

Minutes of the Bremerton Base USSVI meeting conducted 20 March, 2012

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1900. He introduced Wayne Peterson as a new member. Jim also encouraged the various committee chairmen to report on all their committee business in their turn i.e. if you have 2 committees than report on them both in your turn.

Opening observances were conducted. 25 members signed the rooster.

Minutes for Feb 21 2012 were approved as written.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports the total base financial assets as of February 29, 2012 are \$73,389.10 and increase of \$2,049.84.

Membership Chairman Dennis Nardone the base has 272 members of which 214 are USSVI Life members, 167 Base Life Members, 122 Holland Club Members and 258 War Veterans.

Fred Borgmann Base Chaplain and National Office Executive reports the National Convention will be in Norfolk, VA from 3 – 9 September 2012. Future convention will be in Rochester MN in 2013 and San Francisco CA. in 2014.

Fireworks Chairman Mike Sullivan requests all members to sign up on [www.tntfireworks.com](http://www.tntfireworks.com) to receive the discount coupons to allow us to pass the discount on to patrons of the Fireworks Stand. He also announced Sam Swenson has the Fireworks Watch bill and urges everyone to sign up before the good shifts are taken. There are currently 19 bricks sold for Deterrent Park and will be ready for installation.

Ralph Harris the Base Storekeeper has a pair of Monkey Pod Dolphins and a pair of Mounted Metal Dolphins and numerous other items for sale.

Sam Swenson the Puget Sounding editor reports the next Newsletter (May, June and July) will be his last. Dave Pittman will be the new editor. The deadline for articles for the upcoming newsletter is 19 April.

Doug Smith donated a garage door opener for the float. Sam thinks he will be able to use it to raise and lower the masts. Sam also reports the CPOA has agreed to spend \$300.00 for repairs of the float's shed on Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor.

Dave Pittman is requesting sea stories for the Newsletter.

John Gardiner the Scholarship and Parades Chairman needs help at the Dolphin Dash on 14 April. He reports 19 May is the Armed Forces Parade in Bremerton and the base will be participating. He still has Scholarship raffle tickets available. See him or Fred in the office if you need more.

Don Bassler is currently working on update Gertrude-check and reports the progress on the new format is going well.

Fred Borgmann reports the packets are all in for the Holland Club induction for this year.

The Chief of the Boat Hank Hollis reports the Base Picnic will be on August 4 at the Elks Picnic area and the Christmas Party will be December 8 at the Elks.

CDR Jim DeMott announced the Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball will be April 14 at the Sheraton in Seattle. The Base has received 10 donated tickets. They will be made available to WWII Subvets first, then to the general membership. If interested see Jim DeMott. The Officer's Birthday Ball will be April 21 at the Bangor Plaza.

CDR Jim DeMott encouraged everyone to attend all the base events, Dolphin Dash and Armed Forces Day Parade. He also gave a Bravo Zulu to the E Board for the work they do for the Club.

New Business.

Scholarship Criteria.

Jim Smith is concerned about the people we disqualify because of age and martial status. Currently you must be 25 and younger and single to be eligible. Past Commander Dave Niemy stated this was discussed by a committee in November 2010. He listed the requirements which were decided on.

Each item of the proposed changes to the scholarship program was then approved by the membership,

The four-year limit will be continued.

Olympic College attendees will not get extra points.

Vocational education will be included with colleges.

Continue to follow National criteria.

Full ride scholarships and military academy attendees will be asked to return the Base award.

Dependents of Bremerton Base will receive extra points.

A 400-word essay concerning submarine history or sponsor's service will be included.

Extra points will be awarded for submarine related activities.

Reserve funds to always keep \$1,000 award.

Reduce number of awards as necessary to maintain \$1,000 value.

Discretionary donations do not always have to be at the \$1,000 level.

Past CDR Dave Niemy recommends the criteria be discussed at the next E Board meeting and what future action should be taken.

Al Thuron says the Disable Veterans are in need of volunteer drivers. If interested in volunteering, get the details from the Disable Veterans Center on Kitsap Way and Adelle Ave.

Sam Swenson reports the CPOA has a College Scholarship available to all CPO children, grandchildren etc. Information is available on their website or attend their meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at the Khaki Club on Bangor.

Vice CDR Steve Corcoran wants to get a group together to go to the South Sound Base Meeting and acquire the Traveling Dolphins. If interested contact Steve.

John Dilg won the 50/50 raffle.

Cdr Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2020.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary