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Minutes from the Meeting of 21 January 2007

Call to Order

BC Frank Simpson called the meeting to order @ 1345 and the dedication was read.

Invocation

John Buchanan, Base Chaplain, gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance.

First Order of Business was the election of the base officers, election results were as follows:

Base Commander – Frank Simpson

Executive Officer – Dave Shelley

Treasurer – Barry Martin

Secretary – Alvin Hernandez

Frank Lister swore in the officers.

Frank Lister read the USSVI Creed.

Other honorees were recognized:

Paul Chouinard awarded Holland Club membership

John and Lucille Buchanan recognized as 50-year members of the Knights of Columbus

Minutes from the November 2006 meeting were accepted and promulgated.

Secretary's Report

Base website has been updated and improved. Meeting minutes and newsletter are now featured on the website.

Suggested that notices of events to membership-at-large may be distributed electronically between meeting dates and this may be coordinated between the provider of the notice and any base officer who has the email contacts for the base membership.

Report accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported current balance of base funds and distribution of funds associated with USS Texas raffle receipts and expenses.

Total USS Texas donation to MWR fund was \$2,479.02.

Recognition of the contribution of Barry Martin and other club members in donating funds and services in support of the raffle efforts was given by Frank Simpson on behalf of the base officers and membership.

Reflecting on the raffle efforts, it was determined that it is in the best interest of the base to refrain from coordinating and sponsoring any future raffle fundraisers.

Barry Martin's 2006 yearly treasurer's report was the first submitted to the USSVI national office for review.

A \$50 donation was made to the Cavalla Historical Foundation in honor of Louis Hoenig by the base.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

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Barry Martin attended the recent Old Ironsides Across the Nation (OIAN) events in San Antonio. One of the chief presenters was a Senior Chief Corpsman who was submarine qualified. Barry provided information about joining the Old Ironsides crew/museum.

Old Business

USS Los Angeles 30th Anniversary Commemoration Events

- Report given by Frank Lister who received an invitation to participate in a ride on the USS Los Angeles.
- Executive Officer Tom Murray joined Frank in participating.
- Event marked the first time that the USS Los Angeles submarine pulled into the port of Los Angeles.
- Sub will be decommissioned in 2009.
- Discussion of making the sub into a museum.
- Frank Lister met the Lister award winner.

Contact Information Guidance

- Snowbirds must change their address with *American Submariner* to get their subscription without interruption.
- Barry provides updated contact information for base members to USSVI database.
- Please provide Barry with any changes/updates to contact information.
- If you make changes directly with USSVI, it is verified with the base.

P.C. Stryker Base Meeting and Event Schedule

- Next Business Meeting -- 18 March 2007
- Next Base Social – Sunday, February 11, 2007
 - Dinner and show at Steven Stoli Theater in San Antonio
- Please advise Frank Simpson of ideas for future meeting programs well in advance of meeting dates. Barry martin will contact Kay Bailey Hutchinson re: availability to attend a future meeting.

New Business

- Tentative Schedule for 2007 on hold
- Voted to donate \$500 in the name of Nimitz Silver Dolphin Chapter, Submarine Veterans of World War II, to the Admiral Nimitz World War II Memorial Fund.
- Information on social security benefits for veterans (specifically credit for military service) available at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/military.htm
- BC will check to see if Nimitz needs a copy of United States Submarine Men Lost During WWI. Cost \$168.00 for 2 Volumes.

Other information

- BC read several articles about recent submarine exercises. Read John Groth's letter to A/S about the commissioning of the USS TEXAS (SSN-775) in Galveston.

Upcoming Events

- Intrepid Center Event
 - o Dedication on Monday, January 29th at Brooke Army Medical Command at 10:00AM.
 - o Members attending should wear vests.
 - o Base made donation in the amount of \$500 to VGSA to support the center.
- Tejada Middle School 6th Annual History and Culture Fair
 - o Saturday, March 31st – 10:00AM to 4:00PM
 - o Invited extended by school representative Randy Guzman to have a display.
 - o Need confirmation of participation and times to be at event.

For the Good of the Order

- Shipmate Maurice Center who is at Audie Murphy Hospital was sent a signed card by members.
- John Buchanan made a plea to the WWII Submarine Veterans in Texas, they must plan to phase out their operations and turn over the duties to USSVI soon. (n.b. There are about 4,000 Submarine Veterans from WWII left)

Benediction

- John Buchanan gave the benediction at 1508.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 1509.