

Minutes of the meeting conducted 01/19/10.

The Bremerton Base Commander, Dave Niemy, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted. 33 members signed the roster list including first timer Bob McMath.
- The Base Commander then introduced shipmate John Gardner to share career experiences with the membership. John started out with Regulus guided missiles and worked on through to the Polaris ballistic missile.
- The meeting was called back to order with the reading of the November minutes. The minutes were approved as read.
- The Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, presented the Base financial status. We have \$64,120 in cash assets and another approximately \$13,200 in property assets. He would like another person to assess the property such as the USS Bonefish (SS 223) float, PA system, chairs, podium, bell, etc. The report was approved as presented.
- As Base Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, reports that 38 members are on the dues dink list. Of the 305 members in the Base, 40 have no e-mail addresses. He has contacted all annual dues payers via regular mail and e-mail at least once.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, reports the raffle tickets are ready for sale and he will be mailing out ticket books to the membership soon. He has Letters of Introduction to be used to approach businesses for raffle prize donations.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has a lot of items for sale. He has a supplier of Western style hats. If there is enough interest from the membership, he will order up a bunch.
- Shipmate Sam Swenson was called on to report on the Puget Soundings newsletter, USS Bonefish float, and the fireworks project. The newsletter deadline for ideas and pictures is 18 February. The float is suffering some water damage from a leak in the shelter roof. He will approach the Seabees or self-help group to ask for an assist to repair the roof leak and check the damaged plywood. Meetings are pending with the fireworks producer.
- Nomination Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, is accepting nominees for Base offices.
- Holland Club Chairman, Dave Davenport, reports that Bremerton Base has 96 members including 12 new members in 2010. Letters to the new inductees will be mailed soon.
- The Base Commander gave a report on the Deterrent Park brick sales. Shipmate Wayne Sielkowski has offered to assist the committee.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, announced that 88 people attended the Holiday Luncheon in December.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, reported that he used the money collected at the November meeting and the Holiday luncheon (which was matched by the

Base) to buy snacks, phone cards, underwear, and stuff, which were delivered to Retsil for the holidays. Half of the proceeds were donated to Holly Ridge.

- A lively discussion followed over the proposed Base budget. The Base Commander explained to the membership that business as usual would be similar to spending \$10,000 a year while taking in \$5,000 in revenue. General fund money comes from very limited resources. More discussion appears to follow.
- A new USSVI base will hold it's initial meeting on January 21. All hands are invited to attend Olympic Peninsula Base's inauguration at the VFW post in Port Hadlock.
- The Base Commander made the following announcements: Base provided longevity pins are not grandfathered prior to 2008. The Base scholarships include use for trade schools. The Base Constitution and By-laws continue to be reviewed.
- Visitor Mary Crutcher from a local church was introduced. He asked that we pass the hat for a Haitian relief project.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Webster (\$39) and a shirt donated by the Storekeeper was won by Joel Waller.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours.