

MOAA Charlotte Metrolina Chapter (NC04)

Board Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Red Rocks Café by President Ellinger.

Officers present: President Harley Ellinger, 1st VP/Acting Secretary Ron Morgan, 2nd VP Carol Aljets, 3rd VP Gloria Scienski, Treasurer Ron Wilsbach, board members Larry Stawicki, Gary Aljets and Martha Ellinger.

Board meeting minutes from January 8, 2014 were discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Wilsbach reported a treasury/checkbook balance of \$ 5,120.97 which includes a scholarship ledger balance of \$ 1,332.15. Regarding the Auto Bell Car Wash fund raiser: After the initial expense for the 100 tickets, we have now had enough sales to be “profitable”.

1st VP Report: For the March 16th meeting with MOAA National Board of Director member, Col Richard Erickson, USAF (Ret) as the speaker, the Chapter needs to provide National MOAA (Council and Chapter Affairs), we want and need to maximize attendance of chapter members. Sections of the roster were assigned to board members who will call members to get their commitment to attend and register reservations with Ron. All pertinent information was subsequently sent to all. On Saturday, March 15th, chapter officers will meet with Col Erickson at his hotel at 6:00 PM for a meeting to be followed by dinner.

Future programs were announced: April 6th, Paul Passaro with Concerned Veterans for America and May 18th, Dr. Jim Hogue with the History Department at UNCC and a West Point Grad.

It was discussed and decided that in order to increase the number annual membership renewals and speed up payment of annual dues that each December 1st, the Secretary would mail invoices for the following year to each member.

For future meetings/programs, we will attempt to place newspaper articles in select regional publications (those without cost as in “Coming Events” sections, etc.

2nd VP Report (Membership): Carol Aljets discussed that new calling sheets will be developed from the national member listings provided by the national office. Groups of 10 or so names will be assigned to each volunteer, who will email and or call each person with a chapter recruiting message. All individuals contacted and expressing interest in joining the chapter will be sent a newsletter for several months. It was reported by Carol and Larry Stawicki that JROTC medals are on back order and due to be sent to the chapter within 3 weeks. There will be a 20 March

letter sent to each of our assigned schools (32) in the area and distribution of medals and certificates will begin.

3rd VP Report (Legislative Affairs) – Gloria Scienski reported on proposed reductions in the DOD budget effecting active duty forces as well as retirement benefits, etc. Also discussed recent congressional initiatives regarding the reduction of DOD personnel costs. Gloria is handling the process of the Chapter applying for National awards. Some of her initial efforts have been on obtaining the Leadership Award for Greg Ainsle and an award for Huberta Barrett. Huberta's award will be presented in either April or May.

Newsletter: Submission deadline for the April newsletter is 3/21/2014. Publication date is planned for 3/28/2014. We continue to look for bios of members that can be featured each month.

Old Business:

- Another scholarship fund raiser at California Pizza Kitchen will be scheduled for April 24th and April 30th. 20% of guest checks for those with flyers or announcing themselves as there for MOAA will be provided to the fund.
- Scholarship Fund raiser at Auto Bell Car Wash – We still have 35 tickets to be distributed and sold. When all 100 tickets are sold we will realize \$ 734 plus for the fund. We want all tickets to be sold by May 2014.
- Work and coordination on the Chapter Facebook, website and e-newsletter continues. Ron Wilsbach will be meeting with Doug Ehrhardt shortly to discuss website development.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Gloria reported, with expert legal advice, that the Scholarship fund can function under the Chapter's 501(c) 3 designation with amended bylaws. Work will proceed on developing scholarship fund procedures and rules. Inquiries will be made to other NC MOAA Chapters with scholarship fund programs (Cape Fear and Sandhills). After these are ready for publication, donations from members and potential corporate sponsors will be sought. It is thought that to be self-funding, we need at least \$ 5,000 in the fund.

New Business:

- In order to increase chapter meeting attendance, efforts will be made to advertise the chapter meetings in local/regional publications. Ron Morgan has this for action using a list provided by Kathleen Wilsbach.
- Secretary for 2014 – Ron Morgan and Ron Wilsbach have discussed combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions into one. This discussion will continue and Ron Morgan will continue to perform Secretary duties through May 2014
- A push will continue for the next several newsletters and at meetings for all to pay dues for 2014. After May, some drops from the chapter roles will be made for those not paying

beyond 2011. It was discussed and debated that we should continue to carry surviving spouses

- The number of members receiving hard copy newsletters, currently 36, via USPS was discussed and will be studied to resolve excessive copying and postal expense currently at \$ 1.60 per mailing.
- The potential for a summer meeting, held with the Pines at Davidson chapter, was approved and will be explored by Harley.

Announcements:

- For the NC Council of Chapters meeting in Durham, May 16/17, so far, the Ellinger's, Aljets and Morgan's are attending.
- Next chapter meeting is March 16, 2014
- Harley urged support for the Rotary Club Breakfast on March 15th at Red Rocks Café (7:30 – 10:00 AM). Price is \$ 10 per person.
- Announced that a ground breaking ceremony for the new VA Health Center off of Billy Graham Parkway is scheduled for March 28th at 2:00 PM.
- Next Board meeting is April 30, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Morgan, 1st VP and Acting Secretary