

**USS Benjamin  
Franklin  
SSBN 640  
Association**



**MINUTES**



**2013-2015  
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**TO:** SSBN 640 Shipmates  
**FROM:** Jim Albert, *Secretary*  
**RE:** Minutes of the Annual Meeting (10/17/15)  
**Date:** October 19, 2015

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The 2015 annual meeting of the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640) Association was called to order by President, Mike Breault at 0930 on Saturday, 17 October 2015 in Charleston, SC.

Association Officers present (5) were: Mike Breault, President, John Kennedy, Vice President, Jim Albert, Acting Secretary, Harry Bryant, Treasurer and Jack Hogan, Member-At-Large.

Association members present (57) were: John Adams, Jr., Bill Bancroft, Randy Baxter, Glenn Bell, Vince Biel, Archie Boccia, Tim Brady, Warren Brann, Ben Carlson, Tom Carty, Bob Christina, Rick Collins, Chris Cook, Harold Cushing, Bill Dal Porto, Joe Damm, Doug Drake, Gary Felt, Dave Fyock, Ken Gerling, Jeff Griffin, Bob Hann, Bob Harvey, Howard Icenhower, Budd Kungler, Frank Kozusko, John Leonard, Wayne Lindsay, Joe Livingston, Lou Logullo, George Lynk, Steve Magwire, John Martin, Doug Megargle, Mark Miller, Dan Nelson, Frank Pollack, Tim Quinn, Dan Rea, Norman Richards, Ruben Rothchild, Paul Ruggles, Lenny Suschena, Rich Schaller, David Schrab, Ernie Schwartz, Bill Schaffer, Don Shipley, David Smith, Glenn Snyder, Bernie Swartz, Jim Thompson, Tom Carty, Charlie Trowbridge, Fred Williams, Wesley Williams and Richard Wright.

**Reading of the Minutes of the September 2013 Meeting**

A reading of the minutes of the annual meeting held in Mystic in 2013 was waived and the minutes were accepted. There was no discussion.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jack Hogan and seconded by Bud Klingler that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that there was a meeting on May 3, 2014 in Charleston, SC and February 28, 2015 in Lake Mary, FL to discuss the upcoming reunion. All were present except Fritz Feldhaus who was ill. Changes to the Bylaws were discussed; along with the Tontine, reunion guest speaker, special invitees, changing the associate membership wording and gifts & raffles associated with the upcoming reunion.

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The Acting Secretary also discussed the passing of the Association Secretary, Fritz Feldhaus and the duties of Secretary being assumed by Acting Secretary, Jim Albert.

**MOTION:** Ruben Rothchild made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Frank Pollack seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Harry Bryant, Treasurer, reported that there is currently \$6,136.15 in the Association's checking account as of 26 July 2015. Bills from the reunion will be paid for reunion activities shortly.

**MOTION:** Lou Logullo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Kennedy seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

### **Membership Committee:**

In the absence of Membership Chair, Len Exelby, Mike Breault reported that the Association now has over 145 lifetime members and only 1 annual member. The reunion registration fee can help offset the cost of dues.

### **Bylaw Changes:**

Changes to the Bylaws were proposed to reflect Associate & Honorary membership requirements, Dues requirements and Meeting requirements as follows:

#### **1. Membership**

**Spouses attending the reunion with a regular member will be awarded an Associate Member status.**

Honorary membership is limited to **family members of deceased members attending the reunion** and special friends of the Benjamin Franklin SSBN 640 Association. Honorary Members may be designated by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Association. **These members will not pay dues nor have voting privileges.**

#### **2. Dues**

Associate membership dues will be \$10.00 annually or \$100.00 lifetime **(except for spouses of regular members attending the reunion).**

#### **3. Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall meet **as needed at a place, date and time to conduct the affairs of the Association.**

*The revised Bylaws will go out with these meeting minutes for review, revision & approval.*

**Executive Committee Election:**

Mike Breault asked if there was anyone from the floor interested in serving on the Executive Committee for 2015-2017 as no one placed his name in writing for consideration.

Discussion ensued about the current vacancy for Secretary in the wake of the passing of Fritz Feldhaus. Acting Secretary, Jim Albert, indicated he would stay on if no one from the membership were interested in the position. The members were in agreement that Jim Albert should become the Secretary for 2015-2017.

**MOTION:** Bob Hann made a motion that the current slate of officers remain on the Executive Committee for another two years with Acting Secretary, Jim Albert becoming the permanent Secretary. Bill Bancroft seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Tontine:** Frank Pollack offered to provide a bottle to the Association to be consumed at the dissolution of the Association.

**Reunion 2017-** Mike Breault asked for ideas from the floor where to conduct the 8<sup>th</sup> reunion in fall of 2017. The following locations were suggested:

Naples, FL, Las Vegas, NV, Puget Sound, WA, Port Canaveral, FL, Honolulu, HI, Newport News, VA, Portsmouth, NH and a cruise. After much discussion, President Breault put it on the floor for a vote; indicating that everyone could vote for as many as they would attend with the count determining the final three. Once three were chosen, members could only vote once for their favorite.

The top three choices were: Naples, FL, Portsmouth, NH and Port Canaveral, FL. Naples, FL received 35 votes, Portsmouth, NH received 20 votes and Cape Canaveral, FL received 7 votes.

The 2017 reunion will be held in Naples, FL. Jim Albert and Jack Hogan will be the site coordinators with the Reunion Brat, once again, acting as our reunion planner.

A motion was made by Jack Hogan to use the Reunion Brat to plan our 2017 reunion. Jim Albert seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by John Kennedy to adjourn at 1115 and seconded by Jim Thompson. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

*Next executive Committee Meeting – October 2016 in Naples, FL.*