

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2 FEBRUARY 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Rob Wedertz, Doug Williams, John Allen, Fred Metz, Troy Snead and Jim Dobberteen. Board member Maury Unger was absent.
2. Secretary's Report: The January Board Minutes had been sent out via e-mail. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 31 January 2011. He also provided a corrected copy of the first page of the December 31st report. The correction changed all entries ending in 82 cents to 95 cents.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a current membership report. As of January 2011 the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 243 Life Members, 319 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 615 active members. His report also included a list of new members who have joined the squadron since 1 October 2010.

Doug gave a draft of the "Welcome Aboard" letter to Lurch for review and approval.

5. Plans and Programs:

- a. Judy Ready presented a preliminary schedule of events for 2011.

. March – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Thursday March 17th.

June – Possible HRANA table at the Centennial of Naval Aviation Battle of Midway Celebration onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISEN HOWER.

August – Pig Picking

September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet

November – Flight Suit Social – LSO School

December – Christmas Party

- b. Plans for the possibility of having HRANA tables at the Military Aviation Museum Valentines Hangar Dance were abandoned since the museum does not plan to reserve any tables for groups or offer any group rates.
6. February Luncheon. Wednesday 16 February - Dam Neck Shifting Sands Fireside Room. Speaker TBA.
7. Bingo Report: HRANA participation in bingo ended January 31,2011. Many thanks go out to Dennis Free who managed the program for many years, and to the HRANA members who volunteered to work bingo over the years.
8. PAO Report: Troy Snead will forward an article to “Wings Of Gold” concerning the January luncheon.
9. Monument Report: Fred Metz reported that several plaques are available or on order and that they will be installed when the weather gets warmer. He is also awaiting final word from the E-2 community on the installation of the Lt. Zilberman plaque.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation: Fred gave the latest details on the program that will be presented at the Aviation Monument beginning the second week in June and run for five nights a week. He also asked for inputs for any members concerning significant events in Naval Aviation that should be highlighted in the presentation. Kent is working on the event list.

As mentioned in the Program Plans, HRANA may have a table at the Battle of Midway Celebration on CVN-69. In conjunction with this event, the squadron has been offered a chance to sponsor a one-page ad in the event program. Lurch will contact headquarters to determine if they wish to sponsor the ad.

Chris Vatis has determined that headquarters already has a challenge coin with the CONA logo on one side and the ANA logo on the other side and has one of the coins for examination. Chris was not present to brief on the current status of this effort. There was some discussion on what the cost of the coins would be and whether they would be given out free or used as a fundraiser.

The CONA newsletter is still being printed and Kent has been added to the distribution list. Maury Unger also determined that the Navy Chief of Information produces a paper called “Rhumb Lines” which now appears on the HRANA web site.

11. New Business:

- a. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament... The golf tournament will be held 22 April, a date when the maximum number of Oceana squadrons will be home and also a date well distanced from other organizational tournaments. The squadron is seeking a volunteer to accept reservations and handle the paperwork and money. There will be a planning meeting with Tailhook and ABMA on Thursday 3 February.
- b. Naval Institute Joint Warfighting Conference 2011. 10 thru 12 May at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. HRANA members who wish to register as attendees may do so at www.jointwarfighting.org.
- c. VA-85 Reunion – 22 thru 24 September, 2011 – Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Bob Moore at 806-787-1445 or email rmooore0418@hotmail.com. Additional information is also available on www.NavyVets.com. Since the event will be held in conjunction with the NAS Oceana Air Show, a discussion was held concerning reunion attendees visiting the squadron chalet. Fred Metz mentioned that VA-36 will also have their reunion during this time period but did not provide contact details.
- d. RADM. O’Hanlon Last Flight and Farewell – All are cordially invited to Oceana on Wednesday, 16 February to say goodbye to RADM. O’Hanlon after his last flight. The events will include a traditional “dousing” on the flight line after his last flight with VFA-106, followed by a farewell at the Officer’s Club. Please join the AIRLANT staff on the flight line at VFA-106 that afternoon (approximately 1530 – better time estimate TBD) and a congratulatory farewell at the club afterwards.

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

13. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

14. Next Meeting... The next meeting will be Wednesday March 2nd, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer’s Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1920