

Minutes of the meeting conducted 04/21/10.

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

- Opening observances were conducted. Thirty members signed the roster. The Base was happy to welcome back Steve Corcoran who is returning to the area after a short stay in Wisconsin.
- The Base Commander then introduced shipmate Mike Sullivan. Mike had a varied Navy career. He served on USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN 624) followed by special operations aboard USS Seawolf (SSN 575). Other duty included TTF and a couple of survey ships for NOAA.
- The meeting resumed after a brief recess.
- The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved as read.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, reports that the Base has over \$70,436 in financial assets. He was also proud to announce that the Base is operating within the budget and has a \$20 surplus. The report was approved as presented.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, has received \$3,180 from raffle ticket sales and has received \$1,988 in donations. The 2010 Dolphin Dash is expected to earn over \$1,000 depending on the sales of shirts.
- The Base Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, reports that the Base has 285 paid-up members of which 64 are annual dues members. He also reminds the membership that the Base dues will go up to \$20 beginning with the 2011 membership year.
- Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Jim DeMott, reports that the past meeting resulted in several recommendations going to the E-Board and some possible revisions could be coming to the Base Constitution & By-Laws. The next meeting for the committee will be in September.
- Nominations Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, announced that the current incumbents were all willing to continue in their respective positions for the 2011 term. Nominations are still open for any office until elections are conducted.
- The Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, was happy to announce that the Base has no members on the Binnacle List.
- The Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has added Holland Club shirts to his inventory. He is also expecting an order of Western hats to arrive shortly.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has sent an electronic version of the newsletter to all members with e-mail addresses. He has surveyed the membership about taking the newsletter in this format instead of the paper copy via the post office. Survey results were quite mixed.
- USS Bonefish (SS 223) Float Coordinator, Sam Swenson, has not had any luck having self-help or others offering to assist in the float shelter repair. He is continuing with checking with other possible groups. Meanwhile he will go forward with plans to give the float a new coat of paint.

- Fireworks stand coordinator, Sam Swenson, has a watchbill available for the membership to sign-on to assist with sales. Additional help is needed to inventory and stock shelves 27 June; and for the end-of-sale wrap up on 05 July and area field day on 06 July. Check the Gertrude Check or Puget Soundings website for more details.
- The membership is encouraged to participate in the TTF sub-school graduations. The next class will probably be in August.
- All hands are requested to be in the Armed Forces Day parade on 15 May. A group from TTF will join us and the float will be available for shipmates to ride if they can't walk the parade route.
- Base Commander comments: Work on Deterrent Park brick sales continues. Sample bricks are available to inspect at the meetings. A plan is being made to have a Base Booster Club to recognize members' support of the Base and/or the Base General Fund. There are some members who can't attend evening meetings. We might have a daytime meeting later this year. The Base Commander was grateful for the respect and attention paid to SubVets attending the Submarine Birthday Ball. 1,016 submariners and guests crowded into the Bangor CMO for this event. Following a schedule of birthday balls alternating between Bangor and Seattle, the 2011 gala will be in Seattle. All hands are encouraged to attend. An information/recruiting table will be manned by Base members at TTF on the second Wednesday every month from 1100 hours to 1300 hours. The membership is asked to participate.
- The 50/50 raffle (\$34) was won by Al Thurlow and donated to the Scholarship Fund. Dick Litscher won a Storekeeper gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.