

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

Secretary Board Meeting Minutes 21 September 2022

Location: Perkins Restaurant, Clearwater, FL – 1000 HRS

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

Attendance – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Gary Williams, Bob Behm, Jim Souders.

Previous Month Secretary Minutes – Jeff asked if everyone had a chance to review the July Minutes prepared by Sandy Behm. A motion was made by Jim Souders and seconded by Bob Behm to accept the minutes as written; all approved. The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Belson gave the Treasurers report. She stated that there was a total of \$14,005.20 in the Checking Account, \$11,931.59 in the Charitable Account for a Total of \$25,936.79. Jane reported that there were 2- \$20.00 deposits for dues, Stan Beach and Stephen Udovich and 1- \$35.00 for Will and Alicia Miller in the Checking Account. She also reported that there was one outstanding check for \$500 for the IRS. Jane also reported she deposited \$900 into the Charitable Account from the JROTC into the Golf Tournament. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Dave Apt to accept the Treasurer's report; all approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted a submitted.

Drumbeat Report – Jim reported that the Drumbeat is a work in progress that he was waiting for the Presidents message and some pictures from the luncheon.

Membership Report – Rob reported:

- Total Voting Members = 79, loss of 30
- Regular Members = 45, loss of 16
- Surviving Spouse Members = 10, loss of 4
- Spouse Members = 24, loss of 10
- Gains = none
- Losses = 30 members moved to inactive roster due to failure to pay dues for 2022.
- We have one potential new member, Bruce Hadburg, who applied via the website and should attend the September luncheon. Hopefully, he pays dues at that luncheon and officially joins.
- Rob provided an updated roster!

Dues Report

- Paid = 76
- Unpaid = 3 (Andrew Rodnite, Colleen Trout, Pat Vitale) Jane reported that she believes that Andrew Rodnite has paid his dues, and will let Rob know.
- Paid percentage = 96%
- Rob provided an updated roster!

Web Report – Rob reported that there was nothing significant to report!

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob reported that he attended the surviving Spouse zoom meeting on 9/20/22. We now have 203 members and 50 that attended the zoom meeting. It was reported that the Offset for DIC will end in the paycheck for Feb 1, 2023. If you are receiving DIC for your Spouses Agent Orange and they were not getting anything for Hypertension you can now apply for it if they suffered from it. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral Ann Duff, the VA Survival Assistance and Assistance Director. She stated that if you are already receiving DIC or a Survivor Pension that you can apply for Aid and Assistance. She took and answered many questions from the spouses. She was very informative and proactive. Just a reminder that Gold Star Mothers appreciation day is Sunday Sept 25th.

Programs Report – Sept Speaker – Anthea Onufrak, VP Ops. for the American Victory Ship Museum. October – Vinny Luisi the Director of the Dunedin History Museum.

Members in Distress Report – Bob sent a get-well card to Pat Hughes! Talked to Dave Mason he is doing better and hopefully will be at our next Luncheon.

ROTC Scholarship – Steve was not present – No report.

Legislative Liaison – Dave reported that the Veterans group at Congressman's Gus Bilirakis office discussed and concurred with the MOAA Legislative priorities. Dave also said that the team discussed the Pact Act for a while and that Camp Lejeune will be added to it and Dave suggested adding Ft McClellan back in also. He also stated that the Congressman's office stated the Richard Starr Act now has 310 sponsors on board and they are just waiting for Speaker Pelosi to bring it to a house vote. Dave also reported that the Congressman wants to keep the Legislative team together.

Old Business

Form 990-N or 990-PF tax filing 2021 confirmation – The IRS has sent the 2020 Tax Form back for further information so chances are that the 2021 form will come back also. Jeff Dole will work with Steve Hodges on resubmitting it.

November Luncheon Date – A motion was made by Gary Williams and seconded by Bob Behm to change the November luncheon to 30 Nov 22. All Approved and the motion passed!

Any Other old Business?

New Business

LOE Round Table Changes for 2022 – Jeff announced that MOAA National will conduct a zoom meeting on the new changes for the Level of Excellence Award. Jeff stated that everyone was invited to watch the zoom meeting. Jeff stated that he will be watching it, one of the changes will be that there are now 3 levels of the award.

Door Prize Sep/Oct – There will be no 50/50 at the next luncheon. Instead, there will be a bottle of wine and a gift certificate raffled off.

Crisis Relief Fund – MOAA National has announced a program for Veterans that are impacted by Natural Disasters. If someone in the chapter can prove that they were affected they must prove their service with a DD-214 and fill out a form with the losses. This is very similar to the Covid Relief fund that MOAA had before.

Any other New Business?

The IRS sent a canceled check for \$500 and the form that was filled out to change our status from private to public. They said they needed more information. Jeff Dole said he will research it further.

Jeff stated that he will have to appoint a nominating committee for the upcoming election. The following positions will be opened:

1st VP

Secretary

Editor of Drumbeat

Jeff will check to see if Skip Hartnett will conduct the installation ceremony in January.

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? Jeff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Dave Apt. All Approved and the motion passed, The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Upcoming Speakers: September Key Note: Anthea Onufrak, VP Ops. for the American Victory Ship Museum.

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