

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7 OCTOBER 2009

1. C.O Jim Joyner called the meeting to order at 1806 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Carroll Bains, Kent Von Fecht, Judy Ready, Leilani Pierce, Pete Koch, Maury Unger and Otto Stutz. Also present were J.B. Dadson, Fred Metz, Bobbi Lefavor and Dwight Handforth. Absent board members included Dennis Free and Jim Dobberteen.
2. Air Show Chalet: Bobbi Lefavor provided an update on the chalet and advised the The board that MWR has raised the catering price anywhere from \$7 to \$10 per person. A list of proposed attendance rules for the chalet was presented and approved by the board.
3. Secretary's Report: The September Board Minutes had been sent out via email. Motion was made and approved that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA Web Site.
4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen was not present but had mailed a Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2009.
5. Membership Report: Pete Koch presented the membership report, based on the 2 October report from ANA Headquarters. There are 302 HRANA Charter/Life Members and 301 annual members for a total of 603 members listed on the roster. Of those, 32 have expired renewal dates and 14 are deceased, leaving a total of 557 active members. New members included LT. Brian Abbott, USN, MAJ. GEN. David Clary, USAF, LT. Daniel Decicco, USN, LT. Matthew Dominick, USN, Mr. Matt Liashek, Mr. Jeffrey McWaters, LT. Casey Ronayne, USN, Mr. Ken Stolle and CAPT. Claude Thompson, USCG (Ret.). Farewells or failures to renew included CDR. Matt Baker, CDR. Todd Pollard, Mrs. Pauline Ryner, Mr. Larry Shotwell, CAPT. Emmitt Dickens, CDR. James Russell, LT. Radio Scott and CDR. Brian Waterhouse.
6. Plans and Programs: Events for the rest of 2009 are as follows:
 - a. Oceana Air Show – Saturday and Sunday October 17th and 18th.
 - b. Flight Suit Social – Plans are to try and have it at the Military Aviation Museum on either November 13th or 14th. Lurch will see if Gerry Yagen will be available to give his presentation on the history of the museum and the aircraft on display.
 - c. Christmas Party – Friday December 18th, 1800-2200 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

There was a discussion concerning future events. Fred pointed out that the events need to be more focused on Naval Aviation and that we need enticements to draw out the active duty personnel. Future events need to be interesting and have a program. Several suggestions were made concerning the venue for future events and

these will be checked out by Judy Ready.

There was also a discussion concerning some complaints about the Pig Picking. Some comments were made that the event should be held outdoors and others that the club was too cold. The decision to have the food indoors was based on keeping the flies away and also keeping the salads out of the heat. People were still welcome to carry their food to the outdoor deck and next year this fact will be better advertised.

- 7, October Luncheon: The location and date for the October luncheon are not final yet. The Oceana Officer's club will not be available. We are checking to see if G.F. Keagan's at Hilltop will be available on the regular date of 21 October. The speaker will be RADM. David O. Anderson, USN, Vice Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command who will provide an update on the OLF and other issues.
8. Bingo Report: Dennis was not present to give a bingo report. Those who work bingo reported that attendance is still down.
9. PAO Report: Leilani is continuing to work with Zip Rausa from WINGS OF GOLD to ensure that HRANA articles are submitted in a timely manner..
10. Monument Report: Pictures for the new wall will be procured from a professional photographer. The plaques will go up the first week of November.

The wind is destroying the flags at the new wall and the decision was made to fly three U.S Flags during the winter rather than the service flags. Fred is seeking a source for more sturdy flags.

Statues will be cleaned the week of 24 October.

Fred will contact the company who installed the pavers as some of the caulking is turning black.

In the near future we will be going out for inputs on what people would like the monument cameras to be focused on.

A Web Site meeting will be held during November or December concerning updates to the site. Some of the material is not being accessed and needs to be replaced.

11. Old Business:

- a. Naval Aviation Centennial...In the near future there will be a meeting with the writers and actor to discuss the Centennial presentation scheduled to begin in May 2010. Leilani and Ellen McBride will work together on the script.

The Centennial Newsletters currently have to be posted by STATUM, the web site provider as Maury can not access this portion of the site. STRATUM will be asked to post the letters at no cost or give access to Maury.

- b. Squadron By-Laws: Fred is continuing to rewrite the by-laws. Once the draft is completed he will have the individual squadron officers review and complete their list of duties.
- c. Liability Insurance: The squadron is continuing to investigate the best source of liability insurance to cover squadron officers.

12. New Business:

- a. Blue Star Memorial: HRANA has been approached about the possibility of placing a plaque or other tribute to the Armed Forces at the monument site. A Garden Club will provide the funding. Fred and Lurch have this for action.
- b. Aviation Ground School Training: HRANA has been asked to help publicize this event by getting young students interested and helping to find instructors.

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

14. Hot Wash Up: Kent reminded everyone about the upcoming Naval Aviation Officer Spouses auction to benefit the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and also the NAS Oceana Air Show Oktoberfest event at the club on Friday October 16th.

15. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday 4 November, 2009 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

16. The meeting adjourned at 1007.