

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4 September 2013

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 John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Judy Ready, Troy Snead, Doug Williams, Maury Unger, Jim Dobberteen, Mike Gaughan, Doug Keller, Brian Abbott, Matt Pothier and Carroll Bains. Board member Fred Metz was absent. Charity Committee Chairman Ron Stoops was also present.
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 presented a Statement of Financial Position as of 31 August 2013. The report showed that we finished in the black for the Pig Picking. Financial reports are available upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of 31 August 2013. The squadron currently shows 603 members. Two new members joined the squadron during August 2013. Kent reported that he had sent emails to the people listed as delinquent on the August report but had received very limited responses.
5. Plans and Programs: Operations Officer Judy Ready provided the latest status on upcoming social events.

August - The Pig Picking was considered a success with 75 in attendance. Thanks to VFW Post 392 for being such gracious hosts.

October – Flight Suit Social – LSO School with catering by Lendy's - Friday 18 October. Lendy's will provide all food, plates, napkins and tableware. HRANA will provide beer, wine, soda, water and cups.

December – Christmas Party – Thursday 12 December at the Princess Anne Country Club. Music by the Beach Nuts. – There will be assigned seating.

6. September Luncheon: Wednesday 18 September at the Shifting Sands Club, Fireside Room. Speaker TBA. The Shifting Sands is not available for the October luncheon and since it is only two days before the Flight Suit Social, consideration is being given to having a speaker at the social vice having an October luncheon.

7. PAO Report: Troy reported that articles on the A-6 Model Dedication, August luncheon with CVW-7 and the Oceana summer tours should be appearing in future WINGS OF GOLD issues.
8. Monument Report: Statue cleaning has been completed and Naval Airpower Legacy presentations have ended for the year. The squadron received many favorable comments on the Airpower presentation.
9. Old Business:

NAS Oceana Bus Tours: Kent reported tours have ended for the season and that it was a very successful year. The tours ran for 58 days with 2,343 Virginia Beach visitors taking the tours. The visitors came from 28 states and 10 foreign countries. Many thanks to the 14 dedicated HRANA members who served as tour guides. A post-season wrap-up meeting was held prior to the board meeting with the NAS Oceana CO, XO and PAO in attendance. The CO and XO were very gracious in making themselves available to meet the bus tours and interface with the tourists. We received many favorable comments from people making the tours who were highly impressed with getting to meet the people heading up the Air Station.

Summer Tour Sales Report: Beginning 29 July, Carroll Bains was able to open the gift shop at the Air Park. He had a very successful run with the funds going to the squadron treasury. Most of the items sold were items held by the HRANA Store but were not selling. Discussions are underway for the possibility of selling NAS Oceana history books next season. There was also some discussion about some minor repairs that are needed for the building to be safe for use.

Golf Tournament Proceeds Distribution Proceeds totaled \$3,270.00. Charity Committee Chairman Ron Stoops reported that the committee met on 21 August and proposed the following disposition of funds:

Air Warrior Courage Foundation - \$1,385.00
VFW Post 392 Veteran's relief Fund \$1,385.00
American Legion Post 110 - \$500.00 – This money will be earmarked to support and sponsor one student to attend Boys State next year.

The board approved the proposal. Plans are to present the checks at the next luncheon to representatives of the organizations. It is also hoped that we will be able to meet the young man selected for the Boys State sponsorship.

Letter To Membership: The final draft of the letter has been approved. In order to hold down costs, the board decided to prepare the letters in house. Maury has come up with an application to print mailing labels and various board members have agreed to print a given number of the letters. A working party will be needed to stuff the envelopes and prepare them for mailing. The goal is to have the letters in the mail by 1 October.

10. New Business:

HRANA Items Stored In The LSO School Matt Pothier asked that we check some items stored at the school to see if they need to be retained or disposed of. Continued storage will be allowed if the items are of value. Lurch has this for action.

ANA Symposium ANA HQ has asked if HRANA is still interested in hosting the symposium, which was previously cancelled. A meeting will be held following the September luncheon to discuss this.

11, CO/XO Comments: None

11. Hot Wash Up: Nothing.

13. Next Meeting...Wednesday October 2, 2013, 1800 at the NASO Officer's Club.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1910