

MOAA New River Chapter Board Meeting Sept 24, 2018

Board Members attending - Doug Ehrhardt, Cathy Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Steve Tucker, Bob Worley, Mik Mikulan, Jim Cain, Barbara Sears, Don Goodhart. This constitutes a quorum.

Bob Worley gave the Treasurer's Report. Dues are 100% paid for 2018. We are having an issue paying the ASU Scholarship recipient. Bob will contact the ASU Bursar's Office.

Doug noted that while the board had approved spending \$75 to reserve the picnic shelter at Jefferson State Park for our picnic (which was a success) other available locations that are free are the West Jefferson City Park or the Fleetwood UMC Church shelter.

Next topic was officer succession for Jan - Dec 2019. Officers to be voted on at Oct 16th meeting/social function at Hotel Tavern.

- Steve Tucker is willing to step into the President's role
- Doug is recruiting for the 1st Vice President's role
- Charles Knapp is willing to continue in the Programs role
- Jim Cain is willing to continue in the Legislative Affairs role
- Bob Worley is willing to continue in the Treasurer's role
- Don Goodhart is willing to continue in the Secretary's role
- Mik Mikulan is willing to continue in the Membership role
- Barbara Sears is willing to continue in the Personal Affairs and Deceased Spouse role
- Cathy Ehrhardt is willing to continue in the Scholarship role
- Doug Ehrhardt is willing to continue in the Webmaster and Programs role

The currently known events and social functions for the 2019 Board to execute are:

- Handing out water in the Blue Ridge Brutal bike race
- Conducting the Marathon Jam to support Fisher House
- Annual picnic
- Christmas party (3 - 5:30 Nov 17 at Barbara Sears' house. Bring finger food and wine)
- Potentially hosting NC MOAA Council of Chapters 3rd Quarterly Meeting Sept/Oct 2019

Doug requested any input for the Newsletter at least 15 days prior to the end of the quarter.

Next topic was potentially hosting the MOAA NC Council of Chapters meeting 3rd quarter 2019

- We need to plan for a dinner for 50 to 60 people on Friday night, 25 to 30 hotel rooms, breakfast for the same number Saturday morning, and a room for the board meeting Saturday after breakfast. The meeting room needs to be large enough for 25 people.
- Doug reported Jefferson Landing has gone up to \$5,000 to use the clubhouse and \$149 per room for lodging.
- If we stay at Jefferson Landing we need to locate a place for breakfast and a meeting room for 25 board members
- Don/Doug/Cathy have looked at the facilities at the Days Inn in Jefferson. The area used for breakfast would be available for meeting after 9:30. Rooms were quoted at \$119 per night. The charge to use the meeting space was \$75. There is a restaurant in the facility that is supposed to be serving breakfast by the time of our function. While the rooms have recently been renovated they were judged to be just adequate.
- Doug suggested a wine pairing dinner at Boondocks for the Friday dinner. Barbara will research and get back to Doug.
- Other possibilities would be the Holiday Inn Express in Wilkesboro or the Hampton Inn and Suites in Boone with a catered dinner.

Next topic was membership

- Mik reported he and Doug had attended the Greenville, SC MOAA Membership Meeting

- MOAA is making a big Membership effort - Theme is "What's in it for me?" Answer is "It's all about you" - Health/Benefits/Scholarships
- Mik will speak at each local meeting and members should call Mik if they have a prospective member
- Mik will work with Treasurer - dues restructure in January (discount if pay ahead)
- Publicity Program (We Are) available from MOAA
- Need additional publicity from Marathon Jam

Next topic was decorating the Ashe Arts Council Christmas Tree.

- Barbara reported that we can decorate the tree at the Arts Council Sunday November 18 at 2 PM. Planning session at Barbara's house Sunday Oct 7 at 2 PM. Theme is "What does MOAA do" (Blue Ridge Brutal, Marathon Jam, Scholarships, Quilts for Vets).

Next topic was JROTC

- Cathy Ehrhardt reported there are now 2 High Schools in the Scholarship Program. She suggested if the scholarship renewed each year (and the student remained eligible) it would be worth \$4,000. She also suggested doing one scholarship for our catchment areas. Board will need to discuss and determine course of action.
- Cathy reported our post cards are being printed.

Next topic was the Doss Foundation. Charles Knapp reported

- Foundation is established
- Should receive first half million after goes thru legal
- Will be a 501C-3
- Focus on character development for 8 - 14 year olds with extra curriculum activity

Next topic was Bailey Patton

- Doug reported Bailey Patton has expired for 4th branch (Gov Employees, Teachers, Fire Fighters, etc. Trying to get made permanent.
- Will e-mail members with 4 options. Use your e-mail.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.