

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of May 2019**  
**On 05/11/2019**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Lasagna, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 17 members and 5 guests were present
- Doug Blaha won the 50/50 raffle and received \$40.00, the Base received \$40.00.
- 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 Base Commander Ken McDermott, Base Vice Commander Chuck Curry 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
      - The video God Bless the USA was shown
      - May Birthdays - Mickey Wins
- Pete Fortier was inducted into the Holland Club.
- The Ladies were excused.
- Kenn McDermott briefed the members on the Roberts Rules of Order.
- Ken Strout has been appointed the Base Historian.
- Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were given.
- Ken Strout presented some Base history
- Chris Knaggs gave a talk about his and Dee's trip to China.
- 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 joyful "SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully  
Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary