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Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2024

Location: American Legion Post 73
5000 S.E. 24th St.
Del City, OK 73115

Attendance:

Chuck Hladik – *Base Commander*
Todd Holmes – *Base Vice*
Cmdr; Webmaster
Jim Owen – *Base Treasurer*
Dale Sanders – *Base Secretary*

Ken Box - *Chief of the Boat*
Steve Damlo
Donald LeBlanc
Gabe Long
Robert Zahn

Officers Absent:

Mark Holland – *Base Chaplin/*
Quartermaster

Visitors:

Gary Palmer – *Potential Member*

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0910 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from June. Steve motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,104.⁹⁹ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Only activity was deposit of funds collected at the June meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Dale motioned to approve the report, Ken seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Photos from the Edmond Freedom Fest parade have been posted on Facebook, still needing posted on the website.
 - b. Todd is still working on an update of the SOP for the website. When completed, then training for Don LaBlanc as assistant webmaster will be scheduled.
6. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) –
 - a. Agreement in principle has been made to get monthly updates on crew events from COB YNSCM(SS) Chris Reed, but there is no new information yet.
 - b. USS Oklahoma challenge coins are nearly out, but a new order is in process. The cost is \$20.⁰⁰ each. We need to determine who wants any, how many, and then provide that to the boat along with payment and a shipping address.
7. Hats and Challenge Coin (Mark) – No new information. Coins are available for purchase.
8. Don LeBlanc Project – Work is still in progress.
9. Steve Damlo Project – After discussion, it was agreed that Dale and Steve will provide a sample of such a card at the next meeting. **ACTION: Dale & Steve**
10. Kap-4-Kids – No new information. This needs to be removed from agendas until there is new developments
11. Developing a yearly vision/agenda for USSVI-OKC (Todd)
 - a. Reminder to vote for National and District Officers. This can be done by logging in on the National website www.ussubvets.org, then clicking on the [Vote Nat Election] button near the top of the left menu.
 - b. After discussion it was agreed that Dale and Todd will use the Annual Activity Report to create a template of a typical year. **ACTION: Todd & Dale**



12. Local newsletter or join a regional newsletter (Todd) – District Commander Moses asked us to consider having a local base newsletter or joining a regional newsletter, to be operated by someone to be determined. After discussion, it was agreed that our current Facebook page and Website more than adequately cover this need. As to a regional newsletter, we are not opposed to supporting/participating should one come to exist but cannot commit until actual information is available.
13. Creation of a USSVI-OKC budget forecast for the year (Todd) – After discussion, it was agreed that Todd and Jim will work with the last several Annual Expense Reports to develop a typical map of expenses to aid us in future fundraising and approval of expenses.
14. New Business –
 - a. Chuck presented Robert “Bob” Zahrn with his HOLLAND CLUB certificate for being qualified for 50 years.
 - b. Bob has now paid his local dues.
 - c. Gary Palmer indicated he will complete an application to join.
 - d. Todd asked, and the consensus was that membership is interested in having a social, possibly like a picnic, once the weather cools, such as September.
 - e. At our request, Gary Palmer shared some of his memories of his service on a diesel boat.
15. Concerns and Open Discussion –
 - a. Bob is having difficulties with his foot. Speak to him for details.
 - b. Ken will be having knee replacement later this month.
 - c. Chuck has begun his proton therapy.
 - d. Dave Bowman, associate member, is still in the hospital in Washington state to pass a kidney stone.
16. Tolling of Boats – Ken and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for June.
17. Closing Prayer – Dale led a closing prayer.
18. Depth Charge – Don won the Depth Charge drawing.
19. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – August 3, 2024 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★