

Minutes for October 5, 2018

Call to Order:

The Jersey Shore Base meeting was held at the South Toms River Municipal Bldg. and the meeting was called to order by the Base Vice Commander Mike Woods @ 7:30 pm.

Officers in Attendance: Mike Woods, Charlie Gromek, Ed Birmingham

All members and guests were welcomed by the Base Vice Commander. The Pledge of Allegiance, tolling of the Lost Boats, Invocation, and reading of the Submariner's Creed were conducted.

Attendance: 16

Executive Board:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Ed Birmingham read minutes of September 7, 2018 meeting. Minutes amended to reflect Charlie Gromek's 15-year care of Base Torpedo Monument. Motion to accept minutes as amended carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Woods asked all to ignore his scent as his dog was skunked this morning. Mike gave the treasurer's report. The Base Balance is XXX. Mike also reported that the Scholarship fund is XXX. Total is XXX. Motion to accept minutes as read carried.

Chaplain's Report: The binnacle list: Jim Burke has pneumonia, quite serious. Barbara Reilly was ill, Mike Woods will be out of action for a hopefully short period after the 19th of Oct. for a medical issue.

Chief of the Boat Report: Charlie Gromek reported that he got a call from South Toms River office stating that flag over Torpedo Monument needed replacement. COB Charlie Gromek asked Dan Staruch to take old flag down.

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means/Storekeeper: Shirts and Hats and anything needed just request it and the storekeeper will try to get it for you. Karl Lomberk brought some Submarine Calendars to our meeting and most were purchased by members. Some calendars still available.

Membership/Holland Club: Pedro Fincalero reports that nothing has changed, membership is still at 57, 34 Life Members, 25 Base Life Members, 34 Holland Club members, and 20 members on Eternal Patrol. Discussed member Emmett Villalobos membership and status in Base as Emmett has health issues.

Scholarship Report: Bob Cloupe reports that we have awarded 2 scholarships. Presentation of the scholarships will be done at the Widows Luncheon on Oct. 20, 2018. Dick Rieger's granddaughter Ruby and Bill Aberle's grandson Tyler have been awarded the scholarships.

Eagle Scout Presentations: Dick Rieger did one award at the end of September and has been asked to do two presentations about submarines. One request was from the Optimists Club.

Kaps for Kids: Pedro Fincalero stated Nothing to Report. Pedro stated that January in the New Year will be the time for requests to contributors.

Old Business:

Seal Delivery Vehicle (SDV): The SDV is in our possession on a Flat Bed truck. We had discussion about mounting, painting and repairing of SDV. Contract was signed and funded at this meeting. Bob Cloupe will take contract to group doing work. We hope to finish it before Nov. 11, 2018 Veterans Day.

Widows Luncheon: Bob Cloupe stated that our Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on Saturday October 20, 2018 at the Captains Inn. 70 people have signed up and more are expected. Cutoff date for funds, menu choices, etc., is Oct. 7, 2018. Our Guest Speaker will be Eric P. Ryan, Lt. Commander (full commander at end of year).

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Coffee Break: Pedro Fincalero is doing fine job on Coffee Mess.

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New Business

September Birthdays: Bob Grosse (10/01); Dave Greiner (10/04); Todd Gest (10/04); Gene Holubek (10/18); Navy Day (10/28).

Veterans Day Sunday Nov. 11, 2018: Our base hopes to hold dedication of SDV on this Veterans Day. We will meet at the South Toms River Submarine Memorial for Memorial Service at 11:00AM, followed by lunch at Applebee's.

Veterans Day Parade Monday Nov. 12, 2018: Toms River Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday Nov. 12, 2018 at 9:00AM, weather permitting.

Base Christmas Party: Will be held at Italy's Best at 12 noon on December 8, 2018.

Discussion of Loss of USS Thresher: Archie T. Miller is a neighbor of Ed Birmingham and Archie hand-delivered an article from US Naval Institute Proceedings about request to declassify reasons for Thresher's loss. Discussion followed. Archie T. Miller will speak to group at the next meeting about his work with torpedoes.

50/50: Won by Bob Morse. Bob donated proceeds to use for speaker and refreshments at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday November 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the South Toms River Municipal Building.

Surface the Boat: Base Vice Commander Mike Woods gave the order to surface the boat. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm