

New River Chapter MOAA Regular Meeting Minutes 16 July 2013

Call to Order: Following a meal and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1845 hours on 16 July 2013 at the *Coffee House* on the Backstreet in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Ken Lynn, Barbara Sears, Ron Wilsbach, Ron Schuette, Betty Schuette, Lee Eldreth, Paul Baschon, Jim Dunne, Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse), Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse).

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$3,386.53 (less \$525 for advance NCC dinner reservations) and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$10,513.44 (less \$500 pending payment for first scholarship).

New Business:

5 Star Chapter: Doug discussed the Chapter's submission for the upcoming Chapter's of Excellence competition.

Programs & Membership Committee Chair and Committee Updates: With the stepping down of Mac Hunt from the Programs and Membership Committee chair position, there's an immediate need for a new member to step up and assume the committee chair position. A brief discussion also ensued on ways to increase chapter membership. It was agreed that this needs to be the primary focus area of the Chapter in the immediate future. Doug also reiterated that Ron Wislbach has assumed duties as the Legislative Committee Chair.

Joint NRC/HCC Hosting of NC Council of Chapters: Doug outlined planning responsibilities for the upcoming event. Essentially our Chapter has responsibility for securing the event location and the HCC is responsible for securing the speaker/s. Jointly, both chapters will oversee the individual event activities as outlined below:

- On Friday, 9 August, there will be a dinner – business casual – beginning with a no-host cocktail hour at 17:30 in the Jefferson bar and lounge, followed by dinner in the main dining room at 18:30. The buffet dinner will include a mixed Green Salad with assorted dressings, and entrée choices of either Baked Chicken with Spinach-Parmesan Cream sauce and Toasted Almonds or Grilled Flat Iron Steak with Caramelized Onion-Cremeni Mushroom Demi Glace, Roasted Asparagus with Parmesan and Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and of course, a dessert bar. The cost is \$25/person. The guest speaker/speakers is/are being finalized.

- On the Saturday, 10 August, there will be a special spouse activity from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon which is open to everyone. Entitled, “What to Wear?? We Have Your Look!!”; it will be a fun and entertaining fashion seminar conducted by Jefferson fashion expert Libby Cockerham. Not familiar with Libby’s line of fashion? Visit www.libbyslook.com.
- If any of our Council members plan to stay the weekend, or if members – and spouses – of both the New River and High Country chapters choose, there will also be an optional golf outing on Saturday afternoon.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 2030 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President