

**New River Chapter MOAA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**19 April 2011**

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1730 on 19 April 2011 at the Coffee Shop on the Backstreet in West Jefferson.

**Members Present:** Doug Ehrhardt, President; Charles Knapp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Karen Strickland, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Ron Schuette Director at Large; Betty Schuette Auxiliary/Spouse Representative; Linda Marsh, Scholarship Committee Chair.

**Old Business:**

**Chapter Budget/Dues Report:** Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that 35 of 42 members (two honorary) have paid their \$20.00 2011 annual dues. Dues for 2011 were considered delinquent after 31 January. Regarding the seven members who've not paid, a decision was made to keep them on the e-mail roster for communication purposes, but not to consider them as official members of the Chapter until such time as they pay their outstanding dues. Ken reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$1,610.83.

**Committee Reports:** Personal Affairs Chair Karen Strickland reported that she's working on fine-tuning the death and casualty assistance checklist and is also looking at some other future program ideas. Auxiliary/Spouse Rep. Betty Schuette discussed the MOAA National cell phone collection initiative where old cell phones are collected, turned into National and calling cards are issues to deployed service personnel so they can call back home for free. Efforts are under way to establish a collection point at the *Coffee House*. Doug Ehrhardt reviewed the status of the Programs and Membership Committee discussing the formation of a local speaker's bureau and invited outside future guest speakers.

**Sears Scholarship Fund Report:** The current cash balance on hand for the fund is \$1,077.81. Scholarship Chair Linda Marsh outlined ways in which the scholarships could be awarded. An urgent need exists to find two additional Chapter members to step forward and volunteer to join Linda on the committee. Near-term plans included the expansion of vendor outlets and a publicity drive in the local media outlets to help generate sales.

**2010 Give Me 10 Update:** Doug outlines that the 2011 GMT! Initiative is basically the same as 2010. Seven new members were recruited in 2010...but none have yet been recruited in 2011.

## **New Business:**

**2010 MOAA National Communication Awards:** Doug announced that the *New River Current* won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the print news category for chapters smaller than 125 members. Our *Murals of Downtown West Jefferson* Postcards also won honorable mention in the unique communications category. Certificates will be presented to the Chapter at the May meeting of the NC Council and Chapters.

**ACHS JROTC Support:** Doug has drafted a letter to be sent to the new Ashe County High School principal requesting a meeting to discuss our intended support to the school and, specifically, to the JROTC program.

**Hosting a State Event:** Doug put forward the idea of our Chapter (possibly in coordination with the High Country Chapter) hosting a future quarterly meeting of the NC Council and Chapters. The proposal was positively received and future discussion will ensue to determine when this might make a good venue for us and the other state chapters.

**MOAA Levels of Excellence Award:** The Board approved the Chapter's submission to compete for a *5-star Chapter of Excellence Award*. Applications are due to National by 1 June.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 1825 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President

**New River Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 19, 2011 @ 5:30 PM**

**Coffee House on the Backstreet**

**Agenda**

- Old Business
  - Chapter dues report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn (Information)
  - Budget report – Treasurer, Ken Lynn (Information)
  - Committees:
    - Programs / Membership (Status)
    - Personal Affairs (Status)
    - Auxiliary / Spouse Representative (Status)
  
- New Business
  - Report on MOAA National Communications Awards (Information)
  - Support to ACHS ROTC Program – 2011 Meeting with Principal (See attached letter/For BOD Approval)
  - MOAA National “Give Me 10” (Information)
  - Fundraising
    - Sears Scholarship Fund Postcards (Status)
    - Vendor Sales (Status)
    - Meeting with Rear Admiral Sears (See attached e-mail)
  - NC Council and Chapters
    - May Meeting (Information)
    - Future hosting opportunity w/ High Country Chapter (For BOD Consideration/Action)
  - Speakers Bureau (Information/for BOD Authorization/Approval)
  - MOAA Levels of Excellence Award Program (Information/Discussion)
  - Program Planning
    - Invited Speakers (Information/Discussion)
  
- Other Business Items, as required