

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 15 May 2012

Call to Order: Following a meal, presentation of the new Chapter flag and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on 15 May 2012 at the *Coffee House* in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Ken Lynn, Ron Schuette, Jerry Lafferty, Dan Strickland, Karen Strickland, Ron Wilsbach, Robert Burgess, Barbara Sears, Linda Marsh, Betty Schuette (member-spouse/auxiliary /spouse chair), Lee Lafferty (members-spouse), Kathleen Wilsbach (member-spouse) Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse) Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse).

Old/Unfinished Business:

Old Business: Doug reviewed the work of the Board of Directors who met immediately prior to the general membership meeting (see the Board meeting minutes same date for a summary).

New Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$2,218.35 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$7,914.79. IRS filings for both the Chapter and the scholarship fund are completed for 2011.

June Program: Doug announced that Christina Wagoner, our Chapter CPA, will speak on estate planning at the June meeting.

Fundraising Opportunities: Doug reported the Blue Ridge Marathon event was well supported by our Chapter and we'll receive a future cash payment for our volunteer efforts. Linda Marsh announced the RADM Scott L. Sears Memorial Walk and Picnic will take place on 14 July at 1030 hrs at Price Lake located off the BRP near Blowing Rock. Participants will pay \$15 to walk and support the Sears Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee will begin meeting soon to formalize the planning.

E-newsletter: Doug again discussed the intent and purpose for the newly created e-newsletter to serve as a quick means of notification to members in-between releases of the print newsletter.

Call for Inputs: The MOAA Level of Excellence Award submissions are due NLT 1 June and Doug called for inputs. Last year our Chapter earned the highest award: 5-star status.

RADM-Ret Sears Interment: The interment will be held on 15 June at the Arlington National Cemetery at 1400 hrs.

JROTC Leadership Awards: Awards were presented to cadets at both Ashe County High School and Wilkes Central High School. We've also picked up a third high school in Wilkes County that we'll begin supporting next year.

Guest Speaker: Kim Isler of the High Country Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers gave a thoughtful presentation on the national and local organization.

Other Business:

50/50 Raffle: Monica Madden-Lynn was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 1950 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President