

MINUTES
APRIL HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

3 April 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 1805 by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Fred Metz, Judy Ready, Doug Williams, Matt Pothier and Carroll Bains. Board members Brian Abbott, Troy Snead, Jim Dobberteen and Maury Unger were absent. HRANA member Marshall Lefavor was also present.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the March board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: No report as Treasurer Jim Dobberteen was absent
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of March 2013. The squadron currently lists 45 Charter Members, 236 Life Members, 315 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 2 Organizational Memberships and 8 Corporate Members for a total of 608 active members. One new member joined the squadron during March 2013.

5. Plans and Programs:

Tentative events for 2013 include:

June – Battle of Midway Celebration – HRANA will participate in a local command function or plan their own celebration if no local commands have an event.

August – Pig Picking – Current plan is to return to the VFW with Tim Hopkins providing the music. The volume will be lowered this year. Judy is to check with Malbons to provide the catering.

September: Air Show Chalet if there is an air show. There is a strong possibility that Blue Angel performances during this time period will be cancelled.

Late October or early November – Flight Suit Social – Most likely to be held at LSO school.

December – Christmas Party – Thursday 12 December at the Princess Anne Country Club.

6. April Luncheon Wednesday April 17th, 1130 at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands Club, Fireside Room. Speaker is Captain Adrian Orchard, British Royal Navy who will brief on the Royal Navy carrier-building program.

A discussion was held concerning difficulties in seeing the view graphs and hearing the speakers. Prior to the next luncheon, alternate setups in the Fireside room will be explored.

7. PAO Report: Troy Snead was absent but reported by email that the VAW-120 Winging Ceremony article had appeared in the JET OBSERVER and the March luncheon picture had been sent to WINGS OF GOLD..
8. Monument Report: The lighting problem has not been resolved but the problem has been identified as improper installation of the lights Gerry Cox is looking into a resolution.

Carroll Bains presented photos of kids sitting on the carrier board and running their bicycles up onto the story boards. The Second Police Precinct will be asked to keep a closer watch on the monument area.

9. HRANA Mission: Fred led a discussion concerning the squadron mission. There is a need to brief Congressman Scott Rigell concerning some of the effects of sequestration and other issues. It does not appear that he is getting all of the information he needs to properly represent his district and to prepare for upcoming BRACs. Lurch will make an appointment with Congressman Rigell. The possibility of meeting with Admiral Gortney from Fleet Forces Command was also mentioned.

10. Old Business:

- a. Web Site Upgrade: Maury was absent but Fred reported that a new application for uploading information to the web is being installed. This will make it easier for Maury to update the site and also allow access to other people for uploading information.
- b. Oceana Air Show: Kent reported that Oceana is continuing with air show planning since no directive from higher authority has told them to do otherwise. Accordingly, the chalet support letters have been prepared and mailed.
- c. Blue Blasters Reunion: Friday 21 June, simulators and LSO School in the morning, golf tournament in the afternoon, followed by cocktails at the Oceana Officer's Club. Saturday 22 June, carrier visit with dinner that evening at the Oceana Officer's Club.

11. New Business: The Naval Aviation Legacy presentation will be given at the monument again this summer. It will run three days a week with two shows a night.

12. C.O./X.O. Comments: None.

13. Hot Wash Up.

a. It was announced that HRANA member Mike Gaughan has been elected as the new Post Commander for VFW Post 392. Congratulations Mike; HRANA looks forward to working with you.

B Marshall Lefavor updated the board on the status of the air park souvenir shop. The Navy Exchange (NEX) is to release a Request for Proposal for a small business to contract the operation. The NEX will notify Marshall of the winner after which he can contact them about consignment of HRANA gear if desired, and act as liaison to the Wing for squadron souvenirs. Marshall has for action.

14. Next Meeting...Wednesday May 1, 2013, 1800 at the NASO Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1930