

## MINUTES

### **AUGUST HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**Wednesday 19 August 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1320 by President Jim Joyner at MWR Shifting Sands, Dam Neck Annex. Board members present included Sonya Myers, Doug Williams, Maury Unger, Norm Guimond, Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Carroll Bains, Troy Snead and Mike Gaughan. Board Members Doug Keller, Bryan Roberts, Kent Von Fecht and John Allen were absent.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that July board minutes be approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position for July 2015. He also reported the following financial results:

The recent BBQ on 7 August was a success and we will clear a few dollars.

Jim reported that the catering bill for the chalet has been paid.

Financial reports are available upon request.

4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Report as of 30 June 2015. The squadron has 526 members. Two new members officially came on board since 1 July 2015; There are six overdue membership renewals outstanding since May, 1 through June 30 2015. The complete membership report/printout is available to any HRANA member upon request.
5. Plans and Programs: Operations Officer Judy Ready reported that planning for all remaining squadron events is on track.  
  
August – Barbecue – 7 August – VFW Post 392 – A SUCCESS! See financial report above. Mike Gaughan offered to check on our security deposit refund.  
  
September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet – 19 and 20 September.  
  
October – Flight Suit Social – LSO School – Friday 16 October - Catering by Lendy's.  
  
Christmas Party – 12 December - Atlantic Shores, Music by the Beach Nuts. It was suggested that we may want to ask Atlantic Shores if we may augment their signage to assist our party attendees in locating the proper parking lot near their Magnolia Room. Judy will check.
6. Monument Report: New flags are up. The new wall was stained by an unknown substance. Carroll and Fred will pursue restoration as well as reinstallation of several plaques that have fallen off because of faulty initial installation. Replacement plaques are on order or soon will be. Finally, the next statue cleaning is due in October. David Joyner is interested in the job and seeking additional information. Jim Dobberteen will meet with him and schedule further indoctrination and a turnover with Sam Warren.

7. Supply Officer report - A lapel pin order previously approved by the board is still pending. Also, Carroll has new long sleeve shirts with the squadron logo available for \$35.00.
8. **N.B. September luncheon at Atlantic Shores, Wednesday 16 September 2015. Speaker RADM Jeff Penefield, USN, COMOPTEVFOR.**
9. PAO Report - Troy Snead said that Mike Maus has prepared the material and photos for our fund-raising effort in association with Colonial Shooting Academy (CSA) to benefit the Naval Aviation Monument fund. The drawing is going on now until the end of September 2015. Troy mentioned that other ANA squadrons are getting more “ink” in Wings of Gold by submitting personal experiences and related articles concerning members of local chapters. We will encourage our membership to provide material which Troy will submit to Zip Rausa.

10. Old Business:

Web Site Survey – Maury Unger reported the results are in and revealed a drop of approximately 25% in ‘hits’ when comparing 2012 and 2015. Not too surprising, because during this period the social network became popular and sites such as ours felt the migration. Survey results were sent out via email to the board. The board discussed briefly the squadron use of social media and concluded it is not for us.

Email screener – We need to designate a replacement for Fred Metz as one of four email screeners for emails that arrive via the HRANA website. Sonya Myers volunteered provided she can establish a separate email account completely unassociated with her personal account.

11. New Business:

Sonya Myers asked for BOD permission to sell copies of “*Mud Flats to Master Jet Base – Fifty Years at NAS Oceana,*” at a cost of \$10 per book at Tailhook 11-13 September 2015. She has prepared an order form and will obtain a reasonable estimate of USPS cost to enable us to ship the pre-paid orders she and Tom obtain at ‘Hook. After discussing the possible implications of copyrights and Nevada sales tax involvement, the board approved her plan.

Squadron succession. We are in need of new blood on the HRANA Board of Officers/Directors and to date little has been done to give those currently serving a break and to inject new blood into our organization. Jim Joyner and Kent Von Fecht have served faithfully and could surely use some well-deserved time in an advisory role. The same could be said for others. Doug Williams pointed out that not everyone is well-suited to step into the CO’s job. Past and present contacts in and outside the Navy is essential to this job. Other tasks require some degree of computer savvy. Everyone agreed that we need to take some positive action. Jim Joyner will get in touch with ‘Frog’ Allen and obtain his list potential leadership candidates he assembled last year.

Jim Dobberteen asked all the board members to verify their phone numbers and email addresses on the BOD Roster Kent prepared and distributed recently. Please send your corrections to Jim for inclusion in the 1.1 version. Thank you.

12. CO/XO Comments – Finland was very pleasant!

13. Hot Wash Up – Nothing

14. Next Meeting – Wednesday 2 September 2015 at NAS Oceana Officers' Club, **at 1700 hours.**

Meeting adjourned at 1440.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dobberteen

For Kent Von Fecht