

**New River Chapter MOAA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**16 March 2010**

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1825 hours on 16 March 2010 at the Coffee Shop on the Backstreet in West Jefferson.

**Members Present:** Doug Ehrhardt, President; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Porter Hicks, Legislative Committee Chair.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Chapter Budget/Dues Report:** Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that 23 of 37 members have paid their \$20.00 2009/2010 annual dues. Our current cash balance on-hand is \$1,146.85. The issue of outstanding dues was discussed and a determination was made that after publication/distribution of the April newsletter and April membership meeting, personal contact will be made with the outstanding members. Ken will also follow-up with the IRS to see about our non-profit determination.

**Committee Reports:** Porter Hicks gave a quick rundown on legislative actions with respect to healthcare and provided the following website so that members can get a good understanding of the proposed legislation currently being debated: <http://www.nahu.org/>. It's hoped we can get an outside speaker for the April program to address the topic of healthcare. The Personal Affairs and Programs and Membership Chairs were unable to attend.

**Annual Communication Award:** Doug will check with MOAA National on the status of our website's submission as an award nominee.

**Newsletter Naming Contest:** The vote tallies are in and the name will be announced with the release of the inaugural April edition. Look for it when the April meeting reminder comes out.

**Chapter Flags:** 1st Vice President Charles Knapp was able to purchase flags for the Chapter while visiting MacDill AFB, Florida. Charles got an impressive deal that includes the service, state and U.S. flags. At the next membership meeting we will discuss the membership's desired method of paying for the flags. Lee Eldreth is currently making a flag stand.

**Ashe County High School JROTC Support:** A brief discussion ensued on the best approach to make contact with the leadership of the school and the JROTC detachment later this year.

**Fundraising:** Doug relayed information received from Charles on the status of the lithograph fundraising initiative. More details will be discussed at the April membership meeting. The April meeting will also see the introduction of the 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner of the raffle will take 50 percent of the proceeds and the other 50 percent will go to the Chapter.

**New Business:**

**Officer/Director Newsletter Submissions:** It was reiterated that submissions for the newsletter need to be made by the specified deadline so that the editor has time to build and publish each edition. Submissions from the membership and service-specific writers are highly encouraged as well.

**Program Planning for the April Membership Meeting:** Should the plans for an outside speaker not work out, Porter Hicks has volunteered to give an update on the proposed healthcare legislation.

**MOAA Chapter “Levels of Excellence” Award Program:** Doug went over the requirements to obtain 4- and 5-star chapter recognition by MOAA National. It was agreed that throughout this year, the New River Chapter should work towards meeting the requirements so that we can submit our Chapter for 5-star recognition next year.

**Other Business:**

**The Affiliate:** Ken brought up the fact that we need to submit the names of the committee chairs and future at-large directors to MOAA National so they can begin receiving national’s *Affiliate* newsletter. Doug will submit the names.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 1940 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President

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**Coffee House on the Backstreet**

**Agenda**

- Old Business
  - Budget/Dues report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn
  - Legislative Committee Report – Chair, Porter Hicks
  - Status of web site submission to the National MOAA Annual “Communications” Awards Program
  - Newsletter – Naming Contest
  - Chapter Flags – Discussion
  - Proposed Support to ACHS ROTC Program – Discussion
  - Fundraising - Discussion
- New Business
  - Officer/Director submissions for Newsletter
  - Program planning for April Regular Membership meeting
  - MOAA Chapter “Levels of Excellence” Award Program
- Other Business Items, as required