

MOAA Charlotta-Metrolina Chapter (NC04)

Board Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café by President Harley Ellinger.

Officers present: President Harley Ellinger, 1st VP Ron Morgan, 3rd VP Gloria Scienski, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach, Board Member Martha Ellinger and Carol Morgan Newsletter Editor.

Secretary's Report – Ron Morgan distributed board meeting minutes from August 27, 2014. Minutes were discussed and approved with no changes or additions. Ron reported that new member gains for the year stands at 16 new members.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Wilsbach passed out chapter financial ledgers for 2013 and 2014 to date as directed by Harley to insure a smooth transition in January when the new slate of officers assume their offices. Ron advised the board that the bottom line balance for 2014 should be reduced by \$1514.17. This reduction reflects the establishment of a separate account for the scholarship program set up today. Henceforth, the Treasure's report will reflect two account balances. Martha questioned the status of the AutoBell Fund raiser. Ron clarified that all tickets sold to date have been placed into the regular chapter account and when all tickets have been sold the total will be transferred to the scholarship fund. The total will be about \$750.00. New account signature document was signed by President Ellinger, 1st VP Morgan and Secretary/Treasurer Wilsbach. Ron Wilsbach was tasked to prepare a budget for 2015. This will be discussed at the November board meeting. Ron Wilsbach will email the ledger for the scholarship fund to Harley and Ron Morgan.

1st VP Report - Harley initiated discussion regarding reserving meeting dates with the restaurant. Harley and Ron Morgan will secure the selected dates with Red Rocks management.

Ron M discussed the status of the nominating committee efforts. He indicated the members are himself, Harley Ellinger, Ron Wilsbach, Chuck Martin, Bill McKenna, Scott Morris and Dennis Harris. There have not been any new candidates volunteering for the two open positions, 1st VP and 2nd VP. Ron M is working hard to fill vacancies.

Discussion about the Scholarship By-Law Addendum followed. Harley revised the Addendum with changes suggested and approved at the chapter meeting of September 21st. The approved Addendum was distributed to the chapter board on September 24th.

3rdVP Report - Gloria has been in contact with North Carolina Council of Chapter (NCCOC) personnel involved with lobbying efforts. Harley reported that the NCCOC President has gotten funds for a state network notification system similar to the national MOAA organization to insure rapid dissemination of important matters for state members. A discussion of Fourth Branch and Bailey-Patton followed. The state system is set up to be operated out of the Council President's Office.

Newsletter - Carol Morgan advised that the suspense date for the October Newsletter is September 24th and publication date is September 28th.

Old Business

- a. Fund Raisers – no new efforts were suggested. Efforts will be made to complete the AutoBell effort.
- b. Chapter Facebook – discussion followed about finding a chapter member to take over establishing an account.
- c. Chapter website/e-Newsletter – Ron Wilsbach continues to update the website. An e-Newsletter will be issued roughly one week prior to each regular meeting or as events require.
- d. Scholarship Addendum to By-Laws completed and passed. Gloria continues to work on the application process. Ron Morgan volunteered to produce a fund raising draft letter aimed at members to bolster the scholarship fund. The intent is to get the letter in circulation by mid November to take advantage of end of year tax deductions. Harley suggested that a list of targets (companies and/or individuals) be generated to request gifts to the scholarship program. The primary intent of this letter will be to stress to potential donors that 100% of their donation will be fully deductible under IRS designation of the chapter as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Ron was given the go ahead for that letter. Discussion followed regarding money raising efforts, amount to accumulate before awarding any scholarship and managing the program. A target figure of \$25,000 was set .
- e. American Flag Protocol - Gary Aljets has agreed to brief the chapter on the latest rules at the November 16th meeting.
- f. 5-Star Chapter Award Celebration – celebration will be scheduled when the award is in hand.

New Business -

- a. Harley asked Ron Morgan about establishing a Protocol Officer to monitor sick and shut- in members. Ron advised the board he intends to establish a Personal Affairs Committee that will oversee this area. Ron also suggested that it may be necessary to establish an Auxiliary Affairs committee. Martha Ellinger suggested that the Personal Affairs Committee handle both areas.
- b. Nominating committee discussion – see 1st VP Report above.
- c. Elections will occur at the November 11th meeting

Announcements

- a. Oktoberfest – October 12th
- b. North Carolina Council of Chapters meeting – Raleigh, Nov. 7/8, 2014.

Next Board Meeting – November 12th, 2014, 5 p.m. – Red Rocks Café

Respectfully Submitted, Ron Wilsbach, Secretary

