

MINUTES
ANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
3 DECEMBER 2008

1. C.O. Jim Joyner called the meeting to order at 1805 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Leilani Pierce, Jim Dobberteen, Carroll Bains, Pete Koch and Kent Von Fecht. Also present was past HRANA President J.B. Dadson. Absent board members included Dennis Free, Maury Unger, Sali Gear and Otto Stutz.
2. Secretary's Report: November Board Minutes had been sent out via email. Motion was made and seconded that they be approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of November 30, 2008. Financial information is available to members upon request.
4. Membership Report: Pete Koch had received a new squadron hard copy roster but had not had time to reconcile with the previous roster to determine new members and farewells. Total squadron membership stands at 580, with an additional 28 members listed who have not renewed their memberships. 300 of the active members are life and charter members. Leilani Pierce has been actively pursuing new members and raised the question about recruiting the widows of former Naval Aviators. She was assured that ANA welcomes them and that membership is open to anyone with an interest in Naval Aviation. Leilani also suggested that for future social events we encourage members to bring a friend or neighbor with the hopes of signing them up.
5. Plans and Programs: The Christmas social is scheduled for Sunday December 7th. Cost is \$35 per person. It has been announced via email and a flyer was mailed out. A tentative 2009 schedule of events was discussed with the following recommendations: March-St. Patrick's Day, April – Wine Tasting, June – Midway celebration, August – Pig Picking, September – Air Show Chalet, October – Flight Suit Social and December – Christmas Party. The possibility of holding some events at venues other than the "O" club will be explored.
6. December Luncheon: There will be no luncheon in December. Luncheons will resume Wednesday January 21, 2009. Speakers are being lined up for 2009 and right now we have scheduled Hans Meyer. World War II Luftwaffe Ace as the speaker for March. It was also approved that he be given a complimentary one-year ANA membership following his presentation.
7. Bingo Report: Attendance is still good but has declined some due to the sluggish economy.

8. PAO Report: Leilani continues to cover HRANA events and is submitting articles to Wings Of Gold.

9. Monument Report: A new fund raising campaign is being planned.

10. Old Business:

Flame of Hope: Lurch will continue to pursue the possibility of the gas company donating the fuel for the Flame of Hope. Plans for any upgrades to the Flame of Hope have been put on hold pending future availability of funds.

NAS Oceana Historical Air Park: Plans for park upgrades have been put on hold pending future availability of funds.

11. New Business:

Virginia Beach Airport Museum...An email has gone out to all members requesting that they send emails to City Council recommending approval of Jerry Yagen's plans to add new buildings to the site. His request is on City Council's agenda for Tuesday December 9, 2008.

Bulk Mail Permit...Our bulk mail permit was cancelled for lack of use. Kent investigated and found that it will cost \$360 to get it reinstated. \$180 one-time fee and \$180 annually. It was decided that using Rocket Printers commercial permit is more economical.

Flight Schedules...The cost of publishing Flight Schedules continues to increase. Members are encouraged to rely on email for HRANA information. The next Flight Schedule will once again ask for names of those who do not have computers and need hard copies. The aim is to decrease the number of hard copies required.

2009 Oceana Bus Tours...Carlton Lavinder has announced that he will no longer be the tour guide co-coordinator. We need someone to step up and volunteer for this position. At the present time it is not certain that the bus tours will operate in 2009 as HRT will not be conducting them and negotiations are still ongoing with other sources.

12. CO/XO comments: None

13. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

14 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 January 2009, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1930.