

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 APRIL 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 Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Fred Metz, Jim Dobberteen, Maury Unger and Doug Williams. Board members John Allen, Judy Ready, Troy Snead and Rob Wedertz were absent. Lee Pontes was also present.
2. Secretary's Report: The March 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 March 2011. The board approved Jim's suggestion that he act as treasurer for the golf tournament and that all correspondence will go to P.O. Box 4339. He will open a separate account attached to the squadron SunTrust account.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams presented the membership report current as of March 2011. As of March 2011 the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 241 Life Members, 304 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 598 active members. His report also included the names of 4 new members who joined during March. The new welcome aboard letters are now ready. Doug will prepare the letters and Lurch will sign and mail them. Doug also reminded members to call their buddies to attend luncheons and other events.
5. Plans and Programs: Judy was not present to give a report.
 - a. March – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – This event was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. The \$200 advance payment made to Tim Hopkins for entertainment will not be refunded but will be credited toward the next event where we use Tim.
 - b. June – Battle of Midway Celebration onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER 4 June. An email has gone out to squadron members inviting them to attend. HRANA will have at least one table and may sponsor a table for active duty members. Headquarters is also considering sponsoring a table for active duty. If HRANA sponsors an active duty table, the squadron will choose who sits at the table and prefers to invite Sailors of the Year and other active duty members deserving of recognition. The squadron will not have a separate Midway function.
 - c. Other events planned for the year are:

August – Pig Picking

September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet

November – Flight Suit Social – LSO School

December – Christmas Party

6. April Luncheon: Wednesday 20 April - Dam Neck Shifting Sands Fireside Room. Speaker will be CDR. Matthew C. “Pappy” Paradise, USN, Commanding Officer, VFA-34 Blue Blasters, who will talk about their recent deployment on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
7. PAO Report: Troy Snead was not present. We need an article for the Lt. Zilberman plaque presentation. Lurch will get permission from the Virginian Pilot to use the picture which appeared on the front page the day after the ceremony.
8. Monument Report: Fred reported that the service flags will go up 1 May. He also emphasized that those people or organizations that have voiced a desire to purchase plaques should do so quickly as space is running out.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation - Fred gave the latest details on the program that will be presented at the Aviation Monument during the summer. Due to a lack of funding, the program has been scaled back significantly and will now be a video presentation with a narrator vice a play with actors. To continue with this project, the squadron will have to commit to between ten and twenty thousand dollars for support. The city will provide the rest. We are still seeking inputs from any members concerning significant events in Naval Aviation that should be highlighted in the presentation. All material should be forwarded to Kent who will forward to the City. We are also checking on the video presentation used at the San Diego event to get permission to use parts of it. Dennis Free will be contacted to obtain any information that the City holds.
 - b. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament - Lee Pontes will handle reservations and Jim Dobberteen will act as treasurer.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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. Those attending the reunion will be allowed to visit the HRANA Air Show Chalet under the standard chalet rules.

- e. VA-36 Reunion – The Roadrunners will be holding their reunion during the same time period and are interested in visiting the chalet on Friday. The same chalet rules apply. More information will be put out on the reunion when received.
- f. NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Kent gave an update on the tours. Tours will begin June 1st this year and the bus will be allowed to enter the flight line and park in front of the tower to observe flight operations.
- g. Centennial Coins - Carroll now has the ANA Centennial challenge coins for sale at \$10 each. Early sales have been brisk. Those desiring coins should attend the monthly luncheons or board meetings or contact Carroll.

10. New Business:

- a. The next meeting will be held the second Wednesday of May vice the first since both the squadron CO and XO will be in Pensacola.
- b. Lurch mentioned the possibility of selling Naval Aviation Centennial license plate frames. There was a lot of discussion about the matter and not much support. After the meeting Carroll checked the Navy Exchange and reported that they are already selling the frames.
- c. Squadron Homecomings: Fred led the discussion on the role HRANA should play in these events. Local business support is waning and there does not seem to be much interest in the food and beverages provided. The squadron will continue to provide tables and chairs but the event should actually be a Wing function. It was even mentioned that in days gone by, a host squadron was assigned for each returning squadron.

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

12. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

13. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday May 11th, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1940