

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

11 May 2022

The BOD meeting was held 11 May at the Oceana O'Club. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: John Allen, Bob Foster, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Jim Dobberteen, and Rick Rudell. Fred Metz and Tom Jillson were absent. Charles Walker was at the NHA Symposium setting up the ANA booth. Guests Harry Gerwien and Mike Maus (CNAL PAO) were also in attendance.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The March minutes were approved and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed the Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2022. The 2021 donation check from Learning Curve Entertainment (Derek Leonidoff's Company who performs the Aviation programs at the NAM Park during the summer) was received and deposited. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams discussed the excel spread sheet of the 350 HRANA members. Board members were asked to continue to review the list for accuracy. Send Doug the names for changes to the roster.
4. **Plans and Programs** – Rick Rudell – The BOD agreed to pursue a BBQ social at NAS Oceana O'Club for later in the summer. We need to investigate catering services and music. In addition, the NAS Oceana air show is officially scheduled for September 16-18, with the Blue Angels being the main performers. We will dust off the Chalet plan from the 2021 show that was cancelled last June.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell – The deadline for the WOG Summer issue is June 15. Rick submitted an article for the Spring issue about the Navy League's Aircraft Carrier Centennial Commemoration event held on March 20. Rick will submit an article for the Summer issue regarding HRANA's participation at the 2022 NHA Symposium.
6. **Monument Report** – Carroll Bains - Jim Smith will determine board whitener requirements, e.g. the Intruder board, at the NAM by early summer. The last Donor Wall still has plenty of room for more plaques. The camera is functioning very well after replacing the lightning damaged modem and router. Flags were reinstalled but were damaged during a recent storm. A contract to thoroughly clean the bronze statues is in the works. We need to start planning for the future of the park by establishing responsibility for park maintenance. We will arrange a meeting with Dennis Free and identify a sponsor from City Council.
7. **Luncheons** – The BOD is focusing on a new hybrid program to have a presentation followed by happy hour at the Oceana O'Club. The target date is

Wednesday, June 15 starting at 1500. Proposed speaker is CO or XO of NAS Oceana. Finger foods are a possibility, and the bar will be open @1500. "Air Wing of the Future" (AWOTF) and Bell Corporation regarding their new and futuristic rotary wing platforms are possible future topics.

8. Old Business

- **BOD Openings** – There are 5 open positions on the board: CO, Admin, Supply, PAO, and Website Administration. Please contact a board member and/or attend a BOD meeting if you are interested in one of these positions.
- **Proposed Organizational Changes** – a committee will be working on the proposed changes, along with the PDL initiative.
- **"MailChimp"** is the squadron group email tool with a current list of 288+ members. It is a major component of our squadron's ability to move forward from covid. It is our only means to inform members of upcoming plans and events, such as monthly meetings and social gatherings, and the passing of members. **We should distribute a periodic "howgozit" email to members.**
- **Flame of Hope** – The Virginia Beach Jaycees are leading the effort to upgrade the memorial park and to restore the flame to operating condition in cooperation with the Virginia Natural Gas Company. The Memorial Park is part of HRANA's legacy. We should **donate to the JC's Sept 16 fundraiser** ("BBQ 4 the Brave" from 4-9 pm) for the **gas line repairs (\$28K)**. The event is at the Farmhouse Brewery.
- **Intruder Reunion** was held in Norfolk April 20-24. Attendance was 600+, concluded by an outstanding banquet. Next reunion is spring of 2024.
- **The 2022 Oceana air show** is officially scheduled for Sept 16-18. We will strive to position our legendary Chalet on the flight line. The first air show committee meeting is on June 6 at the Oceana O'Club.

9. New Business

- **Harry Gerwien was unanimously approved as BOD Public Affairs Officer**, replacing Troy Snead who resigned from the board last year for health reasons. Congratulations, and thank you, Harry!
- **HRANA manned the ANA booth at the 2022 NHA Symposium** in Norfolk May 11-13. Six squadron members volunteered to assist. I presented four (4) 2022 ANA National awards. This was an excellent event.
- The board had initial discussions regarding potential activities with local **NROTC and NJROTC Units**. Rick will contact the PNSs (Professors of Naval Science) for the Carolina Consortium and ODU/Hampton/Norfolk State NROTC units to assess interest. The focus would be on a weekend program involving multiple ROTC units.
- BOD concluded that participation in **airwing fly-ins and VFA-106 patching ceremonies** would be on an individual rather than squadron basis.

- **May 30 Memorial Day Ceremony** and wreath laying @ noon at Tidewater Veterans Memorial 19th Street. Members are encouraged to attend. “Uniform” for the wreath laying is HRANA logoed white short-sleeved polo shirt and white hat. Pants/shorts will be an individual game time decision.
- **June 3** - CNAL previously scheduled a **Battle of Midway celebration** @ 1000 at the NAM Park. **CNAL has now cancelled the event.**

10. **CO Comments** –.We need to continue to push to reinstitute our monthly meetings and periodic social events. Let’s make it happen.

11. **Next Meeting – July 13, 2022 @1600, at the NAS Oceana O’Club**

12. **Adjourned** - 1730