

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2 SEPTEMBER 2009

1. C.O Jim Joyner called the meeting to order at 1810 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Carroll Bains, Kent Von Fecht, Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Leilani Pierce, Pete Koch, Maury Unger and Regional Wing Commander Chris Vatisdis. Fred Metz was also present. Absent board members included Dennis Free and Otto Stutz.
2. Air Show Chalet: Bobbi Lefavor was not present to provide updates on the air show. A discussion was held concerning the disposition of any money collected at the chalet. The following allocations were approved by the board:
 - a. Tips will go to the monument fund.
 - b. Proceeds from the sale of HRANA merchandise go to the squadron treasury.
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 - d. Any donations made to HRANA go to the squadron treasury.
3. Secretary's Report: The August Board Minutes had been sent out via email. Motion was made and seconded that they be approved. Minutes are available on the web site.
4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of August 31, 2009.
5. Membership Report: Pete Koch presented the September membership report. There are 301 HRANA Charter/Life Members and 299 annual members for a total of 600 members listed on the roster. Of those, 38 have expired renewal dates and 14 are deceased, leaving a total of 548 active members. New members included RADM Gerald Beaman, LTJG Benjamin Coyle, CDR. Richard Koch and CAPT. Ben Loyola. Farewells were extended to LT. Michael Brown and LT. Chris Tabert.
6. Plans and Programs: Events for the rest of 2009 are as follows:
 - a. Pig Picking – Friday September 4th, 1800-2200 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. 70 people have made reservations for the event..
 - b. Oceana Air Show – Saturday and Sunday October 17th and 18th.
 - c. Flight Suit Social – Date and location to be determined. November 13th or 14th are the desired dates.
 - d. Christmas Party – Friday December 18th, 1800-2200 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

Judy Ready is to prepare a proposed schedule of events for 2010.

7, September Luncheon: The September luncheon will be held at the NASO "O" Club Wednesday September 16th. The speaker will be CAPT. Calvin Craig, COMCARAIRWING SEVEN who will brief on their recent deployment aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The following Wednesday, 23 September at 1500 there will be a special display and presentation at the "O" club of a new simulator.

The possibility was also discussed that some future luncheons might include a tour of other local facilities, similar to the recent LSO school tour.

8. Bingo Report: Dennis was not present to give a bingo report. A discussion was held concerning future disposition of bingo funds once the monument is paid for. Fred Metz also discussed the need for liability insurance covering board members.
9. PAO Report: There are pictures available from the LSO School visit and a paragraph on the HRANA web site that will be used for a Wings Of Gold article.
10. Monument Report: Fred is still working with the engraver on the pictures that will go on the new wall. Current aircraft will be featured at the top with other aircraft ghosted among them. People will be featured at the bottom. Fred, Pete and Carroll have been working on the problem of plaques falling off and believe they have found the proper epoxy to ensure that the plaques will stay in place. A discussion was held concerning the addition of a "Here you are" type sandwich board with action pictures and directions to various displays at the monument.

Kent read letters and emails that had been sent to the Naval Airship Association (NAA) President and one other NAA member. These were in response to some comments made about lack of lighter-than-air representation and errors in existing displays.

11. Old Business:

- a. Oceana Summer Bus Tours: The last tour will be run on Friday 4 September. Overall, the season went well with very few minor problems. Lower attendance than previous years is attributed to starting three weeks later, using a smaller bus, higher fare for the tour and an overall drop in tourism due to the economy. Thanks and well done to Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, George Schmidt, Carlton Lavinder, Paul Hollandsworth, Ken Stafford, Michael White, Milt Beach, Ted Been, George Matt and Rick Rudell for serving as tour guides.
- b. Naval Aviation Centennial... The CNO has appointed VADM Thomas J. Kilcline, Commander, Naval Air Forces as the Executive Agent for planning and directing all events associated with the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. Rear Admiral Patrick E. McGrath (USNR), Commander, Naval Air Forces Reserve and Vice Commander, Naval Air Forces, has been named

- as the Executive Director of the Centennial of Naval Air Task Force. The presentations at the monument beginning in 2010 will consist of monument information one night, followed by local event presentations the second night.
- c. Squadron By-Laws: Fred is continuing to rewrite the by-laws.

12. New Business:

- a. HRANA Shirts: Carroll Bains has the new shirts available but will continue to search for a less expensive source.
- b. Kent has agreed to mail copies of event flyers to those members who normally attend the events but do not have computers. Identifying those people will be difficult so if you know of anyone who wishes to be on his mailing list, let him know.

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

14. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

15. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday 7 October, 2009 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

16. The meeting adjourned at 1950.