a new NC Subvet’s member.

**PIEDMONT PERISCOPE**

* All hands are reminded that any news items they want included or considered for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope newsletter that all submissions need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

**NEXT BASE MEETING**

* The first base meeting for 2017 will be held on Saturday January 28th at the Fort Mill VFW.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

* A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1945 hours; the motion passed.

**BENEDICTION**

* Tonight’s Benediction was given by Base Chaplain Tom Hulme.

**RAFFLE RESULTS**

* Tonight’s raffle was won by Missy!

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary