

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

Meeting Date: December 17, 2003

- The regular meeting of the Albany-Saratoga Base was called to order by CDR Singleman at 6:50 p.m. with 11 members and 3 guests present.
- The Chaplain offered a prayer and the crew saluted the colors and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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 December.

There were no WWII Sub Vets present.

Base members and guests stood and introduced themselves and the boats they served on.

The Base Secretary reported there was a quorum present. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived and motion was made by Gus Negus and seconded by Bob Ondek to approve the minutes as published.

The Base Treasurer gave his report and reminded members that dues for 2004 are due. The bank balance for the Base at this time is: \$2561.55. A motion was made by Bob Ondek and seconded by Randell Stein to approve the report.

Old Business

The Storekeeper reported that we have sold 110 of the USSVI 40th Anniversary patches and we need to sell only 30 more to cover the cost of the patches. All sales after that will be profit to the base. They are available to base members for \$7.00.

The Commander reported that George Gasser's wife Marlene was in the hospital and it was agreed that the base will send flowers.

The Commander reminded the base that our original Web Master, Terri McKenna had to resign due to illness and that Paul Hartnagel will be the new Web Master. Also, that Spa.net will continue to donate web space and only charge the Base an annual fee of \$25.00 for the domain name. He suggested we award a Plaque to Spa.net for their generosity. A motion was made by Bob Ondek and seconded by Fritz Feldhaus and passed by the members to donate the plaque.

New Business

CDR Singleman reminded the membership of the ticket for the 2004 Base Officers as proposed by the Base nominating committee:

CDR – Al Singleman, Sr. Vice CDR – Walt Bydairk, Jr. Vice CDR – John Hadley, Secretary – Jim Irwin, Treasurer – Fred Carlson.

CDR Singleman called for nominations from the floor and Bob Ondek nominated Walt Barden for Sr. Vice CDR and John Cook for Jr. Vice CDR. There were no other nominations.

The offices of Base CDR, Base Secretary, and Base Treasurer were unopposed so the Base

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Secretary cast one vote for all unopposed candidates and they were re-elected. All members in good standing voted by secret ballot for the position of Sr. Vice CDR and Jr. Vice CDR. The final results for the Base Officers for 2004 were as follows:

Base CDR – Al Singleman

Sr. Vice CRD – Walt Barden

Jr. Vice CDR – John Cook

Base Secretary – Jim Irwin

Base Treasurer – Fred Carlson

There being no further business, the CDR led the base in the Creed of the USSVI and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 2004. The regular meeting will start at 6:30 PM, which will be followed immediately by the convention meeting at the American Legion Post #1450, Grooms Road, Clifton Park, NY.

Submitted by: Jim Irwin, Secretary
 Albany-Saratoga Base
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