

# **NC SUBVETS working meeting minutes from Errico's, Cary, NC 7 August 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am with TARHEEL base commander chuck Jensen leading in the pledge of allegiance. Chaplin bill Whelan rendered the opening prayer by reciting the SUBVETS prayer for lost shipmates.

Chuck sent around a card for all present to sign for SUBVET Robert Harris who just recently returned home from the hospital.

An informative introduction was offered by the 34 members and guests present.

Bob Werner gave a treasurer's report:

As of July 31, 2004	Income---	\$8,881.02
	Expenses-	\$5,893.76
	Balance--	\$2,987.26

Bill Lowe read "all" the minutes of the April 24, 2004 working meeting held in Cary, NC. Minutes were approved with minor addition.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon during which a video was aired about the upcoming USSVI national convention in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Meeting resumed at 12:35 pm

Old business items:

1---dick Kanning reported a total of 192 requests for the NC SUBVETS license plates to date with 3 names added today. As info, the NC legislature voted last year to raise the cost of these plates from \$10.00 to \$20.00. It was noted that info on the license plate appears on the NC SUBVETS web site. This item remains open.

2--- Don small reported things are at a standstill on the Burnsville SUBVETS memorial. Chuck suggested and don volunteered to draft a letter to the proper person or persons in YANCY County requesting a face to face meeting concerning

the purchase of the memorial site. Since Milton stark "lives in the neighborhood", he said he would lend a hand as needed. This item remains open.

Info items:

1--- Dick Kanning reported he had talked with John Lipes, the pharmacist mate who performed the appendectomy aboard the USS Silversides while submerged during WWII, Lipes said he will inform the proper people when he is able to go to accept his awards.

2--- Pat Collins reported no 50/50 raffle will be held today due to lack of tickets. Also pat announced he was collecting \$1.00 per Holland Club member to support this project.

3---Bob Werner put out the word that the razorback (ss-394) finally made it to little rock and a special ceremony will take place at the maritime museum on august 29,2004. Bob stated he will not be attending the event.

New business items:

1--- Dick Kanning covered the proposed NC SUBVETS charter line by line. Lengthy discussion followed on wording of several items and deletion of other items. After all was said and done, Jim Myers made a motion that the charter be approved with the changes in place. Motion was passed. Chuck will be carrying a copy of the NC SUBVETS charter to the national convention. Note---copy of approved charter will be an attachment to these minutes.

2---establishment of a policy on chapter contributions upon the death of member's spouses was discussed. Concurrence was reached to leave the policy as it stands, that is, to have the executive committee decide on a case by case contribution.

3--- Chuck covered the status of the NC SUBVETS web site and stated the need for updated information. Joe Ratner said he had fallen behind on updates due to his computer crashing. All agreed Joe needs to follow a list of items that need to be updated in a timely manner. As a note, minutes of working meetings will be posted on the web site.

4--- Bob Werner asked for donations to the restoration of the USS Silversides (SS-236). \$500.00 is needed for dry-dock work on her hull that hasn't been out of the water in over 50 years. Motion was made by Mike Burkholder that a donation of \$100.00 (\$50.00 each from WWII and USSVI) is made toward this worthwhile project. Motion was passed.

Additional info items:

1--- Chaplain Bill offered condolences to Joe Clark on the passing of his wife, Joan, on June 23, 2004 and read two letters from the scleroderma foundation acknowledging NC SUBVETS gift in her memory.

2--- Jim Myers announced 200 RV spaces are reserved for SUBVETS attending the national convention in Saratoga Springs .also Jim stated he and pat Collins are making the trip on September 14<sup>th</sup> and have room for one more person to ride along.

3--- Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm with chaplain bill rendering the closing prayer.