

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 20 JANUARY 2021

1. A ZOOM meeting was held on 20 January. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were on-line for the meeting: Fred Metz, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, John Allen, and Rick Rudell. Jim Dobberteen participated by phone. Charles Walker, Chris Swanson, Judy Ready, and Troy Snead did not participate.
2. Secretary's Report – Rick Rudell – The November minutes were sent out in November and all comments or changes were noted. The minutes have been posted on the web site and are considered approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2020. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded. The Monument Fund received a substantial donation from "Learning Curve Entertainment" (Derek Leonidoff) resulting from the 2020 summer programs at the NAM. CO called Derek to express our appreciation.
4. Membership Report – Doug Williams provided a current report which shows 373 members. One new member joined during November and December. The expired membership list now has 10 names on it. Board members are requested to check the list and communicate with any delinquent members that they know. Doug mentioned that he will continue to prepare welcome-aboard letters for new members and forward them to Rick for signature.
5. Plans and Programs – Judy Ready – Social events are cancelled for 2021 until further notice. The clubs are still closed with no schedule for reopening.
6. PAO Report – Troy Snead – The WOG article/pictures highlighting the 3rd, and last, donor wall at the NAM was submitted to Dave Kennedy at ANA for inclusion in the Winter 2021 issue of WOG. A possible article for the next issue would be authored by CAPT Ross, one of the earliest A-6 COs. Fred Metz will follow up with him. The next Wings of Gold deadline is 15 March.
7. Monument Report – Fred Metz reported that water intrusion has resulted in some lighting issues. An electrical contractor will assess the extent of the problem. Landscaping at the park continues to be done by the city of Virginia Beach. The board diagrams of the park layout need repair. The new camera continues to provide great video. Chris Stolle has submitted a donation for a Diamond level plaque.

8. Luncheons – All luncheons are on hold pending availability of the club and restrictions on gatherings. Another recommended speaker is CDR Chris Swanson, OINC of the LSO School, to discuss the proposal to eliminate FLCs and carrier landings from the flight school curriculum.

9. Old Business

- BOD Openings - No new members were identified. We are still trying to share the Admin Officer duties since Kent's retirement. One challenging task is creating a group email list of ~250 members that can be readily useable and accessible. Fred, Kent, and Doug will continue this effort.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – no action was taken during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

10. New Business

- The BOD meeting will move to the 2nd Wednesday @1600 for the every-other-month schedule. These will be zoom meetings for the short term. The proposed agenda will be distributed NLT the 1st Wednesday of the scheduled month.
- We continue to have some zoom connection issues. CO will schedule practice sessions for those experiencing problems.
- Once the “donor wall” article is published, we will discuss a program to encourage current members to donate to this last chance opportunity.
- Two familiar persons, though not members, passed away recently. They are ADM Ron Hays, and former BOD member Sonya Meyers. Kent communicated this information while we are in a transition phase.
- The Pfizer COVID vaccine is available at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital to those 75 years and older.
- Fred suggested we target the May BOD meeting to be in person. This will facilitate the discussion for the need to develop a comprehensive Squadron Pass Down Log (PDL). See November's BOD minutes for more information.

11. CO comments – Despite COVID, we still have a lot of important challenges on the plate. Let's keep after them.

12. Next Meeting – March 10, 2021

13. Adjourned -1700