

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of December 2023**  
**On 12/9/2023**

Meeting was called to order at 13:05 by Base Commander John Williams.

There were ten members in attendance and three spouses. Three members logged in to Zoom for a total of 13 members.

Base Commander John Williams gave Invocation, Lead Pledge of Allegiance and read USSVI Creed.

Power point presentation for Lost Boats and Texas Tenors provided by Jim Lencalis via Zoom. There were four boats lost during the month of December.

USS Capelin (SS-289)	12-2-1943	76 men lost
USS Sealion (SS-195)	12-10-1941	4 men lost 1man died in POW camp
USS F-1 (SS-20)	12-17-1917	19 men lost
USS S-4 (SS-109)	12-17-1927	40 men lost

The 50/50 drawing was won by Al Stafford. Total \$32.00 to Al and \$33.00 to base.

Committee Reports:

- Secretary report deferred.
- Treasures report given by Chris Knaggs \$3121.84.  
Chis talked about the Virginia War Memorial trying to raise funds (\$22,000) to display the bridge of a surface ship. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the fund. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Thurman Register gave the nominating committee report. Thurman asked if there were any nominations for offices from the floor, there were none. Thurman then placed the following names in nomination:  
Base Commander – John Williams  
Vice Commander – John (Herby) Ortiz  
Secretary – Bill Anderson  
Treasurer – Chris Knaggs  
Nominations were closed.

All nominees were approved unanimously.

The two nominees present Base Commander – John Williams and Treasurer – Chris Knaggs was sworn in by Thurman.

Thurman will contact Bill Anderson and John (Herby) Ortiz to set a time to swear them in as secretary and Vice Commander.

Base Commander reminded all members that Base and National dues are due and they should be given to Joe Rodrigues.

There was no additional business so the Benediction was given by the Base Commander and the meeting was adjourned.