

U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Albany-Saratoga Base

American Legion Post 70

West Ave.

Saratoga Springs, NY

Minutes from September 2009 meeting

Meeting called to order by Cdr Singlemen at 1903. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation was given by Base Chaplain Irwin and the bell was tolled for the Boats lost during the month of September. All members present (16) introduced themselves. Treasurer's report for August was given: Base Checking Account ending balance: \$8395.48

Teri McKenna gave a brief explanation regarding the Saratoga Base and the future Memorial Foundation website. Anything can be created, i.e., pictures, words, names and general information etc. A few names were tossed out, SubVet Foundation, ASBSubVets, NYSubVets were examples and the base and foundation group were asked for suggestions.

The Memorial site at the American Legion Post 1450 in Clifton Park has fell threw s the memorial would not fit their purposes. The foundation is now looking for a location 25' X 20' that would be able to house a torpedo or a 24' model (float). The foundation is also on the list for a MK-48 torpedo.

OLD BUSINESS

Kapps4Kids - There will be/was a presentation tomorrow (Sep 17th) at Albany Med at 0930 to presents the hats to a group of 7 boys and 4 girls. These youngsters are 13 and 14 years of age, Albany Med has requested a small group of Subvets for this ceremony, also the will be no pictures allowed.

Regarding presentation at the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne, due to the swine flu dilemma they have requested that we wait until next year.

Winter Meetings - Due to the inclement weather and driving conditions in the Northeast there is a distinct possibility that our November to April meetings maybe he held on Saturday's at 1300 at Post 1450 in Clifton Park. We might give it a test for the November meeting. Another scenario, if we continue with the Wednesday

meetings and there is no school (weather closure) then our meeting would be held on the following Saturday. More information regarding this will be promulgated at October's meeting.

DUES ARE DUE NOW but not later than December 31st along with the base commitment for the Croaker fund (\$5.00) a year. If dues are not paid the member will be dropped from the rolls.

The Base will do a clothing drive at the November meeting for a homeless shelter in Albany, jackets, shirts, sweaters, etc. are on the wanted list.

SCOOTER - Our late member (Bob Ondek's) donation of his scooter has been PDL'd (passed down the line) to "Joey Chitwood" LUTHER who has been terrorizing his neighbors on Rum Cherry Road as he races up and down. Some one said he had seen Ed with a four legged canine sitting on his lap as his wife Pat refuses to even get near him when he's on the scooter.

GROTON SUB BASE TRIP - Jim Irwin gave a brief about the April 18, 2010 trip to Groton, the trip is open to all Sub Vets, their families and friends. The bus will leave at 0700 from exit 8 of the Northway and will return at 1900 +/- . Cost of the trip will be \$55.00. The bus will arrive at

approximately 1030 for Sunday Brunch, if we have 50 people or more the brunch is included in the trip cost, less than 50 people and the brunch will cost \$3.50 to \$6.00 depending on your choice/order. At about noon the bus will bring go to the Nautilus Museum and give an opportunity to visit the USS Nautilus, the Submarine Force Museum, and the gift shop.

2010 Calendars - Anyone wanting a 2010 calendar should contact Al or Diane.

HISTORY FORMS - Two history forms have been turned in, we are down about 95 forms.....

TOYS FOR TOTS - Now's the time to make purchases for the December drive that we have, stores already have wicked deals going on.

BASE OFFICER FOR 2010

Base Commander - Bob Bailey

Vice Commander - John Christopher

Jr Vice Commander - Walt Bydairk

Treasurer - Randy Stein

Secretary - OPEN

The creed was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 2038.

Our next meeting **OCTOBER 21ST AT 1900**

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Submitted by Albany-Saratoga Base Secretary

Mike Lynett U.S. Navy (Ret)