USS Virginia Base Meeting Minutes for the Month of October 2019 On 10/19/2019

- The meeting was held the home Al & Mary Ann Ptasznik on Lake Anna, for the Base's 14th Annual Base Picnic, meats and sides are being supplied by Mission Bar-B-Que.
- 19 members and 19 guests were present. Mary Ann Ptasznik won the 50/50 raffle and received \$55.00, the Base received \$55.00.
- 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 McDermott offered the invocation.
 - The opening ceremony was led by Chuck Curry and Bob Katzenberger.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Tolling of the Lost Boats for October
 - 9 Boats lost with the loss of 563 Souls
 - USS Seawolf (SS-197) 10/03/1944 All hands 83 crewmen & 17 US Army troops

• USS S-44 (SS-155) 10/07/1943 56 crewmen

USS Wahoo (SS-238) 10/11/1943 All hands 80 crewmen

• USS Dorado (SS-248) 10/12/1943 All hands 77 crewmen

• USS Escolar (SS294) 10/17/1944 All hands 82 crewmen

• USS Shark (SS-314) 10/24/1944 All hands 87 crewmen

USS Darter (SS-227) 10/24/1944 No loss of life

• USS Tang (SS-306) 10/25/1944 78 crewmen

• USS O-5 (SS-66) 10/29/1923 3 crewmen

- Birthdays Mickey Loses
- Member Rec & Gilda Stanberry gave a presentation on Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project. Members were encouraged to fill a shoe box for needed children around the world.
- Team Anderson thanked the members for the support for the Field Day of the Past project.
- 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 good hearty 'SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully Bill Anderson Base Secretary