



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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15 November 2014

Base Commander, Jim DeMott called the Nov. 15, 2014 meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. There were 35 Members, including WWII SubVet Paul Christofferson and South Sound Base Commander John Mansfield in attendance. New members Bill Williams and Mike Weber were introduced.

Base Historian Bob Paul gave a PowerPoint presentation about the creation of the USS Thresher (SSN 593) temporary exhibit (2 to 3 years) installation at the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport.

The presentation concluded with a statement that the base e-board had approved a \$1500 cash donation to the Naval Undersea Museum Foundation, a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, earmarked for the Thresher exhibit.

Base Commander Jim DeMott opened a discussion among the members present that concluded with a "hand raising" in favor of the donation. There were only 2 dissenting votes.

The minutes of the Oct. 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports the base has \$79,079.05 in various accounts. Dennis also reported the base has 276 members.

Chief of the Boat Wayne Peterson reports the base's Christmas Party will be Saturday December 13, 2014 at the Bremerton Elks. He is currently accepting payment.

Sam Swenson, the Float Coordinator reports the float is in storage for the winter. The CPOA Members will do maintenance during the winter.

John Gardner the Scholarship Chairman will have this year's applications ready in early December.

Scott Fusco Kaps for Kids coordinator will check with Harrison Hospital about visiting there. He is not sure about the CPOA Organization.

Dick Litscher Holland Club Chairman has two members to induct into the Holland Club at the Christmas Party.

Don Bassler Deterrent Park Chairperson reported Mike Sullivan and Don recently installed new bricks, he has 3 on order for the next install. Don will always accept articles for Gertrude-check.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran appreciates the good participation at the Auburn Parade and Veterans Day at the Fairgrounds. He acknowledged Mike Sullivan's help installing bricks at Deterrent Park. He completed the Audit of the Base's Financial account and found no errors. The Ways and Means Committee will meet on December 6, 2014 after the EBoard meeting. Any base member can volunteer to become a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott put out a call for volunteers for the Ways and Means Committee. Jim also discussed the need for a Fireworks Chairman. He brought up the fact that the Base Cmdr. and Vice Cmdr. terms are up in 2015 and they can't run for another term. It is time to start thinking of the bi-annual election.

Paul Christofferson talked about the excellent care you get at Madigan Hospital.

Don Bassler has received the set of books, "U.S. Submarine Men Lost in WWII", Edition 5. He will get them stamped saying the Base is donating them before giving them to the Kitsap Regional Library..

Bill Williams recommended we help WWII Vets attend the meetings.

Sam Swenson won \$44.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

Wayne Sieckowski won a \$30.00 gift certificate to Brother Dons

The meeting was adjourned at 1130.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sieckowski
Base Secretary