

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

29 August 2012

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 Kent Von Fecht, Fred Metz, Judy Ready, Carroll Bains, Jim Dobberteen, Doug Williams, Maury Unger and John Allen. Board members Rob Wedertz, Troy Snead and Brian Abbott were absent.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the August board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen reported that the monthly financial report will be done and distributed at the end of the month. Squadron financial reports are available to members for viewing upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of August 2012. The squadron currently lists 45 Charter Members, 233 Life Members, 306 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 8 Corporate Members for a total of 588 active members. Eight new members joined the squadron during August 2012.

Kent reported that he had contacted 14 Naval Airship Association (NAA) members who live in the area inviting them to join ANA but had not received any applications so far. There are currently 3 local NAA members who do belong to HRANA.

5. Plans and Programs:
 - a. Squadron social events for 2012 are as follows:
 - (1) August – Pig Picking Summary: Kent reported that we had 62 paid guests for the event. Feedback on the catering and venue was positive.
 - (2) November – Flight Suit Social – LSO School – Date to be determined. Catering will be by Lendy's.
 - (3) December – Christmas Party – 14 December at the Princess Anne Country Club. The Beachnuts will provide music. HRANA will pay for the band. Judy was given the OK to sign the contract.
6. September Luncheon: Wednesday 19 September at the NAS Ocean Hornet's Nest Galley. Speaker TBD.

7. PAO Report: Troy was absent but reported that the Jet Observer Editor is forwarding an article concerning the birthday celebration for former NAS Oceana Commanding Officer Captain Dexter Rumsey, USN (Ret.). This event was held at the NAS Oceana Hornet's Nest galley with several HRANA members in attendance.
8. Monument Report: The new camera is experiencing a problem. The Naval Airpower Legacy presentation is over for the season. The Memorandum of Agreement between HRANA and the city has not been signed. Two lights are out but will not be replaced until next spring.
9. Old Business:
 - a. 2012 Air Show Chalet: Kent again voiced concern over the number of supporters for this year and particularly in the outyears. A discussion was held concerning possible actions that can be taken to offset the lack of industry support. The board decided that beginning this year we will ask ANA and Tailhook members and their family members for \$5 donations each. All other chalet attendance rules remain the same as in the past...
 - b. Bus Tours: Kent reported that the tours will end 31 August and that attendance for the year will be well above 2011. Thanks to all of the tour guides who have given of their time this season.
 - c. Congressman Rigell Visit. The visit is scheduled for 18 September at 1430. There will be a preliminary meeting to set the agenda and determine who should attend.
10. New Business:
 - a. ANA Symposium – Fred proposed a local symposium to be held at NAS Oceana. East Coast participation in Tailhook may be somewhat limited this year and the local aviators should have a chance to hear what Naval Aviation leaders have to say about current events. It was suggested that the same panel members who will appear at Tailhook should be invited to attend. This event will be a joint HRANA, Navy League and Tailhook venture.
 - b. Wings of Gold Letter – WOG editor, Zip Rausa is holding a space in the next edition of Wings of Gold for a HRANA letter commenting on VADM Massenburg's article in the summer issue of WOG. Fred provided a basic outline for what should be included and Maury Unger will prepare the letter. The letter will pledge support for Naval Aviation and its leadership.
 - c. Aircraft Historical Park – The base PAO has proposed replacing the inoperative speaker boxes in front of each aircraft with stanchions and

placards describing each aircraft. The PAO is seeking funding and support for the project. HRANA will provide the aircraft descriptions for the placards.

- d. VFA-34 Blue Blasters Reunion: Kent mentioned that there may be an informal VFA-34 reunion in the near future. The Blue Blaster CO expressed his desire to hold one in his recent homecoming thank you letter to HRANA.
- e. VFW Picnic –VFW Post 392 has extended an invitation for HRANA members to attend their annual post picnic on Sunday 9 September. A flyer has been sent out to all HRANA members on the email list.
- f. Charity Committee – The Charity Committee needs to meet to propose the disposition of the 2012 Golf Tournament proceeds.

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

12. Hot Wash Up... Fred mentioned that the squadron might want to partner with VFW Post 392 in their annual Christmas drive. Each year they provide gifts to the children of local service members who are deployed.

13. Next Meeting...Wednesday October 3, 2012, 1800 at the NASO Officer's Club.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1915