

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 16 Oct 2012

Call to Order: Following a meal and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the Annual Meeting of the NRC to order at 1845 hours on 16 Oct 2012 at the *Coffee House* in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Ken Lynn, Ron Schuette, Lee Eldreth, Jerry Lafferty, Karen Strickland, Dan Strickland, Ron Wilsbach, Jim Dunne, Lee Eldreth, Wilbur Wright, Tim Fuller, Marj Fuller, Bruce Huester, Paul Baschon, Linda Marsh, Betty Schuette(member/spouse/auxiliary committee chair), Lee Lafferty (member-spouse), Kathleen Wilsbach (member-spouse), Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse) Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse).

Old/Unfinished Business:

Old Business: Doug briefly reviewed the work of the Board of Directors who met immediately prior to the general membership meeting (see the Board meeting minutes same date for a summary).

New Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$2,435.30 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$8,895.79. Ken relayed that the primary source of income was donations rather than donations through postcard "sales," and suggested a renewed emphasis on members soliciting donations for the cards during the upcoming holiday season.

New Business:

Upcoming Meetings/Programs: This year's Holiday social event will be a pot-luck format held on 8 December at the Coffee House on the Backstreet. This will be the last formal event of 2012 and we'll resume meeting again in March of 2013.

Scholarship Committee Report: Linda Marsh update the Board on her meeting with two of the three local high school JROTC instructors. Currently, it appears there may be no qualified candidates available to receive a scholarship this academic year. However, one of the schools was not available and the Chapter officers are formulating a plan to speak with the associated high school principal. Tim Fuller also provided insight on how he's trying to rebuild the JROTC program he inherited at his school and how he hopes to have a group of students competitive for a scholarship in the near-term years.

Thanks to Karen Strickland: Doug made a special presentation to Karen Strickland in appreciation for her three years of service as the first Personal Affairs Committee Chair. Barbara Sears has agreed to take on the role as new chair.

Auxiliary Report: Betty Schuette updated the Board on National's latest initiative to encourage more auxiliary participation through activities they may find interesting.

NC Council of Chapters "Convention at Sea": Doug mentioned the opportunity for our members to join this cruise with other NC MOAA members.

Legislative Alerts: Doug emphasized the importance of the alerts coming out from National and how they can impact legislation and motivate our legislators to act on our behalf.

Joint NRC/HCC Hosting of NC Council of Chapters: Doug reiterated the committal of the two chapters to jointly host the NC Council of Chapters next year during the July/Aug/Sep timeframe.

Bylaws Review: Members present review the Chapter Bylaws and amendments were proposed for Article IV, Membership. All those in attendance agreed to the changes and a vote was cast to send the proposed changes out to the entire membership so everyone can have a chance to review and then vote on the suggested changes.

State of the Chapter Presentation: Doug then presented a very comprehensive State of the Chapter review where he highlighted all the NRC's accomplishments beginning at the chartering ceremony...up through present day. This small chapter has much to be proud of!

Other Business:

50/50 Raffle: Lee Eldreth was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 1940 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President