

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

5 JANUARY 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1807 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Rob Wedertz, Maury Unger, Doug Williams, John Allen, and Jim Dobberteen. Absent board members included Troy Snead and Fred Metz. Committee members Chris Vatisdis and Rick Rudell were also present.
2. Secretary's Report: The December Board Minutes had been sent out via e-mail. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 31 December 2010. He also presented the 2011 budget, which is a working document. Adjustments can be made and allotments changed. New budget items can also be added with the approval of the board.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a current membership report. As of December 2010 the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 243 Life Members, 320 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 616 active members. His report also included a list of new members who have joined the squadron since 1 October 2010.

Doug will prepare a letter to be sent welcoming new members aboard.

5. Plans and Programs:
 - a. Kent presented a summary for the December Christmas Party...78 people attended.
 - b. Events for 2011 will be much the same as for 2010 but definite dates and venues will be determined later. Some events may be scheduled as part of other Naval Aviation Centennial events. Rob Wedertz has once again offered to host the Flight Suit Social at the LSO School.
 - c. Judy Ready is checking with the Military Aviation Museum regarding HRANA tables at the Valentines Hangar Dance. Information will be provided to members when available.
6. January Luncheon. The January luncheon will be held Wednesday 19 January at the Dam Neck Shifting Sands Fireside Room. The speaker will be LCOL. Marshall

“Wardog” Lefavor, USMC (Ret.), who will provide an overview of U.S. Pacific Command issues.

7. Bingo Report: HRANA participation in bingo will end January 31,2011.
8. PAO Report: Troy Snead was not present but had emailed that he had nothing to report.
9. Monument Report: Fred Metz was not present to provide a report.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation: Kent gave details on a program that will be presented at the monument during the summer beginning the second week in June and running six nights a week. The program will feature local area Naval Aviation events and be about 30 minutes long. This is being done in conjunction with the City of Virginia Beach events staff. A professional writer and playwright will prepare the program. Kent will act as official historian and provide data and other media material.

The squadron has received information from RADM. Pat McGrath, who serves as the Deputy to CNAF for directing Centennial of Naval Aviation celebrations. His email also included the schedule for upcoming events and will be posted on the HRANA web site.

Rob Wedertz suggested that HRANA produce a challenge coin with the CONA logo on one side and either the HRANA or ANA logo on the other side. The board liked the idea and will proceed with it. Chris Vaidis will contact headquarters and discuss which ANA logo to use. There is also the possibility that a commemorative plate might be issued.

The existing CONA newsletter is outdated and will be removed from the web site. So far we have been unable to determine if any such newsletter is still being distributed.

11. New Business:

- a. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament...The golf tournament will be held 22 April, a date when the maximum number of Oceana squadrons will be home and also a date well-distanced from other organizational tournaments. Plans are being examined to offer a cash prize to the winning squadron team.
- b. Naval Institute Joint Warfighting Conference 2011. The decision was made for HRANA not to have a booth at the conference. It was decided that the cost of renting booth equipment which is usually around \$400, was not

justified based on the small number of new members recruited. HRANA members are still encouraged to attend this event as “attendees” vice “exhibitors”. For more information see www.jointwarfighting.org. Lurch will notify the exhibit coordinator that HRANA does not intend to have a booth.

12. C.O./X.O. Comments: None

13. Hot Wash Up: Kent provided information on a new book that has just been released entitled “One Hundred Years of U.S. Navy Air Power”, edited by Douglas Smith.

14. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday February 2nd, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer’s Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1905.