

**Executive Board Meeting USSVICB minutes.  
Thursday 05 JULY 2012 FRA Low Country Home**

**Ten board members in attendance:** Carl Chinn, Jerry Stout, Nick Nichols, John Lookabill, Rick Sparger, Ken Hutchinson, Theron Irving, Terry Trump, George Sharpe, Steve Morawiec, Guest Tom Lufkin.

**1800- Meeting called to order** by Base Commander Carl Chinn

**Committee Reports:**

**Holland Club John Lookabill:** No report.

**Secretary Theron Irving:** Will maintain a Description of Duties binder for all elected and appointed officers as directed by the Base By-laws.

**Storekeeper Ken Hutchinson:** I have 50 Kaps for Kids hats.

**Historian George Scharf:** Still collecting items. Will check items for past financial reports. COB is looking for past reports. Jerry Stout states that George Lyle's wife has a big box of his stuff concerning the Base. Jerry will obtain it from her. Vice Commander Jerry Stout: I will take on getting the box from George's wife. Float solar charger is still pending. COB has charger at his house. The float will not be used until the September time frame.

**Treasurer Terry Trump:** Jessica Ford, a scholarship recipient, sent a thank you card to the Base. It is kind of nice to have a thoughtful teenager for a change.

**Chaplain/Webmaster Nick Nichols:** I have heard nothing from the Strickland family. I will contact family next week to see if they want a service. American Submariner magazine is being taken care of for distribution. I have started down loading Polaris magazine from Ross Printing for incorporation to our website. I have also received several pictures that will be uploaded to the website. Pictures will be available to the Public Affairs officer for publishing in various public publications.

**Newsletter Steve Morawiec:** Email and snail mail newsletters have been sent. I have a proposal to put advertising in our newsletter. Nothing fancy, a one page of business card size items costing a \$1.00. Base Commander concerns are keeping it small. My intentions are to use this only for Veteran owned businesses. Nick has concerns about bringing up to the general membership. Discussion: Some items that are brought up by the board should be kept at the board level. Placing of staples was also discussed. John Lookabill brought up sending our newsletter to National for the annual newsletter award. Only one newsletter is submitted.

**Chief of the Boat Rick Sparger:** A great big Bravo Zulu to the membership for the outstanding memorial for Gary Semler. It was well planned and executed by all who participated. I will bring this up during the general meeting so that everyone will know what a great bunch of shipmates we have in our base. Tim Scott picture will be submitted by Larry to American Submariner. Hog roast is being ramrodded by Steve. A tentative date will be 13 October.2012. I suggest that we have butts instead of a whole hog. John Paul's "stuff" will be obtained. I will also ask him to do the hash and beans. Terry will work on date with his people.

**Guest Tom Lufkin:** Saving the USS Clamagore. Patriot's Point borrowed 9 million for the USS Laffey's restoration. This was a political favor by Andre Bauer as he had a relative on the ship. They (PP) would rather have the Submarine as it is the favorite of the public. PP has a fear that the boat will sink at the pier, but an inspection of the bilges has revealed that they are perfectly dry. A major fund raising effort will be required to save it. I have registered a website to collect contributions. Only the support of the USSVI to the Clamagore Association will be done. PP and Clamagore representatives will be present at the general meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. Discussion: A new relationship should be established between Charleston Base and Patriot's Point. Bad Blood from past experience should be put to rest. John Lookabill suggested that communication between board members and general membership should be improved. It is paramount that we keep our Base Commander fully informed of all events that transpire regardless of who starts them. Some thought should be used in drafting an Email before sending it out. Steve suggested in the event that the Clamagore is in fact not able to be saved, that Charleston Base should have a proper send off of an old "Shipmate".

**New Business:** A new Kaps for Kids event coordinator is needed. It should be noted that when we have a Kaps for Kids event that the Base representation should be kept to three or four members. A Public Events and Float coordinator is also needed. Jerry has been cleaning a portion Old Orangeburg road in the name of USSVICB for SCDT since 2004. He has been informed that SubVets has won an award for having the cleanest road. A Bravo Zulu is in order for Jerry and his help in Public Relations for the Base. Steve suggested that as "the Rec Committee" we should have events as a Base i.e. Ball Games, Harbor or Ocean cruises, casino nights, etc. Suggestions are welcome.

Motion made and seconded for meeting adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 2000.