

Meeting called to order at 1400 by Vice Commander Jim Hafele.

Meeting held at the Navy Club

Commander Hafele led the Pledge of allegiance, conducted the benediction and read the roll of lost boats in August.

Old Business

July Minutes

Minutes were not read as July meeting was usurped by our participation in the Peoria Air Show. Ernie Crawl moved to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Hiram Brownell and the motion passed.

Treasurers report

Treasurer's report was read. Ernie Crawl moved to accept the report, seconded by Lyle Dunlap and the motion passed.

Peoria Air Show

Our participation in the Peoria Air show was discussed, with our final tally of revenue from the show to come at a subsequent meeting.

Parades and Floats

Discussion was held concerning the upcoming parades. A show of hands for the members who would be marching in the Kewanee parade was asked for, Sam Eddy, Ernie Crawl, Kevin Gibson and Tom Woodhouse indicated they would be participating.

Hiram Brownell described the damage which had occurred to his truck while he was pulling on of the floats on the 4th of July. One of the trailers was said to have a flat tire.

Reimbursement costs for those driving to parades was discussed, and a motion made by Kevin Gibson, seconded by David Payne to pay \$0.55/mile reimbursement. The motion passed and the treasurer directed to pay the specified members.

The Klaxon on the trailer was repaired, and Tom Woodhouse agreed to check into pricing of a new klaxon at the national convention in September.

The Peoria Base received an award from the Henry 4th of July parade for having the most original float, and we were presented with a plaque which was mounted on the wall.

Tom Woodhouse brought up the lack of interest we had experienced at the Lacon parade last year, and the group decided not to respond this year to the parade scheduled for 8/22.

Peoria Chiefs Ball Game

The interest in participating in base outing to O'Brien field to the Chiefs game was not sufficient to meet the Chief's club minimum number of people and Tom Woodhouse reported that he had contacted the Chiefs and cancelled the previously scheduled event.

Members health

Dale Scott reported that Jack Smith was in failing health and that he was undergoing additional tests, and asked that Jack be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

Change of Command ceremony at the Lariat Club in Peoria

The members were reminded of the reservation we have at the Lariat club on 12/12/09 at 1830 for the annual change of command ceremony.

New Business

Store Keeper

Ernie announced that new clocks, dolphins, and belt buckles were for sale.

National Convention

It was identified that the Nation Convention would be occurring at the same time as our September meeting. Several members were planning on attending.

Holland Club Certificates

Hiram discussed an issue with the Holland Certificates where some of last year's/years in the past, certificates had been damaged in the mail. 2 questions were raised, 1st what can be done to prevent damage into the future, Ernie had a suggestion not to use the metal clasps on the envelope and to tape securely the flap on the envelope. And 2nd Hiram moved that we make a donation to National to replace the certificates, Gary Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hats for Kids with Cancer

Hiram brought to the floor a discussion concerning a program which some of the other bases were exploring, that involved the purchase and distribution of hats to kids in the local hospitals who were being treated for cancer and other terminal diseases. Tom Woodhouse was to contact Michael Birkenshaw of the Scamp base, while he attended the national convention to obtain more specifics concerning the program.

USSVI National Scholarship awarded

USSVI Regional vice Commander Vic Van Horne was present to award Lauren Payne with a \$1000 scholarship. Lauren is a student at the University of Illinois studying Civil Engineering.

Congratulations!

50/50

Lyle Dunlap hit the jackpot for \$18 with the base receiving \$19

Members present:

Kevin Gibson, Hiram Brownell, Ernie Crowl, Lyle Dunlap, John Appleman, Dale Scott, Tom Woodhouse, Dave Payne, Jim Dyson, Jim Hafele, Gary Thompson, Sam Gray, Victor Van Horne (visiting), Bob Payne, Warren Meyers, Mike Heideman (assoc), Melanie Payne (guest), Lauren Payne (guest)