

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of May 2023**  
**On 05/13/2023**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 10 members and 2 guests were present 1 member was on Zoom..
- There was no 50/50 raffle due to Al Ptasznik being ill.
- The Ladies were excused.
- Base Commander John Williams 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.
  - The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams and Base Secretary Bill Anderson as the bell tapper.
    - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for May -
    - 4 Boats lost with the loss of 211 Souls
      - USS Lagarto (SS-371) 05/03/1944 All hands 86 crewmen
      - USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 05/22/1963 All hands 99 crewmen
      - USS Squalus (SS-192) 05/23/1939 26 Crewmen
      - USS Stickleback (SS-415) 05/28/1958 No loss of life
    - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
    - Birthdays - Mickey Lost
    - Binnacle List
      - Tom Caffee
      - John Lamsens
      - Doug Blaha
      - Kenn McDermott
    - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
    - John Williams updated members of Kenn McDermott's condition
    - New members
      - Ted Hamilton
  - John Williams and Jim Lencalis updated members on the National happens.
    - National dues going up
    - The 2024 Convention at Cleveland, OH
    - National is still thinking about bi-annual Conventions
    - Problems with the National website
  - Base Commander John Williams read the Submariner Benediction. A traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a joyful "SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
  - The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: William C Anderson, Base Secretary