USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582) Redlands California February 23, 2019

OUR CREED:

Our organization's purpose is "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

1200 Hours:

At the sound of the klaxon, Commander Daryl Brock convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Gene Adams, Fred Tredy and Michael Williamson read our creed. George Riolo was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of February.

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.

USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.

USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a sub chaser.

USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sunk 4 ships totaling 21,514 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February.

Guest/Member Introductions:

Commander Brock introduced guests present and provided the opportunity for all Bonefish Base members present to introduce themselves and note the Submarine and year on which they had qualified.

Minutes:

Commander Brock informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of January 26, 2019 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Hearing no concerns relative to additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the January 26, 2019 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the following report for the Month ending January 31, 2019.

Beginning Balance: Expenses:		\$ 3,428.18	
<u>EXPENSES.</u>	National dues for J. Sullivan, F. Tredy	140.00	
	Donation to Holland Club	125.00	
	Total Expenses:	\$ 165.00	
Income:			
	National Dues	140.00	

Base dues	20.00
Calendars	157.00
Income Total:	317.00

Ending Balance – January 31, 2019

\$ 3,480.18

Commander Brock opened the floor for comments and/or concerns related to the Treasurer's Report. Don Noyes **moved** approval of the Treasurers' report for the month ending January 31, 2019 as presented. Greg Hill **seconded** the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Binnacle List:

Alice Abels Joe Canchola Dennis Fuqua Allan Kilpatrick Mike Williamson

Old Business:

Commander Brock informed members present that he had an inquiry from the Dolphin Base in San Jose, California relative to the purchase of the Seawolf float. It is possible that Dolphin Base will make an offer to purchase4 Seawolf.

Commander Brock reiterated his request for a Bonefish member to assume the role of Base Photographer and another member to coordinate the Base activities with the KapSS4KidSS Program.

New Business:

Commander Brock informed the membership of the following scheduled activities.

MLK Remembers - March 1, 2019

Eagle Scout of Honor - March 30, 2019 in Rialto

WRD District Commander - Nomination process is now open

USSVI National Convention 2019 - Austin, Texas August 14-20, 2019

Western Region Roundup - March 26-29, 2019, Laughlin, Nevada

Program:

Gene Adams introduced Steve Rose, Commander USN Retired. Commander Rose was a pilot during his time in the Navy and implementing a power point presentation, he shared some of his activities related to the tracking and identification of submarines both American as well as from other countries. The presentation was most interesting and enthusiastically received by the Bonefish membership.

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Sailing List:

Members		
Gene Adams	Gregory Hill	George Riolo
Daryl Brock	Izar Martinez	Fred Tredy
Frank Campbell	Don Noyes	Michael Williamson
Bill Hawkins	Everett Noyes	
Associate Members		
Jan Noyes		
Honored Guests		
Marcia Campbell	Judy Hill	Steve Rose
Rita Hawkins	Rachel Rose	

Adjournment:

Commander Brock adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM. Shipmates in attendance subsequently enjoyed lunch together.

Respectfully submitted,

Izar A. Martinez Secretary

Meeting Dates:

The Bonefish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) meets at 11:30 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently meetings are being held at The Zacatecas Café, 3767 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California.