

MINUTES

JANUARY HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

9 JANUARY 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 1700 by HRANA Commanding Officer Rick Rudell at the NAS Oceana Officers' Club. Board members present were Kent Von Fecht, Doug Williams, Troy Snead, Maury Unger, Jim Joyner, Jim Dobberteen, Judy Ready, Charles Walker, and Carroll Bains. Board members Chris Swanson, Rob Weber, John Allen and Fred Metz were absent.
2. Secretary's Report – Kent Von Fecht – Motion was made and seconded that November minutes be approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Jim Dobberteen presented a Financial Statement as of 31 December 2018 which also serves as the 2018 end-of-year report. The IRS requested additional information concerning the restoration of our 501 C (19) status. In particular they wanted to know why we failed to file taxes in past years and questioned if 90% of our members are veterans. Jim has provided the required information. The squadron has provisional status pending final approval. Jim also suggested that he contact a CPA and offer to pay for services in the future. Financial reports are available upon request.
4. Membership Report – Doug Williams presented a membership report as of 1 January 2019. The accuracy of the report is highly questionable as Pensacola still does not have a handle on reliable membership information. The report shows that our squadron has 451 members which is probably accurate. However, Pensacola lists 37 members as being delinquent in their dues, a figure that does not match previous data. Rick Rudell and Doug are going to work on a solution.

5. Plans and Programs – Operations Officer Judy Ready has started on the 2019 events calendar. Tentative plans call for a Flight Suit Social at the LSO School in May, Barbecue in August and Christmas Party at Princess Anne Country Club Friday 6 December. Hopefully we will be able to return to the Oceana Officers' Club for the barbecue. As usual we will have the NAS Oceana Air Show chalet.
6. PAO Report – Suggested articles for the next “WING OF GOLD” (WOG) include the Christmas Party, Best of Beach award, January Luncheon, any upcoming patching ceremonies and the final F/A-18 flight. The deadline for submitting articles for the next “WINGS OF GOLD” magazine is 2/15/19. Maury Unger suggested that squadron articles sent to WOG magazine should be also be posted on the HRANA web site.
7. Monument Report – Fred Metz was not present but Carroll Bains updated the board on the latest monument activity. SERVPRO of Virginia Beach has been working on the free statue cleaning but has experienced some weather delays. They are providing this service as a sign of their appreciation of the military. For some reason they will not clean the World War II statue. We have been notified by the city that the monument park has been awarded the 2018 Best of the Beach award for the parks category.
8. Luncheons

January – Wednesday 16 January, 1130 at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands Club. The speaker will be Captain Robert Gentry, USN, Deputy Commander, COMCARAIRWING ONE who will speak about the change in scheduling of aircraft carriers,

February – Wednesday 20 February, Speaker TBD

There will be no luncheons in July and December. September luncheon may be scheduled for other than the third Wednesday, depending on the club scheduled closing for the air show.

9. Old Business: The distribution of donation request letters is targeted for the first quarter of 2019.

10. New Business: Maury announced that a spam blocker has been installed on incoming squadron emails.

VFA-34 final F/A-18C Legacy Horner flight 1 February. Date may change; additional word will be sent out when received.

11. CO/XO Comments – None

12. Hot Wash-up - Nothing

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

14. Meeting adjourned at 1830.