

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 JULY 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1700 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Fred Metz, Maury Unger, Judy Ready, Troy Snead, Jim Dobberteen and Doug Williams. Board member Rob Wedertz was absent. Lee Pontes and Rick Rudell were also present.
2. Secretary's Report: The June Board Minutes had been sent out via email. 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 presented the HRANA Statement of Financial Position as of 30 June 2011. Squadron financial reports are available to members for viewing upon request.

Jim also presented a motion "To authorize the Disbursing Officer (Jim Dobberteen) to close the Monument accounts with RBC and open similar accounts with SunTrust Bank and to authorize the Supply Officer (Carroll Bains) to be included as signatory on the new SunTrust accounts." Motion was seconded and approved. The squadron will obtain bonding on account signatories.

Agenda item called for reimbursement for VFA-81 Fly-In. Funds had been reimbursed by the Chamber of Commerce before the meeting so the matter is closed.

4. Membership Report: Doug Williams presented the membership report current as of June 2011. As of June 2011, the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 212 Life Members, 308 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 592 active members. His report also included the names of all new members who joined during June.
5. Plans and Programs: Judy discussed the remaining 2011 events.
 - a. August Pig Picking – Thursday August 18th at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands club. Flyer will be out as soon as details are finalized..
 - b. September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet – 23 thru 25 September. Kent reported that some supporters have not responded yet and that they should be contacted to determine their intentions. Jim Joyner and John Allen agreed to make the contacts.

- c. November – Flight Suit Social – Date and venue to be determined. Kent is negotiating with the Military Aviation Museum Director for a free or reduced fee night for use of the museum for this event. There is also the possibility that the event will be moved to late October to accommodate the possible availability of a World War II speaker.
 - d. December – Christmas Party – Date and venue to be determined.
6. July Luncheon: No luncheon in July. Next luncheon will be Wednesday August 17th at the NAS Oceana Officer’s Club. Speaker TBA.
7. PAO Report: Troy Snead will get a local news release on the upcoming golf tournament. The announcement has already appeared in the “Jet Observer.” He will also provide news releases to “Wings of Gold” for the June luncheon with Captain Kennedy and for the “Naval Airpower Legacy” presentation.
8. Bingo Report: Squadron is still waiting on the final \$3,000 from bingo, which must be used for charity.
9. Monument Report: Fred is working with the city over liability matters and other issues. There are two plaques that need to be installed as well as one that has fallen and needs to be reattached. He will also be ordering new service flags and hopes to find a more durable version of the flags.
10. Old Business:
- a. Centennial of Naval Aviation - Fred gave the latest details on the “Naval Air Power Legacy” program that is being presented at the Aviation Monument during the summer. All preparations are complete and the show will open tomorrow night, Thursday July 7th. This event needs to be publicized. We need newspaper coverage and advertisement in the hotels and at the 24th Street Kiosk. Tour guides on the daily tours have been instructed to mention the nightly presentations to the tourists on the bus. A suggestion has been made to obtain post cards to hand out on the tours; this needs further research as how to handle it as the tour guides are usually pretty busy. AIRPAC wants a copy of the presentation for their archives. The city has promos at the following sites:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/VirginiaBeachTV>
<https://www.facebook.com/cityofVaBeach>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-gUNz-G6MA>
 - b. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament – Friday July 15th. There are still spots open. Go to www.HRANA.org for applications.
 - c. VA-85 Reunion – 22 thru 24 September, 2011 – Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Bob Moore at 806-787-1445 or email rmooore0418@hotmail.com.

Additional information is also available on www.NavyVets.com. Those attending the reunion will be allowed to visit the HRANA Air Show Chalet under the standard chalet rules.

- d. VA-36 Reunion – The Roadrunners will be holding their reunion during the same time period and are interested in visiting the chalet on Friday. The same chalet rules apply. More information will be put out on the reunion when received.
- e. NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Kent gave an update on the tours. 498 people have made the tour thru Friday July 1st. Question was asked if F-14 brick applications could be handed out by the tour guides. As with the Centennial presentation post cards, it gets to be too much for the tour guides to handle. Kent will get with Bruce Doyle and seek a better solution.
- f. Liability Insurance – The decision regarding the need for liability insurance will be delayed until after the meeting with the city concerning ownership and maintenance of the Monument to Naval Aviation.

11. New Business

- a. Squadron Homecomings – The hot topic of the meeting was whether to continue fly- in support and how to fund it. The squadron no longer has a source of income. The next homecoming is the USS Enterprise and CVW-1 on July 14th. The squadron will provide \$130 per squadron for juice, soda, water, beer and cake. The Chamber of Commerce will pay for the tables and chairs. We need volunteers to help with the enlisted sailors at the pier and the single sailors. The squadron will investigate the cost of purchasing tables and chairs to be used for these events. The current cost of renting from MWR is prohibitive. We will also have to find a place to store them when not in use. Jim Joyner will prepare a letter to all members seeking a one-time contribution to support these events.
- b. Meeting Time: Maury had raised the question of whether meetings could be permanently moved to 1700 vice 1800. This idea did not gain approval, but it was decided that every effort would be made to hold the meetings to one hour.

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

13. Hot Wash Up...Around the table for individual comments/issues:

- a. Kent reminded everyone about the Wings Over America Centennial of Naval Aviation baseball night at Harbor Park on Saturday July 9th.
- b. Kent reminded everyone that the Military Aviation Museum will have a

World War II PBY Catalina crewman speaking on Saturday, July 9th and that, weather permitting, the Catalina will perform a flight demonstration.

14. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday August 3rd, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1845