

Sculpin Base, USSVI Meeting Minutes 18 FEB 2023

In Attendance:

Ellis Dale (Moe) Moses (Colleen), Base Cdr, Bret Cortright, Secretary/Treasurer Monte Schmidt (Faye), Chaplain Dennis Mosebey, COB Steve Alfrey Bill Haug Bud Huber Terry Romig Chuck Sibley Ed Taylor (Alicia) Ross Thomas (Heather)

The meeting was held on 18 FEB 2023 at the American Legion Post 5, Emporia, Kansas

At 1300 hours, the meeting was called to order by Base Cdr Moses. Klaxon sounded by COB Mosebey

Invocation by Base Chaplain Schmidt

Pledge of Allegiance by Cdr Moses

USSVI Creed by Cdr Moses

Reading and Bell Tolling of "Lost Boats" conducted by COB Mosebey.

Introductions by CDR Moses all present introduced themselves.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by COB Mosebey to accept minutes of previous meeting as submitted electronically prior to the meeting, seconded by Ross Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by COB Mosebey to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted electronically prior to the meeting, seconded by Ed Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

<u>Storekeeper</u> – SK Cortright reports that raffle for three volume Sub Tales books still ongoing, will send out more raffle tickets prior to next meeting.

Kaps4Kids – Committee Chair Bill Haug reported that it's a slow work in progress. He advised that he has spoken with the Clapper Foundation (Topeka) who does not house kids but does house developmentally challenged adults who might also be eligible. Hospitals he has spoken with are not wanting to keep kids in the hospital too long. Also, the Ronald McDonald House had nothing.

Eagle Scout – Committee Chair Monte Schmidt requested that anyone with contact of a Scouting unit, please contact him. He has patches and certificates.

<u>Website</u> – Cdr Moses advised that Robert Emery will be assuming responsibilities of the base website. Please forward any photos, stories, etc to Robert.

Membership – Membership Chair Cortright read to the membership a letter from Natl Cdr Bill Andrea that effective 01 APR 2023, membership dues will be increased. It was noted that this would perhaps be a good time to consider a Life Membership. The new dues structure is as follows:

National Term (Annual) Dues

5-Year Term: \$115.00 to \$140.00 3-Year Term: \$70.00 to \$85.00 1-Year Term: (Jan through Dec) \$25.00 to \$30.00 For members joining in the last quarter, 1 Year Term is \$5.00 (Oct through Dec) and \$30.00 (Next year's term January through Dec) for the follow-on year for a total of \$35.00. **National Life Dues** 76+ Years: \$100.00 to \$120.00 66 through 75 Years \$200.00 to \$240.00 56 through 65 Years \$300.00 to \$360.00 46 through 55 Years \$400.00 to \$500.00 Up to 45 years \$500.00 to \$600.00

History – History Committee Co-Chair's Al and Tina Anguish were not present.

Old Business:

Memorial Bench status, Steve Alvey reported that per Darlene Lillo (sp) of the Park Committee at Gage Park, the initial vote for the Submarine Memorial Bench in the veteran's section of the park was vetoed. Apparently, there was a misunderstanding on what was being presented and on 06 MAR, another vote will be taken which should pass.

A pledge of \$1,500.00 by an anonymous donor has been received as well as a donation of \$100.00 by Steve Alfrey, a donation of \$100.00 by Bud Huber* in addition to pledges of \$100.00 by Colleen Moses*, a pledge of \$100.00 by VCDR Hutchison* and a pledge of \$250.00 by Al and Tina Anguish*. (*from November 2022 meeting)

Parades: CDR Moses advised that last year Sculpin Base participated in parades in Shawnee, Oskaloosa, Emporia and two in Burlington. Following discussion on the upcoming year's activities, it was decided to participate in the parades again as well as possibly adding the St. Patrick's Parade in Lawrence, Old Settler's Parade in Olathe and the Halloween Parade in Independence, KS.

Cdr Moses also presented an idea he has been thinking about for use in parades. The idea is to obtain a small remote controlled kids car and to outfit it as a submarine. He is going to give it some thought and report back.

New Business:

Treasurer Cortright reported on the Budget Proposal. It was suggested that while an actual budget is a good idea, the current size of the base and it's treasury is not necessarily conducive to individual line items. Treasurer Cortright made a motion to hold this in abeyance until such time as the treasury was warrant it. Motion was seconded by COB Mosebey, motion carried.

Holland Club Chair Schmidt inducted Ed Taylor into the Holland Club in recognition of his 50 Years as Qualified in Submarines. Ed qualified onboard USS Seahorse in 1973. Ed was presented his Holland Club Certificate, Challenge Coin and Cap.

Good of the Order/Crew:

Cdr Moses stated that with the base meeting every three months, the next meeting will be around 20 MAY 2023 with a location yet to be determined. If any member would like to host the meeting, please provide the information to CDR Moses.

50/50 Raffle conducted by COB Mosebey, winner was Alicia Taylor. Total was \$60.00. Alicia donated the entire amount back to Sculpin Base.

Benediction by Chaplain Schmidt

There being no further business, a motion was to adjourn and seconded, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

Minutes submitted by Bret Cortright, Secretary/Treasurer Sculpin Base, USSVI