

MINUTES OF MEETING

ALBANY-SARATOGA BASE, USSVI

Meeting Date: Nov. 20, 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; 16 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 Oct. 16, 2002 were unavailable due to the illness of Bob Ondek, Sec. & his wife. Reading of the minutes was waived.
- Members stood & introduced themselves & announced the boats they had served on.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fred Carlson, Treas., gave a financial report which was accepted by the members without change.
2. The amendment to the Bylaws for a Sr. & Jr. Vice Commander was passed by a unanimous vote by the members that were present.
3. Fred Carlson led a discussion of the existing Bylaws that had been emailed & mailed to the membership. A floor discussion followed, & as a result, minor changes to the wording of the existing Bylaws were made & accepted by the members present.
4. No additional nominations for next years base officers were made. Voting will take place at the next meeting. CDR Al Singleman, Sr. Vice John Hadley, Jr. Vice Walt Bydairk, Treas. Fred Carlson.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Due to the illness of Bob Ondek & his wife, Bob has temporarily resigned as Sec. A nomination was made, seconded & passed by unanimous vote for Diane Singleman to be base Sec. in Bob's absence.
2. George Gasser told us about a phone call he had with Chet Watson from the Navy League, concerning the transportation of a Sail by a C5 & construction of the NYS Sub Vet Memorial by the Seabees. Al Singleman will follow up with a phone call to Chet Watson.
3. John Hadley will look into the possibility of putting the NYS Sub Vet Memorial near Navy housing.
4. Fred Carlson read a very informative article on the Virginia Class Submarines that found on the web. John Hadley added a follow up concerning what he knew about the Virginia Class Subs.

A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be on Wed., Dec. 20, 2002. 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