

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

Secretary Minutes Board Meeting 18 August 2021

Location: Perkins Restaurant Clearwater, FL – 1000 HRS

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – President Jeff Doll called the meeting to order at 10am

Attendance – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Jim Souders, Pat Hughes, Bob Behm, Sandy Behm

Previous Month Secretary Minutes – July minutes were prepared by Sandy Behm. There was a motion made by Jane Belson to approve the July minutes as written and seconded by Jim Souders. It was approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Belson reported the Treasurers report, there was \$13,423.59 in the **Charitable Account** and \$12,988.42 in the **Checking Account** for a **Total** of \$26,412.01. Jane sent a letter to K9 Partners with the \$2,250 check. She received an acknowledgement from K9 Partners and read it to the board. She also received a check from Col. Bruce Elliot for \$20.00 and \$50.00 from the second quarter incentive. A motion was made by Dave Apt and seconded by Bob Behm to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and was approved by the Board.

Programs Report - Steve is supposed to provide a Bio for the speaker for Homeland Security in the month of September, he is still working on that.

Drumbeat Report - Jim said that he sent out an email to all of us for some input, he said that it is impossible to do it alone. Jeff said that there isn't much going on right now because of the situation that we are in.

Membership Report – Rob Risberg reported that there were no changes to our numbers for this month. Total Voting Members of 103, Regular Members = 59, Surviving Spouse Members = 13, Spouse Members 31. We added Bruce Elliott as a regular member, but sadly lost Bill Horne. Bruce Elliott is added to the MOAA National database for our chapter and to the FCoC listing for our chapter, and to the MailChimp mass email listing. Rob notified MOAA National and the FCoC about Bill Horne's death, and sent out an email blast to the chapter membership with the news.

Web Report – Rob Risberg said he has nothing significant to report

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob Behm said that nothing big came out of the meeting, we just had a social event the other day, they do a regular meeting than they do a social meeting. Bob did bring up to them about having to wear mask in the VA or on the base. At the VA most of their people will have had their shots. Bob will send a card to Bill's wife and tell her about Surviving Spouse

Members in Distress Report – Bob Mention that he will send a card to Bill Horne's wife.

ROTC Scholarship – No Report

Legislative Liaison – Dave said that Congress is on recess until after Labor Day. Nothing else is going on. K9 Partners received the check and they started moving out. The money that was provided was enough to purchase six benches for the outside park.

Old Business

Form 990-N or 990-PF Steve gave Bob a number for a lady to contact. She is a financial advisor, and she will help us with this.

Community Grant Application with K9P4P (Received Money)

November Board Meeting Location- We can do it at the club in the lounge on the second Wednesday, Jane suggests that we do it at 9:00am instead of 10:00am so we don't interfere with the golfers. Jeff asked Jane to contact Rebecca to confirm that with her.

Ad Newsletter - Jeff did contact the President of the company for the shirts and recommended that they put an ad in our newsletter and gave him the price breakdown. The company never got back to him.

Fund Raising Discussion (Grants) We need to put together a listing of companies that we would like to seek a grant from in order for us to get the grants going early so that we can generate funds for the golf tournament for next year.

Any Other old Business? Jane asked about Pal Joey, they have not paid in a while for advertisement in the Drumbeat, so the board recommended that Jim pull the ad.

New Business

Pearl Harbor Event planning- We need to pick out a menu and we need to find out from Rebecca the number of people we can have. We need to have Noreen do baskets but only a few and the baskets can be no more than \$20.00.

Jeff received a message from Dave Mason and he suggested that we cancel the September luncheon because of the surge in Covid cases. Jim Souders made a motion to cancel the September luncheon, Jane seconded, all approved, one opposed. Jeff will get with Rob to send out a blast on this. We will have to see how things progress in the future. We will still meet in person for our board meetings for now.

Jeff will check with Steve to see if he can get the September speaker to do our February luncheon. He will let Jim know if this happens.

Jeff will need to think of who will be his Vice President. He has someone in mind.

Jim said that the sound system is awful at the luncheons, Jim suggested to buy a speaker system. Jane will also check with Rebecca at the club to see if there is anything we can do for the sound. It was also suggested that we just get speakers for the back that could connect to their system. Jim will get more information on this and will bring this up again at the next meeting.

Any other New Business? None

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded, all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11am.

Upcoming Speakers:

September – Homeland Security TBD (No confirmation yet)

October – Deanna Bennett (We do have confirmation)

November – Congressman Bilirakis (No confirmation yet)

December – Gary Williams (Still scheduled)

January – Linda Moore (We do have confirmation)