

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

Secretary Minutes: Board Meeting 16 February 2022

Location: Jane Belson's House, Clearwater, FL

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 10:50am

Attendance – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Rob Risberg, Pat Hughes, Gary Williams, Bob Behm, Sandy Behm

Previous Month Secretary Minutes – January Minutes prepared by Sandy Behm. Pat Hughes wanted a change in the minutes to read that Ginny Andre was a Life Member and a Surviving Spouse Member in the Members and Distress Report. There was a motion made by Rob Risberg to approve the minutes as written with changes and seconded by Bob Behm. It was approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Belson reported the Treasurers report, there was \$13,818.59 in the **Charitable Account** and \$13,945.78 in the **Checking Account** for a **Total** of \$27,764.37. Per Jeff we got a \$300.00 grant and \$30.00 for end of year bonus. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Rob Risberg to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and was approved by the Board.

Drumbeat Report – Jeff Doll said that it isn't getting done in a timely manner, but Aaron is doing it and it is published. Pat said that Jane is having a problem with people emailing to her private email for reservations, Pat suggests that something go into the Drumbeat and the blast that Rob sends out, something to the effect of no reservations being sent to Jane's private email. Rob said he will just take that off there. Bob asked if we put an ad in for the Insurance company in the drumbeat, Jeff said yes, he did. Bob replied that now we need to let the insurance company know so we can get our money from them.

Membership Report – Rob Risberg reported that there were a Total Voting Members of 105, regular Members = 59, Surviving Spouse Members = 14, Spouse Members = 32, the changes are that we lost Virginia Andre and Joe Vitale, we added Raymond and Katherine Harrison and Tom Tag. Current 2022 paid dues = 45, 42% of the total so far. Rob did put a reminder in the luncheon email to pay dues at the luncheon, and it was in the drumbeat also. An updated roster was sent. The Harrisons and Tag are not MOAA members, they are chapter members only.

Web Report – Rob Risberg said there was nothing new to report. Rob said he will check out the reservation system.

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob Behm reported that at his last Surviving Spouse Zoom Meeting that many of the Surviving Spouse leaders were looking for help putting a presentation together to assist them for their chapters. Dr. Vivian Wersel and Bob took on the task and have put a Presentation together. Col Monti Zimmerman emailed the Surviving Spouse Members an update about the Virginia General Assembly. He noted that he felt JLC #2 HB 957 (spouses of those that died while on active-duty property tax exemption) had the best chance of passing. The issue of Military Retirement also came up of the 3 retirement bills presented he felt that HB 1128 was the most robust and had the best chance of passing.

Programs Report – NSTR

Members in Distress Report – Bob Behm sent out a card and letter offering the chapters condolence to Jane Belson and Pat Vitale.

ROTC Scholarship – Steve was absent

Legislative Liaison – Dave Apt said that Congressman Gus Bilirakis's whole focus now is on the toxic exposure bills that are working their way through, not only on the federal side but on the state side too. Also, at the luncheon not only Congressman Bilirakis going to be there but we also have a visitor from MOAA National coming. Jeff said he postponed the National MOAA visit to March.

Old Business

Form 990-N or 990-PF Pending IRS determination: Jeff Doll said that he sent a letter to the IRS and hasn't heard anything back yet. Steve Hodges said he is working on the tax form.

Polo Shirts: Gary Williams said that he received 15 orders from the last meeting, he put it in the Drumbeat to order. You can go on Vistaprint.com to see what sizes and colors are available. They are 100% cotton and the cost is \$28.00 per shirt.

Tri-Fold Brochure: No status yet per Jeff.

MOWW Invite to February Luncheon other than our normal MOWW members no one else showed up.

Any Other old Business?

New Business

Update Website with new Florida VA handbook: Jeff said it is online and Rob said he will take care of it.

Community Outreach Grant FY 2022: Dave Apt said that we need to be looking for another opportunity, there has been changes with Dave's status with K9 Partners, as a result of that we can no longer use them as a grant recipient for MOAA National dollars. We have completed this year; we have documentation on everything we did in support from the chapter. We would have needed a direct tie to that organization, with Dave stepping down we no longer have that direct tie. We need to look at another nonprofit. Bob suggested the Outsource for the veterans. Dave said another option is when Bilirakis does his resource fairs if we go back to the process of promoting MOAA, he said to look at the other opportunities with those nonprofits there to see if their synergies that we can build upon with those.

Any other New Business.

WCA VP to attend Feb/Mar Luncheons: Already spoke about this earlier.

Jane Belson and Pat Hughes will set up a meeting with Rebecca from the Clearwater Country Club to set up a menu. They wanted to see if the board had any input on the last luncheons of the year, we all agreed on Corned Beef for March, Spaghetti and Meatballs for April and Taco salad bowl for May. Also thinking about a buffet with just hamburgers and hot dogs. but not sure if they are having buffets yet. Jane and Pat will check, if they aren't doing buffets yet maybe we can have it in September.

Jane Belson is going to ask Rebecca if we can go back to the Clearwater Country Club for our board meetings. A motion was made by Bob Behm to go back to the Country Club if approved by Rebecca and was seconded by Rob Risberg. All approved.

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Rob Risberg to adjourn the meeting, all approved.

Upcoming Speakers:

February- Congressman Gus Bilirakis

March – Frank J. Michael USN (Ret) Program Director – Council and Chapter Affairs

April – TBD / Guy Roberts