



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander, Jim DeMott, called the November 16, 2013, meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. 38 members plus possible new member, Jace Olstad, were present.

Elections for Bremerton Base officers for the 2014 – 2016 two-year term were conducted.

Base Commander: Jim DeMott won over nominee Steve Corcoran.

Base Vice Commander: Steve Corcoran won over nominee Mike Peterson.

Base Secretary: Wayne Sieckowski won unopposed.

Base Treasurer: Dennis Nardone won unopposed.

Base COB: Wayne Peterson won unopposed.

There were two corrections to the Base minutes of 19 October 2013. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, reports \$73,765.93 in the treasury.

As the membership committee chairman, he reports that there are 282 paid up members as of 31 October 2013. Some 2014 renewals have been received and correspondence to members reminding them of the dues owed.

Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, attended a celebration of life, along with several other Base members, for shipmate Gary Carr EMCM(SS). The chaplain will visit two shipmates, Al Sanders and Ed Soriano, on the binnacle list in Silverdale.

He then announced that the donations received at the Holiday Luncheon would be matched by the Base, converted to gifts and delivered to Washington State Veterans Home in Retsil.

As the National Office manager, Fred Borgmann, is seeking a volunteer to help at the office for a couple of hours, one day a week.

The Base Float performed well at all scheduled Veterans Day functions. Float Coordinator, Sam Swenson, has modified the float by adding cigarette-deck handrails and handmade replicas of 20mm and 40mm guns fore and aft respectively.

Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Dave Pittman, told the membership that if they aren't getting a copy of the newsletter, they have to update their base records. Copies go out via the post office and/or e-mail.

John Gardner explained that plans were in motion for the Scholarship Committee Raffle and a fundraising Dolphin Dash at Bangor April 13.

Base Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, discussed the Holiday Luncheon at the Bremerton Elks Lodge, Saturday, December 14. Doors open at 1200 hours with luncheon activities beginning at 1230 hours.

Dean Rogers noted that he and his wife, Bev, had binders and memorabilia from base activities in the 1980s and 1990s and thought it would be a good idea to try to copy or store the items for access to the membership. Dennis Nardone offered to scan what he could so that personal items could be kept in the family and the copies would be available to the Base.

The E-Board is discussing the idea of leasing storage space at a local mini-storage. A 10'x10' heated space would cost approximately \$1,000. The plan is to gather all of the Base physical assets such as banners, flags, plaques, awards, and other artifacts into one location. The float will remain at Bangor but everything else would be located in the storage unit. The FRA has agreed to let us keep the Base Bell and Base Commanders' podium in the Home's storage space.

The Board is also asking the membership for input into the budget process, assisting with ideas for guest speakers, and capturing the Traveling Dolphins from the Olympic Peninsula Base in December. Contact Steve Corcoran.

Doug Smith won the 50/50 raffle and donated the \$49 to the Scholarship Fund. Steve Corcoran won the tray donated by the Base Storekeeper.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Litscher for Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary.