

**New River Chapter MOAA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**20 July 2010**

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1830 hours on 20 July 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; Karen Strickland, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Mac Hunt, Membership and Programs Committee Chair; Ron Schutte, At-Large Director; Betty Schutte, Auxiliary/Spouse Representative.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Chapter Budget/Dues Report:** Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that 32 of 40 members have paid their \$20.00 2009/2010 annual dues and the current cash balance on-hand is \$1,371.87...plus a yet to be deposited \$40.00 check from MOAA National for Give Me 10 recruitment through 30 June. As discussed at the March and May BoD meetings, Doug has opted to write to each member in arrears vice calling them.

**Give Me 10 Update:** Ken reported there's been one life member upgrade and two new members who've joined the Chapter. He stressed that we need to work harder on recruiting new members as we're certainly competitive for additional bonuses from National. From the MOAA website:

“For every new complimentary member your chapter signs up between January 1 and December 31, 2010, you'll receive \$10. For each new **paid** membership or Life member conversion, your chapter will earn \$20 plus a \$100 bonus for every 10 new paid members. Additionally, top recruiting chapters in their size category can win a \$1,000 prize for recruiting the most paid members (6 paid minimum). New members will be entered in a sweepstakes worth \$500 and a Life Membership and the name of one chapter recruiter will be drawn at random to win a \$1,000 prize.”

**Committee Reports:** Legislative: Porter gave an update on recent legislative actions with respect to healthcare. The healthcare speaker is still a placeholder for an upcoming general membership meeting. Personal Affairs: Karen noted that she plans to use her newsletter column to address questions received from the members that she thinks will be of benefit to the entire membership. Programs and Membership: Mac reported the August picnic social is set for 21 August at Mount Jefferson State Park from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A save the date reminder is being mailed to all members. There will be more specific information available in the August newsletter and on the Chapter website. Mac also reported that both 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Congresswoman Virginia Foxx and challenger Billy Kennedy have indicated they are tentatively available on 12 October for a Chapter-hosted debate prior to the November

election. Details are currently being worked as to a venue and to positively confirm these dates with the two candidates. This will be a huge undertaking for the Chapter and will require the support of the membership. More details will follow.

**Fundraising:** Charles Knapp was unable to attend, but provided an update via e-mail on the current project. Work on the lithograph has been put on hold and the Chapter is now pursuing the compilation of a 2011 calendar comprised of local art murals. Charles has been working with local photographers and the proofs should be ready soon for review. Plans are to have the calendars ready in the fall of this year. The lithograph project will be revisited next year.

### **New Business:**

**At-Large Director and Auxiliary/Spouse Representative:** Ron Schutte has volunteered to assume one of the two vacant At-Large Board of Director positions and Betty Schutte has volunteered to represent the Auxiliary/Spouse members on the Board. In accordance with the Chapter By-laws, directors are to be approved by the general membership at the annual meeting. Since we had no volunteers for these positions at our first annual meeting, the current Board voted and unanimously approved them on behalf of the general membership. One At-Large Director position remains vacant and the Board is actively looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

**New Website Addition:** In order to foster community outreach and enhance our Chapter website, the Board approved a recommendation to create a new section on the site where local articles, letters, editorials and web links that advance the interests of MOAA and our Chapter are made available.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 2020 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President