

MINUTES
AUGUST HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7 August 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 1807 by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Judy Ready, Troy Snead, Doug Williams, Maury Unger, Jim Dobberteen, Mike Gaughan, Doug Keller and Carroll Bains. Board members Brian Abbott, Matt Pothier and Fred Metz were absent. Marshall Lefavor was also present.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the July board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of 31 July 2013. Financial reports are available upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of 31 July 2013. The squadron currently shows 607 members. One new member joined the squadron during July 2013.
5. Plans and Programs: Operations Officer Judy Ready provided the latest status on upcoming social events.

August – Pig Picking – Friday 16 August - VFW Post 392 with Tim Hopkins providing the music. The volume will be lowered this year. Catering will be provided by Malbons. Mike Gaughan announced that the VFW has prepared signs guiding people to the party room entrance. This will eliminate the need to pass thru the bar area which is often smoke filled.

October – Flight Suit Social – LSO School with catering by Lendy's - Friday 18 October.

December – Christmas Party – Thursday 12 December at the Princess Anne Country Club. Music by the Beach Nuts. – Lurch will check on the possibility of having Admiral Gourtney from Fleet Forces Command as a guest speaker.

6. August Luncheon: Wednesday 21 August. at the Shifting Sands Club, Fireside Room. Invited speaker is the Helicopter Wing Commodore.
7. PAO Report: Troy reported that he missed the deadline for the next WINGS OF GOLD but the articles will still be used in future issues. Backed up articles include the A6 model dedication, NAS Oceana 70th anniversary and the Oceana bus tours.

8. Monument Report: Lurch and Carroll reported on two pending issues at the monument. The first issue concerned the location and format of the proposed A6 Tribute. The board decided that it does not really belong at the monument because we would be paying special tribute to one particular aircraft out of the many that have served in Naval Aviation. Also, the format chosen by the Intruder Association would not survive in the outdoor ocean- front environment. nor does it fit in with the current design of the monument. The alternate design included a pylon similar to those at the street entrance to the monument which would be much more expensive than the current design. This would be at the ocean side of the monument with a SEAL Tribute pylon to balance out the location. It was also mentioned that the SEAL tribute does not really fit in with the monument theme. Other proposed sites include near the Oceana Historical Air Park A6 aircraft and the Naval Museum at Nauticas.

The second issue concerned the addition of another donor wall, which would cost at least \$10,000 and take many years to fill. It was decided to rearrange some plaques on the current wall to accommodate the oversized plaque ordered by the Blue Angel Association and to delay erection of the new wall until sufficient plaque requests are received to cover the cost of construction.

9. Old Business:

NAS Oceana Bus Tours: Kent reported that the tours are doing well with an average of over 45 people per day. So far over 1,400 people from all over the U.S. and several foreign countries have taken the tour. Marshall Lefavor is preparing an article for WINGS OF GOLD and Troy Snead is working on one for the JET OBSERVER. Kent also announced that this is his last year as the tour program co-coordinator and that Marshall Lefavor has agreed to assume the duties in 2014. Kent will be available to assist Marshall with the administrative issues such as parking passes and tour book updates.

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Golf Tournament: HRANA's share of the proceeds is \$3,279, which the Charity Committee under Ron Stoops must now propose the distribution of. The board will then review and approve the list or add or delete organizations as they see fit. There are two organizations that need to receive consideration, The Air Warrior Courage Foundation and the VFW-392 Post Veteran's Relief Fund. Mike Gaughan will be available to brief the Charity Board on the relief fund. Jim Dobberteen suggested that it might be better to choose only two charities as opposed to four with the idea that the donations would be larger and bookkeeping less.

10. New Business:

HRANA Merchandise Sales: Carroll Bains reported that proceeds from sales at the monument from last year and so far this year have totaled \$510. He has also begun sales at the air park during the summer tours and during the first week and a half has sold \$236 worth of items. He is doing this to offset the lack of revenue that is normally received during the air show.

Membership Awareness: The lack of membership participation in events and lack of awareness of squadron news was discussed. Less than half of the members have valid email addresses and receive the notices that Kent sends out. Of those who do have email, it is apparent that many are not aware of the squadron web site at www.hrana.org or just do not visit it. We can not send out monthly snail mail bulletins as the cost is prohibitive. It was proposed and approved that we will prepare a one-time letter to all members listing our upcoming social events, luncheons and any other happenings. Members who have email but are not receiving Kent's emails will be asked to notify him and will also be reminded that all information is available on the web site. Members will also be asked to submit any ideas they have for future social events or other ideas that could help HRANA to meet their desires. Maury Unger will prepare the draft of the letter for board review and approval.

11, CO/XO Comments: None

11. Hot Wash Up: Nothing.

13. Next Meeting...Wednesday September 4, 2013, 1800 at the NASO Officer's Club.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1925