

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Meeting Date: Dec. 18, 2002

Location: American Legion Post #1450, Clifton Park, NY

- The meeting was called to order by CDR Walt Bydairk at 7:15 PM.
- The crew saluted the colors, recited the Pledge of Allegiance & the bell was tolled for each boat lost in action or by accident & for shipmates lost on these boats.
- Attendance was taken; 14 members were present. A quorum was present.
- WWII Sub Vets were asked to stand. Lou Drapalski & Walt Bydairk were given a hand for their service.
- Minutes from the previous meeting on Nov. 20, 2002 were passed around for those who did not receive them by email. Reading of the minutes was waived. The minutes were accepted as published.
- Members stood & introduced themselves & announced the boats they had served on and there jobs on board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fred Carlson, Treas., gave a financial report which was accepted by the members without change.

2. Base officers were elected. CDR Al Singleman, Sr. Vice John Hadley, Jr. Vice Walt Bydairk, & Treas. Fred Carlson. Jim Irwin volunteered to be base secretary, so Diane Singleman removed her name from the nominations. Congratulations to the 2003 Base Officers. (Note: Since the officers were running unopposed, the only one who had to actually vote was the base secretary, who voted for the entire slate.) Induction of officers will take place at the Jan. meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. During the 2004 Convention meeting, Frank Hardick presented some ideas for tours, both half day & all day trips. These will be discussed further at another time.

2. Members were informed that if their dues are not paid by Mar. 31st, their name will be dropped from the USSVI rolls & you will have to rejoin at a cost of \$20 for national dues. The time lapse will also effect eligibility to join the Holland Club. Please pay at the Jan. meeting or mail your dues to Fred Carlson, \$10 base dues & \$10 National unless you are a Life member of National.

3. Members introduced their wives; 7 wives were present.

4. Walt Barden's wife, Lillian "Chickie" Barden joined the base as an associate member. Welcome aboard Chickie!!

A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Our Christmas Dinner Party followed.

Next meeting will be on Wed., Jan. 15, 2003. The 2004 Convention meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY.

Submitted by: Diane Singleman, Secretary
Albany-Saratoga Base