

Minutes of the meeting conducted 03/16/10.

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

- Opening observances were conducted. 37 members and potential members signed the roster. Possible new members John Zieser and Gary Clinefelter were introduced.
- The Base Commander then introduced shipmate David Raney who had an interesting career from TM striker to Chief Warrant Officer. His tour of duty involving the turnover of a sub to the Turkish Navy and subsequent travel back to the States as State Department employees was particularly entertaining.
- The meeting resumed after a brief recess.
- The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved as read.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, announced that the Base has over \$67,974 in money assets. The rough breakdown of the primary fund accounts is: Life Membership fund of \$28,500; Scholarship fund of \$23,000; and General fund of \$16,400. The report was approved as presented.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, reports that he has received approximately \$2,700 from raffle ticket sales and approximately \$1,738 in additional donations. There are some tickets still to be accounted for. Anyone needing more raffle tickets should see John or stop by at the National Office in Silverdale.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, next reported that there are 284 members in Bremerton Base. He reminds the membership to continue recruiting new members.
- Nomination Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, asks that any member wanting to run for office contact him or the other committee members Don Bassler or Bud Berg.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, reports that shipmate Gerry Peeling is recuperating at home after back surgery.
- Shipmate John Gardner announced that the next TTF sub school class will be the USS Grant (SSBN 631) class. Expected graduation is sometime in May. Any members having served on the Grant are invited to participate in the ceremony.
- Base Commander comments: Deterrent Park brick applications are beginning to come in. The \$5,000 budget shortfall has been reduced to \$1,500 mostly by reallocating interest incomes and project profits. There will be a \$10 increase in base dues for a total of \$20 beginning in the 2011 membership cycle. Recruiting letters are now available to the membership. Bremerton Base will now man a recruiting/information table at TTF one Wednesday a month. The Puget Soundings newsletter will be cut back to a quarterly publication scheduled at different times than the national American Submariner.

- Shipmate John Gardner is looking for volunteers to help run the Dolphin Dash scheduled for Saturday morning, 10 April. He has openings for registration assist, course setup, and someone to man the water jug midway in the 5K race.
- To remain a non-profit veterans organization, we have to be able to verify 90% of the membership are indeed wartime veterans. Please update your member personal data or see Tommy Robinson or John Gardner to get this information into the database.
- The annual Base Picnic will be at the Illahee State Park on Saturday, July 17. Members of the Submariners Association of Canada West are invited and have promised to be present for refreshments and stories.
- The 50/50 raffle (\$36) was won by Dick Litscher and donated back to the General Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.