

New River Chapter  
Board Meeting Minutes  
The Venue, West Jefferson, NC  
February 1, 2023

A meeting of the New River Chapter, MOAA was held at 1130 on February 1, 2023, at the Venue in West Jefferson, NC.

Attendees: Steve Tucker, Charles Knapp, Bob Worley, Mik Mikulan, Barbara Sears, James Bumgarner, Pam Garner, Randall Cassells and Doug Ehrhardt.

The minutes herein were recorded by Doug Ehrhardt.

1. Bob Worley presented a Treasurer's report on both the Chapter operations account (\$8,137 in checking) and the Sears Scholarship account (\$11,67). These are attached to this report.
2. Old Business
  - a. USAA Community Grant
    - 1) Charles reported that the work to repair/replace the roof at veteran Benny Sievert's house has been completed.
    - 2) The work on the surviving spouse, Norma Stansberry remains unfinished due to inability to identify a roofer, as well as lack of funds remaining in the USAA Community Grant for 2022. Doug reported that a new USAA Community Grant will be submitted to MOAA by the 1 April 2023 deadline. We will request \$8,000, though the upper limit is \$5,000. If any monies are received they will not be available until April 2023 which Ms. Stansberry understands is the timeframe for which any work can be done.
    - 3) Charles has a roofer in mind to do the work named Garcia who was unavailable during the pandemic but is now working in Jefferson/West Jefferson again.
    - 4) A recommendation was made to reach out to other fund sources, e.g., the VFW and the Ashe VSO to see if other resources may be realized.
  - b. Membership
    - a. A record review of membership as of the end of 2022, at which time a check must be sent to the North Carolina Council for \$1.50 for each of our 25 dues paying member in the MOAA Committee Module (CM). Bob Worley has already mailed a check for \$37.50.
    - b. Mik Mikulan reported about potential new members that he is reaching out to see if they plan to join include Michael Riddell, David Lane, James Lee, Steve Buteau and Larry Long.
    - c. Mik also shared information re: Jim Cain who is currently listed as our Legislative Chairman; due to his history of have had four tours in Vietnam between 1968-1975 and being subjected to exposure to Agent Orange has caused him to have Parkinson's disease and will limit his continued service as our Legislative Chairman, although he wishes to continue in his membership to the Chapter.
    - d. Our 2023 Officer Roster on the CM will continue to have our current members remain on the electronic list with MOAA even though we operate by our collaborative positions in our Executive Committee.
    - e. Bob Worley has requested to be replaced as Treasurer but will remain as a close contact to whoever will assume the position. This is a necessary and immediate requirement for the Chapter. No names were put forward at the time of this meeting but will have to be worked on in the near-term future.

3. New Business

a. **Music Honoring Ashe County Veterans**, formerly the Marathon Jam

- 1) Scheduled date is May 20, 2023, Armed Forces Day.
- 2) Location will again be the Ashe County Civic Center – need to secure the date ASAP for the building.
- 3) Needs determined as were required with last year's activities at the Music Fest included coordination with Chapter participants to fulfill various roles on the day of the event, collecting names of honorees and quilts from the Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild; Barbara is in contact with them regarding needs for 2023.
- 4) Recommend that we use the middle of the stage to present the quilts that will be made by members of the Chapter.
- 5) Gratis musical groups to coordinate having their participation include Little Horse Creek, Fiddlers Convention (Barbara Hardin?), Steve Lewis and Earl and Vance Archer (and Chris?).
- 6) Barbara suggests putting Little Horse Creek at the end as they have a large number of persons in attendance and want to hold them for the duration of the Music Fest.
- 7) Develop a Tri-Fold with pictures to use as a program handout.
- 8) Also, have a display about the Chapter in the foyer as people arrive to inform them about the work of our Chapter.

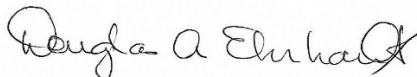
b. **2023 Calendar**

- 1) Tuesday, February 14, 2023 the Chapter is invited to join the High Country Chapter for a Valentine's Day dinner.
- 2) Saturday, May 13, 2023 – Chapter participates with hydration for the New River Marathon
- 3) Saturday, May 20, 2023 – Music Fest from 1300 - 1600
- 4) Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – Social, consider Old Barn at Frosty's in West Jefferson
- 5) Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – location TBD
- 6) Sunday, August 20, 2023 – Chapter Picnic at the Knapp's home from 1300 – 1600 (rain date August 27)
- 7) Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – BOTM
- 8) Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – Social TBD
- 9) Sunday, November 19, 2023 – Holiday Party from 1400 to 1730

c. Possible fund raising suggestions

- 1) DAV
- 2) Yard Sale
- 3) GoFundMe

The BOD Meeting was adjourned at 1430.



Doug Ehrhardt  
Past President/Website Manager