

Minutes of the meeting conducted 04/15/08.

The Bremerton Base Commander, Don Bassler, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Guests and new attendees were introduced. The Western District 4 Commander, Bud Berg, John Hershberg, and George Krepplein were among the 37 members attending.
- Trident Training Facility Commanding Officer, Captain Dan Prince, was welcomed and gave the membership a very interesting presentation on the new SSGNs.
- The minutes from the March meeting were summarized and approved.
- The Base has received a thank you note for our contribution to the Lone Sailor project. The Navy League appreciates our \$1,000 gift.
- The Base Treasurer and Membership Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, reports that we have \$75,180 in assets and a paid up membership of 292. Approximately 20 previous members were dropped from the roster for failure to pay base dues.
- Base Storekeeper, Tommy Robinson, is turning in profits from merchandise sales on a monthly basis. He has the new WD4 patch added to the many other patches, pins, hats, T-shirts, and incidentals.
- Scholarship Chairman, Bob Webster, reports raffle ticket sales and donations of \$5,594 from 149 member responses to date. He has received 22 gift certificate prizes. Currently five applications have been sent in for one of the 11, \$1,250 scholarships available. Shipmate Fred Borgmann heads up the selection committee which hopes to award the checks at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Selection should be done around May 22.
- The National Office Manager, Fred Borgmann, announces that he and the volunteer staff are now tracking 12,154 members. Over 700 were dropped from the data base for not paying 2008 dues.
- Holland Club Coordinator, Dave Davenport, has nine 2008 inductees ready to go for the Holiday Luncheon.
- USS Bonefish trailer coordinator, Sam Swenson, is working on float improvements. He has ordered blue and gold plastic pennants with lost submarine names to be strung over the float. There are 52 such flags ordered and a discussion was started to have pennants made with names of all lost submarines. The e-board will consider the purchase at the next meeting. The improved safety lines project is still on hold for better weather.
- John Gardner reports over \$200 were turned in to the Scholarship Fund from proceeds of the Submarine Birthday Run at Bangor April 12. The USS Bonefish float was used for the race starts and was available for music and announcements at the finish line. The number of runners was down from previous runs but Base volunteers and Sub School volunteers were appreciated.
- There are six tickets (three free and three at \$65) still available for the Submarine Enlisted Birthday Ball at Seattle April 25. See the Base Commander for the tickets.

- Shipmate Bud Berg announced that the Submarine Association of Canada gathering in Victoria for May 2 - 5 is gaining momentum. Registration and reservations are available on the website or see Bud Berg for assistance.
- The Base Commander has the Sub Vets Opportunity raffle tickets. The price per ticket is \$10 with half of the proceeds going to our Base. The drawing will be done at the National Convention in Fort Worth in September.
- The USSVI 2008 National Convention is being held in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1 September to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration and reservations are available in the American Submariner magazine and on the USSVI website.
- The Bremerton Armed Forces Day parade will take place Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> about 1000 hours. The membership is invited to participate. TTF Command Master Chief, Scott Fusco, will ask the 'A' school class to also join our group.
- The meeting May 21 scheduled speaker will be shipmate John Clear. He will give his presentation on the history of U. S. diesel submarines.
- Bremerton Base is asked to again participate in the Memorial Tolling of the Boats at Keyport Museum on Friday, May 23. Times will be announced later.
- The annual Base picnic will be Illahee State Park on Saturday, July 19, from 1100 hours to whenever. The picnic site has moved around the loop road to near the exit driveway.
- Longevity pins will now be awarded annually to members at the 10 year continuous membership and at 20 years. Pins are available to the membership and are at five year intervals. The pins awarded by the Base will be presented at the Holiday Party.
- Nominations are now open for the Western Region Commander, Western District 4 Commander, and all Bremerton Base offices.
- The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Dutch Kaiser (\$43.50) which he donated to the scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.