

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

MOAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Dec 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10am at the Clearwater Country Club by President Jeff Dole. Those present stood, faced the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Bob Behm, Sandy Behm, Jane Belson, Pat Hughes, Rob Risberg, Jim Souders, Steve Hodges, Gary Williams, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Aaron Middleton.

Previous Month Secretary Minutes: The November minutes were prepared by Jane Belson; The board did not have a chance to read the minutes prior to this meeting. Jeff recommended that we suspend them and read the November and December minutes and make any change as necessary and approve them at that point. Rob Risberg made a motion to suspend an approval for the minutes, Dave Apt seconded the motion, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Belson presented the Treasurer's report. Checking Account \$13,373.96 Charitable Account \$13,818.59 for a total of \$27,192.55. A check in the amount of \$100.00 was written to Clearwater JROTC on 12/7/21. A deposit of \$52.00 was made on 12/8/21 in the Charitable Account. In the checking a deposit was made for \$40.00 for Benny Blackshire's missed meal. A deposit in the amount of \$863.00 for the chapter's share of the 50/50, \$35.00 dues for 2022 for Bob and Dara Flanagan were made on 12/8/21. A check was written to Clearwater Country Club in the amount of \$765.78 for the 12/7/21 luncheon. Jane wrote a check for the liability insurance company in the amount of \$340.30. A motion was made by Rob Risberg to accept the interim Treasurer report and seconded by Steve Hodges to accept it as submitted and was approved by the Board.

Membership Report: Rob Risberg reported that there were no changes, there are 105 total members and there are 60 regular members, 13 surviving spouse members and 33 spouse members.

Gary Williams recruited two new members. John Herring and Ray Harrison. Because Ray never served, he can only come in as an honorary member and will only pay dues to MOAA Clearwater. Bob Behm made a motion to have Ray come in MOAA as honorary dues member. Dave Apt seconded motion and all approved.

Programs Report: See Below (Upcoming Speakers)

Drumbeat Report: Jim is moving on and no longer can be the drumbeat editor.

Web Report: Rob Risberg stated there was nothing new to report.

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report: Nothing new to report

Members in Distress Report: Bob sent a card to Wilma Radford wishing her a speedy recovery on her recent illness. Bob sent a sympathy card to Shirley Apt on the loss of her mother. He also sent a card to Meredith Slaven for the loss of her husband. Jane asked to send a card to Shelia Medeiros, she is in the same facility as Norm.

ROTC Scholarship: Jeff said that as a part of their leadership development program that it should be a requirement to be part of the JROTC Scholarship program for MOAA, that all of the seniors have to submit an application for Scholarship to the MOAA, then the senior instructor narrows it down to 3 and then we interview them.

Steve spoke with Sgt. Major Finaren about the cadets. Jane gave a check to Steve for \$100.00 for the Clearwater HS for their participation in the Pearl Harbor event.

Legislative Liaison: Dave gave us dates to go to the K9 Partners for photos, they are: Monday December 20th, Tuesday January 4th, Thursday January 6th, and Wednesday January 12th. It is in Springhill and classes start at 10:00. Jeff will get back to Dave on a date that is good, Jeff will let us all know so we can make plans to go.

Old Business: Bob did go to the IRS and got a run around again; he spoke with Ms. Thompson and she couldn't help him and didn't know why he was sent to her. She suggested to do the 990 N form, she gave him the forms to fill out. Steve is going to fill out the forms. Jeff and Steve will take care of it. Jeff suggested that we should contact Congressman Bilirakis, Dave said he would talk to his staff, Bob will send all material to Dave.

Any Other old Business?

New Business:

Steve distributed flyers for the golf tournament and a letter to start soliciting for donations. We also need to give receipts to donors.

Jane recommended that we give 20% tip for our luncheons, Pat Hughes made a motion to give 20% to the waitress for our luncheons. Jim Souders seconded and all approved.

Pat and Jane recommended that we give Maria our waitress at Clearwater Country Club a \$75.00 bonus. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Rob Risberg. All approved.

Jeff recommends Aaron Middleton to be the drumbeat editor. A motion was made by Jim Souders to have Aaron Middleton be our new editor, Jane seconded the motion and all approved. Aaron Middleton is our new drumbeat editor. If needed we will buy the software for Aaron.

Upcoming events: Mercer Insurance annual renewal, Jane paid the bill. / January Communication award is due February 1st; Jeff will take care of it. / MOAA Foundation Community Grant, February 20th / Storming the Hill, March / LOE Awards, May

Guy Roberts expressed interest on being on the board, if we brought Guy on, we could put him as 2nd Vice President and he would move to 1st Vice President when Gary Williams becomes President.

Any other New Business?

Sandy Behm stated that this coming year will be her last as being Secretary, will stay to the end of Jeff's term.

Trifold Brochure: If we can get an electronic form and get some copies and see if we want it as a board.

Chapter Polo Shirts: Jeff had a MOAA Clearwater polo shirt on and he is going to bring it to the membership at the luncheon to determine if the members want them.

Can I have Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:28am. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Steve Hodges, all approved.

Upcoming Speakers:

January-Linda Moore (need Bio and confirmation)

February-Congressman Bilirakis

March-TBD MOAA National

Jane's Son-in-Law Brett would be willing to speak at one of our luncheons, Jeff said the dates could be March, April or May. Jane will check with him and Jeff will need a Bio from him.