

**USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of May 2017
On 5/13/2017**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Meat ravioli, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 19 members and 6 guests were present
- Tom Jones won the 50/50 raffle and received \$35.00, the Base received \$35.00.
- 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 Kutzenberger
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - 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
 - May Birthdays - Mickey Wins
 - 16th - John Mosticone
 - 23rd - Robert Mayfield
- Thurman Register showed a video about the deep submergence submarine Aluminaut. He also brought former base member George Tyler who was a member of the team at Reynolds Metals that built the Aluminaut and was a crew member for many years. George discussed the building and the missions of the Aluminaut. Kenn gave George a USS Virginia Base coffee mug. George also donated 15 books to our library.
- Kenn announced that the annual picnic will be held on October 14th at the home of Al and Mary Ann Ptasznik
- A motion was made to forgo the reading of reports due to time constraints, motion was seconded and approved.
- Kenn brought up the subject of the Baton Rouge Base requesting monetary support for the victims of recent storms in the Louisiana area. A motion was made to send \$200, this was seconded and approved.
- Pat Rodgers discussed the USS Spearfish (SS-190) rescuing nurses from Corregidor during WW II. The depth charging the Spearfish endured was sufficient for the nurses to ask to be returned to Corregidor.
- Jim Lencalis informed the members that Lowe's now gives a discount to all active duty, retired and veterans.
 - Kenn 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