



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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March 19, 2013

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the February 16, 2013, meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. Over 29 members were present

The minutes for the February Meeting were approved as written.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, totals \$73,483.27 on hand. The report was approved as presented.

Base Membership Committee Chairman, Dennis Nardone, reports base membership is 278.

John Gardner the Scholarship Chairman Dolphin Dash will be held 13 April 2013 at Bangor. He is in need of volunteers. Scholarship applications are available.

Gertrude-Check and Deterrent Park Brick Coordinator, Don Bassler, notes that the Base website is running well. He has 4 orders for a brick at this time but expects some applications before the next laying scheduled for May 2013. He will always accept article for the website but request we stay away from political articles. Bud Berg has been hospitalized due to a minor stroke. Don will keep the base informed of Bud's condition.

Mike Sullivan the Fireworks Chairman is still in need of a relief for the 2014 season. This upcoming season 2013 will be his last. He has signed the contract for the credit card machine with the same terms as last year. Mike request anyone who receives a discount coupon in the mail please turn them over to him for use at the stand.

Base Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, states that he has received several complements from the attendees of the Holiday Luncheon. The 2013 picnic is scheduled for the Elks Lodge RV shelter, Saturday, August 3. The 2013 Holiday Luncheon is set for, Saturday, December 7, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge.

Sam Swenson the Float and Trailer Manager report the CPOA will fund putting sheet metal on the side of the storage shed for the float.

Holland Club Chairman, Dick Litscher, 6 people responded to his Holland Club letter. Two will be inducted at a regular meeting, two at the picnic and two at the Christmas Party.

The Base vice Commander, Steve Corcoran, is conducting a membership survey on how we might improve Bremerton Base. He was pleased with the size of crowd we had at the February meeting/breakfast. Steve led a group which consisted of himself, Don Bassler and Ralph Harris to the South Sound Base Meeting to retrieve

the traveling dolphins. Steve will contact the VFW and inform them that this year the Sub Vets will have a wreath to present at the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at Ivy Green Cemetery.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott read a Thank You letter from the National Commander for our donation of \$1,000.00 to the National Scholarship Fund. He has a letter from Tudor Davis for anyone to read.

He reports he has tickets to the Submarine Birthday Ball on April 20, 2013 for anyone interested.

He needs a chairman for a nominating committee for this year's elections.

He reports that due to sequestrations the funds from Portsmouth New Hampshire Shipyard have been cut for the 50th USS Thresher Anniversary Memorial and the Thresher Base is in need of donations to make this event happen. After a brief discussion the hat was passed and \$423.00 was collected from the membership. The E Board will meet immediately following the meeting to decide the amount of the base donation.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2020.

Special E Board Meeting

After much discussion, the E Board voted to donate \$1,077.00 along with the \$423.00 collected for a total of \$1,500.00 to the Thresher Base for the 50th Anniversary Memorial.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary