

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1 SEPTEMBER 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Administrative Officer, Kent Von Fecht at 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Maury Unger, Troy Snead, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams and Jim Dobberteen. Absent board members included Otto Stutz, Jim Joyner and Rob Wedertz. Chris Vatidis and Bobbi Lefavor were also in attendance.
2. Secretary's Report: The August 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 August 2010. He also provided a corrected July report.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams presented the current membership report. As of August 2010 the squadron shows 49 Charter Members, 244 Life Members, 300 Regular Annual Members, three Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, one Organization Membership and four Corporate Members for a total of 601 active members.
5. Plans and Programs: Proposed events for 2010 are as follows:
 - a. August...Pig Picking...Kent provided a summary of the Pig Picking. There were 86 people who had paid for the event and 82 actual attendees. We finished in the black which is the goal for each event.
 - b. September...NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet...17 thru19 September
 - c. November...Flight Suit Social...6 November at the LSO School.
 - d. December...Christmas Party... 10 December at the NAS Oceana "O" Club. Music will be by the Michael Durig Combo.
6. September Luncheon. The next luncheon will be Thursday, 23 September. The speaker will be Captain Roy J. Kelley, Commander Carrier Air Wing Seven, who will brief on their recent deployment onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISHENHOWER. The date was changed from the third Wednesday to the fourth Thursday due to the "O" Club being closed for Air Show preparation.
7. Bingo Report: Fred Metz reported by e-mail that attendance is still down but that the hope is for better attendance once school starts.

8. PAO Report: Leilani Pierce took pictures at the Pig Picking and will provide these to Troy for use in preparing a WINGS OF GOLD article. Troy also informed the board of the upcoming 28th Annual Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Golf Tournament on October 6, 2010 at the Heron Ridge Golf Course on Seaboard Road in Virginia Beach. Kent will put out an e-mail informing HRANA members of this event.
9. Monument Report: Fred Metz reported by e-mail that two plaques are still missing and all others have been replaced. He also reported that new flags will be hoisted in a couple of weeks and that the new flags last longer than those previously used.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation: Fred Metz reported by e-mail that COMNAVAIRLANT is still in the fund raising mode and that the first event, ELY, is scheduled for November. Kent informed the board of the upcoming Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation's Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation November 11-14. Events will include a Veteran's Day Golf Tournament, Movie Night at Nauticus, a Virtual Race Around the World and a Run the Runway 7 mile race. Information will be provided to HRANA members via e-mail and the web site.
 - b. Squadron By-Laws: By-Laws have been sent out via -email to HRANA members for review and comment. All comments received have been incorporated into the By-Laws, and as scheduled, the board voted on approval of the document. All seven board members present voted for approval. An open membership vote will be held at the luncheon on September 23rd. An e-mail will be sent out reminding members of this opportunity.
 - c. 2010 NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours: Kent gave a report on the first eleven weeks of the bus tours. Ridership is good in spite of the hot weather and very limited flight operations. Ridership on the tours is running about 100 less than at this time last year. There will be an end-of-the-season Tour Guide Debrief at the "O" Club on Wednesday, 8 September at 1600. The NAS Oceana C.O., X.O. and PAO have all been invited as well as the Military Aviation Museum Director, and all have indicated that they will attend. A special thanks and well done goes out to tour guides Carlton Lavinder, Mort White, Ted Been, Paul Hollandsworth, Ken Stafford, George Matt, Carroll Bains, Rick Rudell, George Schmidt and Kent Von Fecht, who was the coordinator for this year's tours. Also thanks to Milt Beach who assisted Holly on some of his tours.
 - d. Flame of Hope Sign...A dedication of the new sign will be held on Friday, 17 September at 0900. HRANA needs to provide a list to the PAO of those we want invited.

- e. Squadron Homecomings: The homecomings are not an HRANA event, but we are glad to assist in the planning and execution. Fred Metz will meet with the Strike Fighter Wing Commodore to determine how we can help.
- f. Air show Chalet: Bobbi Lefavor provided an update on the chalet. Catering contracts have been signed and paid for, and everything is on track. Rules for admittance to the chalet were discussed. One major change this year is that no industry banners will be allowed to be displayed. Bobbi said that she has most of her work force lined up but can still use volunteers to work a short shift on the check-in table.

11. New Business:

- a. Election of Officers: We need nominations for the election which will take place in October. Incumbents are automatically nominated unless they specifically ask to be removed from the ballot. Voting will be done via email.

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

13. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday, 6 October, 2010, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1910.