

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA

Board of Directors Minutes

January 9, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter (CMC) Board of Directors began via Zoom at 4:00 PM on January 9, 2024. President Joe Anderson, President-elect Nelson English, Surviving Spouse Liaison-elect Emily McClain and the following officers were online: Ron Morgan, Tony Castle, Jay Garbus, Eric Kelly, and Susan Bryant.

A. Chapter Officer Reports

1. President's Report – Joe Anderson. President Anderson opened the meeting by again welcoming newcomers Nelson English and Emily McClain, who were elected in November as the new CMC President and Surviving Spouse Liaison, respectively. They will be inducted at the next Chapter Meeting on January 21. He also mentioned that Red Rocks Café will host CMC meetings through 2024.

2. Secretary's Report – Eric Kelly. Final draft minutes for the December BOD meeting were unanimously approved as amended. Also, Secretary Kelly will submit a new Chapter Officer Report to the NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) and National MOAA after induction of new officers this month. Finally, discussion continued about the need for BOD approval of (1) National MOAA-recommended changes to the CMC Bylaws, and (2) MOAA CMC Bylaws Addendum #4 for the ROTC/JROTC Scholarship Committee. The BOD considered both for approval and decided more time was needed due to uncertainty about the Lake Norman Satellite's status, which could generate further changes to the Bylaws main body and Addendum #1 that addresses satellite operations. Key members will resolve this issue, remove Addendum #1 if necessary, and incorporate (1) and (2) above before the next BOD meeting. The goal is for Secretary Kelly to present a completed set of draft Bylaws and addenda for approval at the February BOD and Chapter Meeting, where a two-thirds majority is required. (Note: on January 10 President Anderson forwarded email confirmation from National MOAA (CAPT Erin Stone – Ret, USN) of the dissolution of the Lake Norman Satellite, effective January 12, 2023. Furthermore, the February 9, 2023 minutes of the NCCOC stated the Lake Norman Satellite was inactive and would be disbanded.)

3. Treasurer's Report – Susan Bryant. Today the General Fund has a balance of \$7,138.70 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$29,286.76. Year-end closing balances for 2023 were \$9,962.77 for the General Fund and \$27,228.64 for the Scholarship Fund. Treasurer Bryant also provided a copy of the proposed 2024 budget which the BOD will consider in February.

4. Programs – Joe Anderson. Guest speaker for the January 21 CMC general meeting will be Union County Veterans Services Officer Michelle Marcano, who recently provided her bio. For February, incoming Surviving Spouse Liaison Emily McClain volunteered to speak about general issues affecting surviving spouses and her advocacy visit to the U.S. Capitol last fall.

5. Membership - Ron Morgan. VP Morgan stated that dues payments are going well for 2024 and he will implement new initiatives for the first half of the year.

6. Legislative Affairs - Tony Castle. VP Castle represented MOAA at a meeting of the Charlotte Veterans Engagement Board. He mentioned there is little state legislation for veterans, except regarding spouse employment. At the federal level, the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act included a 5.2% pay raise for military personnel and added 3.2% for additional procurement and investment. The Major Richard Star Act, which would provide disability compensation and retired pay to combat-disabled retirees with less than 20 years of service, continues to enjoy bipartisan support but lacks funding. Health care access for retirees, improvements to barracks, and preservation of Tricare for Life are still MOAA legislative priorities. Members are urged to log in to the Legislative Action Center and send prepared letters to members of Congress on these issues.

7. Surviving Spouse Liaison – Absent.

C. Announcements – NCCOC President Jay Garbus, a CMC member, announced that he was recently elected to another term.

D. Old Business

1. Develop strategies to continue our focus on goals from the 50th Anniversary Dinner. (OPEN)
 - a. Market the MOAA brand as we celebrate the CMC legacy and accomplishments. Eric Kelly encouraged members to order MOAA merchandise at the September 2023 Chapter Meeting and composed a short article on the subject for the October 2023 newsletter.
 - b. Recruit new chapter members.
 - c. Develop/strengthen veteran group partnerships in Charlotte area.
2. BOD will discuss ways to expand on the Golf Tournament Leadership Group. (OPEN)
3. Board members discussed the possibility of moving the CMC general

meeting date/time from Sunday afternoon to a weeknight in an effort to attract younger members. One concern is some existing members' reluctance to drive at night. Members agreed to continue this discussion with the new CMC administration. (OPEN)

E. New Business – None.

F. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.