

Minutes of the meeting conducted 02/16/10.

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

- Opening observances were conducted. 32 members and potential members signed the roster. New member Bill Reher was introduced.
- The Base Commander then introduced Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris. Ralph then went on to tell about some fun experiences starting out in the Navy. He kept the membership entertained for an hour with his stories. There will be an encore at a future meeting.
- The meeting was called back to order with the reading of the January minutes. The minutes were approved as read.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, reports that the Base has \$64,270 in cash assets. The report was approved as presented.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, reports that raffle ticket money is beginning to come in to the treasury. There has been approximately \$680 in added donations. He requests that the membership obtain letters from him or the website to take to area merchants for donations. We are reminded that the submarine birthday Dolphin Dash is April 10 at 1000 hours and volunteers are needed.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, tells us that 26 delinquent in dues members were dropped from the roster. There were 279 paid up members, which break down, to 202 life members; 95 Holland Club members; and 12 associate members. He had one renewal and one new member prior to the start of the meeting.
- Nomination Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, is accepting nominations for local office.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has ordered the new Western District patches to add to his inventory of patches now for sale.
- Shipmate Sam Swenson, as the Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, asks that all pictures and articles be sent to him by February 18. As the USS Bonefish (SS 223) Float Coordinator, Sam reports that the local Seabees and self-help people haven't returned his calls. The CPOA will try to get some action going. Meanwhile, he continues to seek information about a state title for the trailer/float. Sam is also the Fireworks Sales Coordinator. He announced that a company rep gave a presentation to the E-board about the changes happening for the 2010 fireworks season. Our share of profits will be down but a lot of hassles will be reduced. They will provide a stand; stock it the day before sales; adjust inventory on a daily basis; and handle all expenses and leasing. He will be producing a watch bill for volunteers to fill-in during the sales period.
- Shipmate John Gardner announced that the next TTF sub school graduation is the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629) class. The scheduled date is for Friday, March 19.

- Deterrent Park liaison, Wayne Sielkowski, is contacting submarine organizations in the Internet and offering links to our website concerning the sale of bricks. He is also in hopes of locating a locator list of the existing bricks installed at the park.
- The Base Commander had the following announcements: the E-Board has been challenged to find funding for the general fund such as reallocating certain income revenues. Business cards are now available to the membership and hopes they can be a recruiting tool. The weekly Gertrude Check has letters asking restaurants to participate in our projects and another letter will be available soon, which is a type of recruiting announcement. Work is continuing with updates for the Base Constitution and By-laws. Some examples were given. According to the tax codes, to be a tax-exempt organization, SubVets has to be able to prove that a high percentage of the memberships are indeed veterans. Everyone is encouraged to check his service dates in the national database. Shipmate Tommy Robinson has volunteered to help anybody having difficulty accessing the database.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Paulsen and was donated back to the Base. The Storekeeper donated a bola tie that was won by the newest base member, Bill Reher.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.