

MINUTES OF MEETING
ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI
Location: American Legion Post #1450, Halfmoon, NY

Meeting Date: January 15, 2003

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR elect Singleman at 8:10 p.m. with 12 members and 1 guest present.
- The Chaplain offered a prayer and the crew saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- At this time John Smith, the D-2 Commander came forward and administered the oath of office to the new Base Officers. The meeting continued with CDR Singleman presiding.
- The Muster List was passed around for all present to sign and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was passed for all to read.
- The Base bell was tolled for each boat lost during the month of January.
- WWII Sub Vets were asked to stand. Walt Bydarik was recognized and applauded.
- Base members and guests stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on. One new member, Fredric Feldhaus was welcomed.

The Base Secretary reported there was a quorum present. The reading of the minutes of the previous was waived and motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. The Secretary also requested that members present check their personal information on the Sailing List to insure accuracy.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and reminded members that dues for 2003 are due. The total assets for the Base at this time are \$1033.46

The Base Storekeeper reported that many items are available including, garrison hats, belt buckles, and embroidered shirts with many new colors available.

At this time, John Smith, D-2 Commander spoke briefly. He asked to be included in the Convention planning and offered to forward correspondences and general information in his name on our behalf within his jurisdiction. He expressed his enthusiasm and offered his support where and when we need it.

Old Business

As a result of some discussion that took place during the earlier Convention meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and carried by the members that in the event that after the conclusion of the 2004 Convention, that after all bills and expenses are paid, there is money left over, the Base will reimburse members who attend the 2003 and work to promote the 2004 convention up to \$300.00 per person

Al Singleman showed members some plaques and other items that could be given to corporate donors and other sponsors to the 2004 Convention. It was agreed that the finished product should be highly professional and easily readable. Al will continue working on this project.

The Base Web Site is up but only to the point that it reads "Under Construction." Al Singleman will meet with the Web Master to see how we can expedite it. It was also discussed how incoming Base Email will be routed to the appropriate Base Officer or member.

It was reported the display in the Verizon Building is being well received. Also more Library displays are planned.

New Business

After much discussion it was decided that Memorial Project involving procuring a Sail from a decommissioned Boat should be kept active during the Convention planning but only in areas where most necessary. We will still work on attempting to get delivery of the sail. We will still work on finding and getting approvals for a memorial site, and Frank Hardick will produce a design rendering.

April 11th is National Submarine day. CDR Singleman suggested a Tolling of the Boats and a location to be determined. More information will be available at the next meeting.

A question was raised about the possibility of a display at the New York State Military Museum. After some discussion it was agreed that the idea will still be pursued but in the past the museum staff had not been very enthusiastic about the idea.

A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting

Next meeting will be on February 19, 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: Jim Irwin, Secretary
 Albany-Saratoga Base
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