

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of August 2017
On 8/12/2017

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Lasagna with meat sauce, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 17 members and 5 guests were present
- Bill Lewis won the 50/50 raffle and received \$45.00, the Base received \$45.00.
- The ladies were excused.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott called the meeting to order with the traditional sounding of two blasts from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty "DIVE, DIVE" from all of those in attendance.
 - Kenn offered the invocation.
 - The opening ceremony was led by Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Katzenberger.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Tolling of the Lost Boats for August
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 248 Souls
 - USS Bullhead (SS-332) 08/06/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
 - USS Flier (SS-250) 08/13/1944 78 crewmen
 - USS S-39 (SS-144) 08/13/1942 No loss of life
 - USS Harder (SS-257) 08/24/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
 - USS Cochino (SS-345) 08/26/1949 1 Civilian Technician & 6 USS Tusk crewmen
 - August Birthdays - Mickey Loses
 - 21st - John Williams
 - 29th - Jim Wilson
 - The video God Bless the USA was shown
- Kenn McDermott informed the membership that the USS Scorpion 99 for 99 was in need of contribution for the 50th Anniversary Memorial. A motion was made to donate \$99 to this memorial, it was seconded and approved.
- Member Chris Knaggs discussed his experiences with the Field Day of the Past.
- Base Secretary Bill Anderson reported that a couple of more watch standers were needed for the Field Day of the Past.
- Member Al Ptasznik reported the status of supplies for the Annual Picnic which is being held at his home on Lake Anna.
- Kenn McDermott related the following:
 - That the USSVI National Convention had a low attendance.
 - There is a new addition to the Website, a "Sea Stories" page; members are encouraged to submit their sea stories.
- Secretary's Report was read.
- Treasurer's Report was read.
- Kenn McDermott read the Submariner Benediction after which a motion was made to adjourn, motion seconded and approved. A traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty "SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully
Bill Anderson
Base Secretary