

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

3 AUGUST 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Executive Officer, John Allen at 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Jim Joyner, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Fred Metz, Maury Unger, Judy Ready, Troy Snead, Rob Wederz. Jim Dobberteen and Brian Abbott. Board member Doug Williams was absent. Lee Pontes was also present.
2. Secretary's Report: The July Board Minutes had been sent out via email. 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 presented the HRANA Statement of Financial Position as of 31 July 2011. Squadron financial reports are available to members for viewing upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams could not attend the meeting but dropped off the membership report current as of July 2011. As of July 2011, the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 231 Life Members, 304 Regular Annual Members, 2 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 587 active members. His report also included the name of one new member who joined during July. The current roster still carries the name of one deceased member.
5. Plans and Programs: Judy discussed the remaining 2011 events.
 - a. August Pig Picking – Friday August 19th at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands club. Kent reported that reservations have been slow coming in and we are not receiving many responses. He has sent out a reminder to members.
 - b. September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet – 23 thru 25 September. Kent reported that some supporters have not responded yet and that without their help, our usual carryover for next year's chalet may be in jeopardy. He also reported that we will have two guests from the French Crusader ANA Squadron and Lurch reported that there would probably be two additional ANA member guests, one from Great Britain and one from Australia. Kent suggested that this would make a good photo opportunity for a Wings of Gold article.
 - c. November – Flight Suit Social – Date and venue to be determined. Kent and Lurch are negotiating with the Military Aviation Museum Director for a free or reduced fee night for use of the museum for this event. Negotiations are

based on the value of the Summer Bus Tour tour guide services provided to the museum. The Naval Airpower Legacy presentation will be given at the social.

- d. December – Christmas Party – The Christmas party will be held at The Renaissance Room, 324 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach on Friday 16 December. Flyer will be out early in November.
6. August Luncheon: Next luncheon will be Wednesday August 17th at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Speaker RADM. Julius S. Caesar, Vice Director, Joint Concept Development & Experimentation (J9) Joint Forces Command. His topic will be JFCOM Realignment & Transition to the Joint Staff. The September luncheon will probably be moved up to the second week of the month in order to distance it from the air show and also there might be a possibility of having it at Oceana vice Dam Neck. Possible speakers for September include AIRLANT or the new Strike Fighter Wing Commodore.
 7. PAO Report: Troy has been very successful in getting press coverage for the “Naval Airpower Legacy” presentation. He will also prepare an article about the presentation for Wings of Gold.
 8. Bingo Report: Squadron is still waiting on the final \$3,000 from bingo, which must be used for charity.
 9. Monument Report: Fred reported that there are two plaques to install and that the new flags have been ordered. He is working with the city on the Memorandum of Agreement for turning the monument over to the city. The proposed city agreement does not specify some items HRANA wants such as the city performing their standard maintenance, rights to the statues and HRANA's responsibility for cleaning the statues. It was also brought up that we need a sponsor for the agreement such as the Mayor or a pro HRANA council member.
 10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation - Fred gave the latest details on the “Naval Air Power Legacy” program that is being presented at the Aviation Monument during the summer. Tour guides on the daily tours have been instructed to mention the nightly presentations to the tourists on the bus. AIRPAC wants a copy of the presentation for their archives. Fred also suggested that the presentation should be shown at the Centennial Banquet to be held at the Convention Center. Attendance has been good, averaging about 30-35 nightly. A few day after the meeting, Derek Leonidoff reported that nightly attendance has now reached a standing room only level. Fred will work with the city in obtaining notes concerning the sentiments of certain city officials. Derek Leonidoff will provide a list of people who need to receive

acknowledgement for their parts in making the show happen. The city has promos at the following sites:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/VirginiaBeachTV>

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofVaBeach>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-gUNz-G6MA>

- b. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament – As soon as the books are reconciled, the proceeds will be split between the three organizations. No decision has been reached yet as to which organization will run the tournament next year.
- 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. Those attending the reunion will be allowed to visit the HRANA Air Show Chalet under the standard chalet rules.
- d. 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.
- e. NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Kent reported that at the request of the Pass & Decal office he provided a supply of flyers advertising the bus tours. It seems that they have a lot of people stopping by wanting to tour the base. He also reported that there was one incident during July when a lady was hit in the eye by a tree limb. She had no apparent injuries and the incident has been reported to Captain Webb along with her contact information. The base is checking the route and trimming any branches that could present a hazard.
- f. Liability Insurance – A decision on liability insurance is still pending but it does appear that we will not need it on the monument.
- g. Support Requests – Jim Dobberteen updated the board on the responses to squadron support requests. The initial response has been good. 398 members were notified in the email notice, which leaves about 200 who will receive hard-copy letters. Kent and Doug have worked up a list of those without email and that list will serve as the mailing label list for the printer. It was determined that the contributions are tax deductible and that acknowledgement letters are not required. Jim will maintain a list of donors, which will be kept anonymous.
- h. Fly-In Support – Lurch will inform the Commodore that we are out of the fly-in business. It was also determined that the squadron probably does not need to purchase tables and chairs as the station XO thinks there are some available.

11. New Business

- a. New Board Member – Lt. Brian Abbott from the Naval Safety Center was approved as the alternate active duty board member.
- b. Charity Committee – The members for the charity committee were approved. They are Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Jim Whitus, Ron Stoops, Brian Abbott and Lou Colbus. The committee needs to meet soon and present suggestions at the next board meeting for the disposition of the \$3,000 expected from the bingo closeout.
- c. Squadron Merchandise – Carroll modeled the new style HRANA shirts which are made from a blended material and very attractive. They will actually cost the squadron \$3 less per shirt and monogramming is available for an extra \$6. He also stated that he has sufficient merchandise on hand for the air show.
- d. Patching Ceremonies – Kent, Troy and Frog attended the recent VFA-106 patching ceremony. The plan was to get a group picture with the aviators and to have them fill out applications for a free year's membership in ANA. This was not a good plan due to the large crowd and the boisterous nature of the events. Lurch will check with the VFA-106 Commanding Officer about the possibility of meeting with the next group in the squadron ready room sometime prior to the patching ceremony. Headquarters is providing the free membership. Each person will also receive an ANA patch.
- e. F-14 Brick Applications – Kent and Bruce Doyle have come up with a plan to place a box of applications next to the F-14 in the Historical Air Park. The applications will have a special marking on them to identify the park as the source in order to track the success of this effort.

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

13. Hot Wash Up...Around the table for individual comments/issues: Maury Unger stated that we should take the laptop to Office Depot and have it checked out and repaired as necessary. The unit has failed several times during monthly luncheons. As a followup to Maury's suggestion, the unit did go to Office Depot and the technician recommended Windows 7 to replace Vista and increasing RAM from 2 to 3 or 4 GB. The estimated cost would be about \$210. Approval was given by the board via email and the repairs were completed at an actual cost of \$218.47.

14. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday 7th, 1800 at the NAS Oceana

Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1945