

New River Chapter MOAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 18 March 2014

Call to Order: Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1730 hours on 18 March 2014 at the *Coffee House* on the Backstreet in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, President; Charles Knapp, 1st Vice President/Programs & Membership Chair; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Sears, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Ron Wilsbach, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair; Jim Gee, VSO Out Reach/Programs & Membership Committee

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$3,311.55, and that since the last meeting the following expenses were paid: \$31.00 for USPS box rental and \$150.00 for website hosting. Ken also reported that he'd filed the NRC's 990-N income tax form that day. The balance on hand in the Scholarship fund is: \$11,351.00. He plans to work with our accountant to file the IRS scholarship return prior to 15 May.

New Business:

Programs & Membership Committee Chair and Chapter Recruiting: Charles unveiled the new Chapter logo and the flyer detailing all the guest speakers and events planned for 2014...and outlined his distribution and publicity plans. He talked about additional recruiting initiatives and coalition building efforts such making a Chapter recruiting kit...and he and Jim Gee discussed their outreach plans to reach other VSOs in the community.

Scholarship Committee: Although Committee chair Linda Marsh was not present, four applications for scholarships have been received from Ashe County High School.

The Legislative and Personal Affairs Committees had nothing to report at the start of the new year...though all eyes are on the COLA debate and other pending issues.

Auxiliary Spouse Liaison: Betty Schuette is currently experiencing some health issues but has let the board know she plans to continue on in her role as liaison.

Other Business:

New Start: Doug discussed starting a Veterans Recognition Program. There was general agreement among the board that this was a worthwhile endeavor. In the near future the Chapter will seek a volunteer or volunteers to head the initiative.

July Meeting: As our guest speaker in July is USAF Col-Ret Mike Hayden from MOAA, all agreed we need to extend an invite to the High Country Chapter, all local VSO and the general public to garner maximum interest and participation.

September Town Hall Debate: Charles reported there had been some discussion of opening up the state representative debate to the Senate candidates as well. This issue will require further discussion.

NCC: Doug summarized ongoing events at the NCC level and upcoming training and recruiting initiatives the Council will be offering.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 1810 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President