

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 14 July 2021

The BOD meeting was held on 14 July at the NAS Oceana O'Club. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: Fred Metz, John Allen, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Jim Dobberteen, Judy Ready, Charles Walker, and Rick Rudell. Chris Swanson was absent. HRANA members Bob Foster, Pete Koch, and Paul Stott also attended to participate in the meeting.

An impromptu meet and greet with the new PXO of the base, CAPT "Wang" Djunaedi, started off the meeting. Each member introduced themselves and Wang then discussed the current challenges and projects facing NAS Oceana. This was an excellent opportunity to reset our relationship with NAS Oceana leadership following the pandemic lockdown.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The May minutes were approved and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed a Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2021 before the meeting. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams provided and discussed an excel spread sheet of the 366 HRANA members. Each board member was asked to review the list in detail and note the names of those who are no longer members, including the deceased. Send Doug the names for deletion from the roster.
4. **Plans and Programs** – Judy Ready – Social events are cancelled for 2021 until further notice. It is possible that the Flight Suit social will be scheduled in the fall. A Christmas party is a stretch due to scheduling challenges at a late date.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell –An article was submitted to WOG for the Summer issue. The Wings of Gold deadline for the Fall issue is 15 September. The proposed article will cover the Oceana Airshow, with an article on the F-14 Tribute proposed for the Winter issue.
6. **Monument Report** – Fred Metz- The 2 storyboards are scheduled to be replaced on 7/15. Two of the statues were recently reconditioned and the city of Virginia Beach will be encouraged to take over the responsibility for this cleaning task. Lights continue to be a problem due to water intrusion. Jim Smith will soon determine board whitener requirements, e.g. the Intruder board, at the NAM. Some of the flags are also in need of replacement.

7. **Luncheons** – The BOD is targeting October 7 for the first hybrid program for having a presentation followed by happy hour at the Oceana O’Club. We will try to combine this with the monthly Tailhook (FCLP) meeting, to take place at the Oceana O’Club.

8. **Old Business**

- BOD Openings – There are 4 open positions on the board: Admin, Operations, PAO, and Website Administration. Please contact a board member if you are interested in one of these positions.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – a committee will soon be working on the proposed changes, along with the PDL initiative.
- “MailChimp” is now the primary squadron group email tool, with a current list of 288 members. Fred sent out the initial “HRANA News/Updates” email on July 8 to those on the group list. This email is from “HRANA Board”. This tool has a significant upside for improving communications within the squadron.
- Flame of Hope – The flame has been extinguished for the past 4 months as the result of a gas leak. We will continue to follow this issue as an advocate for a continuous flame. The storyboard is in bad condition and needs to be replaced.
- F-14 Tomcat Tribute/Monument - the formal dedication ceremony will be on Thursday, September 16.

9. **New Business**

- The NAS Oceana Airshow is scheduled for September 18 & 19. HRANA plans on having the Chalet open and operating normally. MWR is not catering at this year’s airshow, so HRANA is responsible for providing food and beverages for our chalet. The BOD will have a special meeting on July 28 @1600 at the Oceana O’Club to continue planning for the operation of the chalet.
- The summer performances of “Aviator and Afterburners” began July 2 and will continue through August 22. All members were asked to attend a show during the summer. Rick attended the show on July 11.

10. **Additional Items for September BOD Meeting**

- We will discuss possible participation regarding NROTC and NJROTC Units in the “local” area.
- We will discuss HRANA participation in future airwing homecomings and patching ceremonies. The Ike airwing flew in to Oceana on 7/13.

11. **CO comments** – Preparations for the airshow and our revised monthly program will keep us busy for the next few months.

12. **Next Meeting(s) – July 28 (Special) and September 8, 2021 (Regular), both @1600 at the NAS Oceana O’Club**

13. **Adjourned -1815**