

## MINUTES

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

**4 MAY 2016**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1712 at the NAS Oceana LSO School by HRANA Administrative Officer Kent Von Fecht. Board members present were Sonya Myers, Judy Ready, Carroll Bains, Jim Dobberteen, Bryan Roberts, Troy Snead, Doug Williams, Norm Guimond and Charles Walker. Board Members Mike Gaughan, Jim Joyner, John Allen, Maury Unger and Rob Weber were absent. Fred Metz was also present.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that March board minutes be approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: The board approved the March and April Statements of Financial Position. Financial reports are available upon request.

Jim also explained why it is not practical to do taxes in-house and why we should retain the CPA. The board approved.

Earlier in the day, Carroll Bains sent out copies of the CY-2015 Annual Audit of Squadron Financial records. No deficiencies were discovered. Carroll also recommended that Comptroller Jim Dobberteen be commended for his efforts. The board heartily agreed.

4. Membership Report: Doug Williams presented a Membership report as of 30 April. Report was approved by the board. The squadron has 499 members, which is a new low. Six members are currently listed on the overdue renewal list. One new member joined in April. As a side note, CDR. Roberts remarked that Tailhook provides a free one-year membership to his newly minted LSOs. Kent has sent an email to ANA Headquarters recommending that ANA do the same.
5. Plans and Programs: Operations Officer Judy Ready reported on the following upcoming events:

Barbecue – Saturday 13 August – Atlantic Shores – Music by Tim Hopkins

Air Show Chalet – Saturday and Sunday 10-11 September

Flight Suit Social – Friday 14 October – LSO School – Catering by Lendy's

Christmas Party – Saturday 10 December – Atlantic Shores – Music by the Beach Nuts

The board approved her plans

6. Monument Report: Fred Metz provided a briefing on current happenings at the monument and the status of the Intruder Tribute. All parties have now agreed to locating the Tribute along one side of the monument plaza.

Of greater concern was the resolution passed by the Virginia Beach City Council, granting sole control of the area of the Norwegian Lady statue to the Norwegian Lady Foundation and renaming it the Norwegian Lady Plaza. This was done without any input from HRANA and encroaches on an area tentatively planned for the Intruder Tribute and a Navy Seal Tribute. HRANA will register their opposition via letters to the editor, letters to City Council members and TV investigations. Troy is to contact Andy Fox from TV Channel 10.

7. PAO Report: Troy reported that coverage of the following events appears in the Spring Wings of Gold.

“Shop with a vet” Christmas program.

Colonial Shooting Academy monument fundraiser

January luncheon with Captain Ronald Ravelo, CO, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

8. May Luncheon – Cancelled

June Luncheon Wednesday 29 June, 1130 – Dam Neck Annex, Shifting Sands Club, Fireside Room  
Invited speaker – Lockheed Martin Representative – F-35 Update

No luncheon in July

9. Old Business:

During the February meeting Charles Walker agreed to take the squadron laptop and update it. He reported that the update has been completed but that the unit has pretty well seen its better days. He will look for the best buy in replacing it and until a new one is procured, he has agreed to lend the squadron one if the old one dies.

Congressman Randy Forbes as a luncheon speaker. The base has agreed to his visit but he must not get political and must restrict his talk to military affairs. No definite date has been set.

Congressman Forbes is a senior member of the Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee. His position directly affects Naval Aviation

Chalet Industry Letters – Letters have gone out and one response has been received. Most companies have severely cut back on their support,

NAS Oceana Air Show STEM theme. Sonya contacted Captain Schager about HRANA assisting. He said they have not reached the planning stage yet but will notify her when they do.

10. New Business:

ANA Annual Membership Meeting – Thursday 12 May, 0800 – Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel.  
Reservations required at [ANA.bphillips@gmail.com](mailto:ANA.bphillips@gmail.com)

Harry Gerwien recognition – Harry is a professional photographer who has provided many shots of the monument. Troy will see if he will accept a free ANA membership in recognition of his efforts.

Navy Helicopter Association Golf Tournament – The board approved a \$250 donation in support of their upcoming golf tournament.

All Aviation Golf Tournament – The board approved a \$250 donation to sponsor two holes in the upcoming golf tournament.

NROTC Sponsorships – The Spring Wings of Gold Magazine offered the opportunity for squadrons and individuals to do \$10 sponsorships for NROTC units. The board approved the squadron's sponsorship of the Old Dominion University NROTC unit. Individual members who might be interested should consult page 61 of the Spring WOG.

The board approved \$150 for a wreath to be laid at the Virginia Beach Veteran's Memorial on Memorial Day. Judy Ready will handle the purchase. Additional information will be provided when received from the city.

Battle of Midway Commemoration – The squadron will participate in any local military ceremonies. Additional information will be provided when received.

Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Will Begin 1 June and run thru 2 September. Rick Rudell will be in charge. Changes this year include no flight line passage and random background checks on some passengers. Also, the base PAO says the big commercial tour bus visits will be phased out except for military or scout connected groups.

11. CO/XO Comments – Neither present

12. Hot Wash Up – Bryan Roberts reminded everyone that he has started a Naval Aviation Museum at the LSO School and that he may be seeking ideas, assistance and memorabilia.

Military Aviation Museum – Warbirds Over the Beach – 20-22 May.

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Pig Pickin – Military Aviation Museum – Saturday 4 June, 1-4 PM- See Troy for tickets 757-636-9524 or tsneadgolf@cox.net.

13. Next Meeting – Wednesday 6 July 2016, 1700 NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

14. Meeting adjourned at 1850.