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Meeting Minutes for Aug 3, 2024

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

Attendance:

Chuck Hladik – *Base Commander*
Jim Owen – *Base Treasurer*
Dale Sanders – *Base Secretary*
Mark Holland – *Base Chaplin/
Quartermaster*

Donald LeBlanc
Gabe Long
Jay Van Duzer

Officers Absent:

Todd Holmes – *Base Vice
Cmdr; Webmaster*
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*

Visitors:

None

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0905 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jay led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from July. Jay motioned to approve the minutes as read, Mark seconded, minutes approved.
 - 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.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,274.⁹⁹ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Only activity was deposit of funds collected at the July meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Dale motioned to approve the report, Mark seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd, via email to Dale) –
 - a. In Facebook was added (1) Robert Zahn's Holland Club Presentation, (2) A welcome to new base members: Robert Zahn and Gary Palmer, and (3) August Meeting Event.
 - b. On the Website:
 - i. Created an 'Events Happening' tab and moved "Flash Traffic" merged "Base Photos" under this tab. Base photos are now broken into specific years (ie 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and before). Format for 'Base Event Gallery' pictures has been modified to show text to the left of photo.
 - ii. Under the 2024 Base Event Gallery tab was added: (1) Robert Zahn's Holland Club Presentation, and (2) 2024 LibertyFest including photos from the filming of the USSVI-OKC Feature on KOKH Channel 25. This includes a link to the video on Youtube.
 - iii. Under the History of USSVI-OKC tab was added (1) Liberty Fest Parade, and (2) Interview for the KOKH feature.
 - c. Worked with Dale to submit a write up of the base's 6th participation in LibertyFest to the editor of the American Submariner.
 - d. 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. COB (YNCSM(SS) Chris Reed) is compiling a list of all First Term sailors that have received their dolphins and the dates so we can catch up. He stated that there is no longer a "submarine requalification" requirement. You are now considered requalified when you requalify your senior watch.
 - b. Regarding personal events (babies, marriage) he will provide information with their approval. Additionally, he suggested that if there is a local quilting group that wants to donate "baby blankets" for OKLAHOMA babies that would be great, with the blankets having designs or patterns themed to the state.
 - c. Don is working with the COB to take orders for coins, belt buckles, and hats (Note: it was later determined hats are not available yet). Orders need to be to Don no later than **17 AUG 2024**.
 - i. USS Oklahoma Challenge Coins - \$20.00 each.
 - ii. USS Oklahoma Belt Buckles - \$40.00 each. Order must specify Officer, CPO, or Enlisted.
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 – Dale presented a sample of what the card would look like. After discussion Mark moved to have membership cards created, based on the example shown. Gabe seconded. MOTION CARRIED. **ACTION: Dale & Steve**
10. Yukon Czech Festival Parade Saturday October 5, 2024 – After discussion it was agreed to participate in this parade (**ACTION: Chuck**). Questions about candy, and also what to do for the October meeting will be discussed at the September meeting.
11. New Business –
 - a. Reminder that we have a table at the Sept 28 retired military event.
 - b. Am Legion Post 73 has launched their 2024 Coats for Kids campaign, with a goal of \$1,100.⁰⁰. Dale motioned to make a \$200.⁰⁰ donation, Jay seconded. MOTION PASSED. **ACTION: Jim**
12. Concerns and Open Discussion –
 - a. Ken had knee replacement in late July.
 - b. Chuck has eleven sessions of his proton therapy left.
 - c. Mark is having issues with pain in his kidneys (not stones).
13. Tolling of Boats – Gabe and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for July.
14. Closing Prayer – Mark led a closing prayer.
15. Depth Charge – Jay won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
16. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.

★ ★ ★ **USS Oklahoma Orders due to Don – Aug 17, 2024** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – September 7, 2024 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★