

**New River Chapter MOAA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**19 Jan 2010**

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1730 hours on 19 January 2010 at the Coffee Shop on the Back Street in West Jefferson.

**Members Present:** Doug Ehrhardt, President, Charles Knapp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Chapter Budget/Dues Report:** Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that 19 of 37 members have paid their \$20.00 2009/2010 annual dues for a total of \$380 collected. As discussed at the 27 October 2009 meeting, some personal funds were previously utilized for start-up operations, as well as some additional monies have been spent for pending costs, e.g., fees for the Chapter website and domain, the IRS non-profit determination fee and miscellaneous administrative costs. MOAA National reimbursed the Chapter for \$1,000.00, which the Board feels should go towards ensuring the Chapter has a healthy cash basis from which to operate. To that end, the founding board members have paid the start-up costs from personal funds, and will take an appropriate charitable contribution on their personal income taxes. During the time since our last regular meeting, a \$300 payment was made to *Lost Province Productions* for our website. Our current cash revenues total \$1,087.14. Finally, the IRS non-profit determination application was received by the IRS, and we were informed that our Chapter should hear something in approximately 90 days from the November 18, 2009 date of their letter.

**Website Design:** The chapter website is up and running. Doug sent a link to MOAA National and they were so impressed they suggested we submit the site for National's Communication Award. The nomination package has been submitted. The website address is: <http://www.newrivermoaa.org/>.

**Committee Reports:** The Legislative Committee Chair, Porter Hicks, was unable to attend. The Board discussed strategies and potential candidates to fill the remaining committee chairs. Doug will approach these members to determine their willingness to take on the responsibility.

**New Business:**

**Chapter Flags:** Chapter Vice President Charles Knapp has agreed to pursue a strategy for obtaining Chapter flags. He will approach the membership with a proposal at the next general membership meeting.

**Ashe County High School ROTC Support:** Once a Program Committee Chair has been appointed, Ken will contact the Ashe County High School JROTC detachment on behalf of the committee chair and reopen a dialogue with them about ways our Chapter can support their program.

**MOAA National “Give me 10 Program”:** Doug discussed this program which enables the local chapters to acquire a cash contribution to the local Chapter for each new member who signs up with National and our local Chapter. Doug will discuss this program at the next general membership meeting.

**Fundraising:** The Board discussed possible fund-raising initiatives. It was agreed that the Chapter should run a 50/50 raffle at meetings. Charles has agreed to take the lead on an idea to create/sell a lithograph promoting scenes from Ashe County that would serve to get our Chapter’s name before the general public. Finally, the possibility of hosting a golf tournament in the future was discussed. Each of these ideas will be presented at the next regular membership meeting.

**Meeting Dates/Location:** After looking at several options the Board selected the Coffee House on the Back Street in West Jefferson as the designated site for regular Membership and Board meetings. The owner, Julie McGunegle, has agreed to our use of the facility as it will be after normal business hours, but she will remain to serve our members refreshments and light meals, if desired, at their own expense. The Board established a regular schedule for meetings - the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Regular Membership Meetings will be held in February, April, June, August, October and December, while Board of Director’s meetings will be held in January, March, May, July, September and November. This schedule will require a minor change to Article VII of our Bylaws changing the annual meeting month of the organization from November to October.

**Other Business:**

**Calendar of Events/Chapter Newsletter:** A calendar of events will be put on the Chapter website for members to view. As the organization matures, we’ll also produce a Chapter Newsletter than will be accessible from the website.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 1920 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President

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**Coffee House on the Backstreet**

**Agenda**

- Old Business
  - Chapter dues report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn
  - Chapter web site report – President, Doug Ehrhardt
  - Budget report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn
  - Submission of our federal tax ID exemption paperwork report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn
  - Legislative Committee Report – Chair, Porter Hicks
  - Recommendations on Committees:
    - Programs / Membership
    - Personal Affairs
- New Business
  - Chapter Flags – President, Doug Ehrhardt
  - Proposed Support to ACHS ROTC Program
  - MOAA National “Give Me 10”
  - Fundraising
    - 50/50 Raffles
    - Golf Tournament
    - Ashe County Lithograph
    - Other?
  - Planning dates and programs for our 1st operating year
    - Calendar of Events
    - Bi-Monthly Meeting Dates
    - Meeting Site?
- Other Business Items, as required