

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1758 by Base Commander Ralph Rhorssen. Attending were Board of Directors members Ralph Rhorssen, Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Larry Knutson, Gordon Williams, Bill Freligh, George Scharf, Joe Lunn, Rick Sparger, Ken Curtis, Ed Stank, Nick Nichols, Mike Ciesielko.

Base Commander Ralph Rhorssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Membership: Larry Knutson reported that we have 302 members. 108 members owe base dues and 70 members owe both.

Special Events: Rick Sparger announced we will have the Float at Coffee Roasters in Summerville on November 11th for the tolling of the Boats. We will be pulling the Float in the Harleyville parade on November 30th at 7PM. Also we will pull the float in the Ellore Parade on December 9th at 6PM.

Base treasurer: Gordon Williams gave his financial report.

Nick Reported:

- Jerry Farr was in Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem NC. He fell in the shower when at his son's for a wedding. Had some bleeding around the brain but no stroke. Spent time in ICU and had a few other problems. His daughter, Mary, informed me Jerry was released and is at home. He has to use a walker till he gets his feet back under him and has a lot of follow up Dr. visits. All is back right with our little corner of the world! Please thank all of the Subvets for me for their prayers and good wishes for Dad, and for me as well. Please continue to lift him up as he continues to recuperate. I know he looks forward to being back with the rest of the gang soon! .
- Ernie Barwick is home after rehab for his fall in early October. He fell at home and received several bruises and scrapes. He hit hard on the back of his head and neck. There was some blood on the brain, minor memory & conversation problems but he's now recovered from that. He is now on lots of different medications for these problems.
- Sheila Gibson had a hip replacement on October 23rd. Came through with flying colors. Only took an hour and a half and she went home on the 25th.
- Kwock Kam had what was thought to be a stroke in mid-October. He was in my computer class at the Dorch. Senior Center and let us know. He does not have a phone so I was not able to contact him but he was in class last Thursday. Said they did tests but don't know what caused him to have the problems...it was not a stroke.
- DP continues to have health concerns.
- RA continues to have health concerns.
- RW has health concerns.
- Tom Yingling's oldest son, Chris, was murdered in Eugene, OR on October 19th. There are not a lot of details at this point. Tom has not renewed his USSVI membership.
- Howard Anderson's wife, Chrystle, passed away on Sunday morning. Her memorial service is at Parks FH Summerville on Friday at 1400. I've put out an email letting the membership know. If anyone can go to support Andy, that will be great. I'm not sure I will be able to make it as I have an appointment that afternoon. I did leave a condolence message on the FH webpage.
- Rick Jones, a non-USSVI submariner, passed away on Oct. 25th. His Memorial Service is on Friday at 11:59am at Coosaw Creek Country Club. I put out the info on email and also placed a condolence message on the FH webpage.
- Chaplain has received 3 page 2s via email based on his last All Hands email that went out.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh had no report.

PAO: Rick Wise reported that he is going to need a working party to clean up the Float before next Saturday. He also needs two volunteers for reading the lost boats at Coffee Roasters on Saturday.
Scholarship: George discussed the funds drying up for Scholarship. We need some fundraisers for Scholarship.

WWII Veterans: Willie Jones we don't see him anymore. There have been discussions to take the other WWII veterans up to Willie's and take him to Lunch.

COB: Joe Lunn reported that the NNMPTC Graduation is 9 November.
The Base commander commented on the lack of participation at the NMPTC graduation. People said they would participate and barely anyone showed up.

Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis reported about a Hawaiian Base (Bowfin) selling shirts around the middle of November for 75 dollars. The order form is on the website. Ken reported that copying Military CAC or ID cards is a criminal offense.

Christmas Party: Ed gave us the logistics of the Christmas Party. It will be 2 December starts 1800 Social hour 1900 Dinner Tickets will be \$10.00 each. There will be a DJ and everyone will get two drinks per.

Rick Wise made a motion to hold the Christmas party and make up the difference with general funds. Ken Curtis seconded. There was a unanimous vote.

Storekeeper: Ron had no report.

Secretary: Mike Ciesielko had no report.

Ralph asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ken Curtis made the motion and Ron Chambers seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.