

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Air Academy Chapter NCOA (WWW.AANCOA.ORG)
15 January 2010

1. Chapter Chairman CMSgt Linda Valinho called the meeting to order at 1835.
 - a. The First order of business was the swearing in of the new board of trustees. Sir Marvin Weaver administered the oath of office to Chairman CMSgt Linda Valinho, Vice Chairman Sir Patrick Osborn and Trustee Sir Joe Beasley. The other two new trustees were absent and excused; Sir Scott Ytzen was out of town, and Sir Abe Braverman was working. The remaining board member, Chapter Secretary Sir Jerry Zoebisch was in attendance, but is not a Trustee and therefore, was not required to take the oath of office.
 - b. The Chairman led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - c. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Valinho thanked Pepper Beasley and Nadine for preparing the meal.
 - d. Chief Valinho then advised all in attendance that due to a frozen water pipe, there would be no running water for the meeting. She did note that there was a bucket of water in the restroom, which could be used to flush the toilet, if or when someone needed to use the facilities. Also, she pointed out that hand sanitizers were available at the head table.

2. Chief Valinho then moved into her prepared agenda.
 - a. The first item was review of the minutes for both November and December. Copies of the minutes for both meetings had been distributed for review prior to the meeting. There was no discussion of the minutes and both were approved as written.
 - b. Next, the Chief reviewed the Treasurers report for December. Income was nearly \$5,000, the bulk of which was payment for Football Seatback and Program sales in November. Expenses were only about \$400, of which \$180 paid for utilities for the clubhouse and about \$200 was spent on food for the Awards Banquet Meeting in December.
 - c. The next item on the agenda was presentations of Super Saxon awards. The certificates had not come in in time to be presented at the Awards Banquet in December. Receiving Super Saxons for 2009 were Sir Dave Erb, Sir Patrick Osborn, Sir Jerry Zoebisch, Chief Linda Valinho, Mel Peet and Barbara Peet.
 - d. Chief Valinho advised the membership that there would be no Member Spotlight because Jaimee Beasley was absent.
 - e. She then advised the membership that the Chapter Manual needed its annual review. The board will review the Manual at the February Board Meeting, then present it to the membership for approval at the February General Membership meeting.

3. Chief Valinho then asked for reports from the bases and community.
 - a. In the absence of Keith Cook, Sir Jerry noted that there were 10 Volunteers at Seven Falls on the 27th of December. Each was credited with 5 hours of volunteer service on a relatively mild (temperature-wise) evening.

- b. Lady Pat Weaver announced that the Knights Winter Feast would be held at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort on the 20th of February. All NCOA members are invited to the event.
- c. Sir Marvin Weaver announced that Special Olympics Regional Winter Games would take place at Ski Cooper on the 18th and 19th of February. Due to Budget issues and a desire to conserve funds in order to support the National Games this year, that will be the only Special Olympics Event this year.
- d. Martha Lovell noted that TREA will have a breakfast tomorrow morning at the TREA building. The cost is \$4 for a good meal that precedes the monthly TREA meeting.
- e. Martha also announced that she and Chief Valinho would be acting as escorts for the “Honor Flight” program in May. This is a program that takes WWII veterans to Washington D.C. so that they may tour the several memorials to WWII veterans. After some discussion of their participation, the membership, by voice vote, approved Chapter Financial support of the event. Specific dollar amounts will be voted on once Martha and Chief Valinho have met with the sponsors and been provided with an agenda.
- f. There were no specific issues raised regarding any of the three bases.

4. Chief Valinho then asked for input from the board.

- a. Vice Chairman and Football Coordinator Sir Patrick Osborn announced that he will host a Post-Football season meeting on the 4th of February. Gate Chiefs and other key players will be invited to discuss the good, bad, and ugly of the past season, as well as looking at ways to improve the Program and Seatback sales during next season.
- b. Sir Joe announced that he was recovered enough to be able to go back to work on Monday, the 18th of January.
- c. Sir Jerry had no input.
- d. Chief Valinho had several items.
 - (1) She noted that she had passed out several copies of a proposed calendar of events for the chapter. She intends to post it to the chapter website, as well as posting it at the clubhouse. All were asked to review it and add any additional events they could come up with.
 - (2) She asked members to cut coupons and bring them to meetings in the future. They will be dispatched to overseas commissaries where they can be used up to six months past the expiration date on the coupon.
 - (3) Convention this year will again be at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. The dates are July 20th through the 22nd. She reminded the membership that the chapter does financially support members who attend convention.
 - (4) She advised the membership that the chapter had been asked to support the Deployed Family Dinner one month this year. Of the open dates, the membership agreed to support the dinner that is scheduled the first Friday in December.
 - (5) She also noted that two Quilts of Valor had been mailed to Walter Reed Hospital. She advised the membership that the quilting group does still meet at the clubhouse once a month on a Sunday.
 - (6) She then announced that the board is looking for a person to pick up the responsibility for tracking Legislative issues that would be of interest to the membership, veterans and active duty personnel. After some discussion about sources, Sir Dave Erb agreed to look into the issue. Lady Pat Weaver noted that she is a member of the NCOA Legislative Committee.
 - (7) Finally, she noted that member and Chief Select Keith Cook has proposed a Golf Tournament for the membership. Details will be presented to the board in February.

5. Chief Valinho the solicited input from the membership.

- a. Sir Marvin Weaver thanked the membership for supporting him for the several years he spent on the Board of Trustees. He will continue to support the chapter by running the volunteer hour database. He asked that those who volunteer time for any event provide him with date, time and event, so that he can keep the database up to date.

- b. Sir Marvin also briefed the membership on a thank you card from the family of member Bill Windsor, who recently passed away.
 - c. Martha Lovell noted that she had recently toured the veteran's home in Aurora. She discovered that it is for veterans who need extreme full time care, not what she was looking for. But, it is a very nice facility.
 - d. Lady Pat Weaver noted that the NCOA International website seems to be up and running. There does seem to be legislative information available.
6. The final item on the agenda was presentation of the 2010 budget for review and approval by the membership. Copies of the proposed budget had been distributed for review prior to the meeting. Chief Valinho advised the membership that the proposed budget was about \$620 out of balance with more proposed expenditures than income.
 - a. The Chief explained that the board was asking the membership to approve the total dollars of the budget, with the understanding that the board had the authority to move money between categories of the budget without further action from the membership.
 - b. The Chief also explained that the board could not go over budget without approval of the membership.
 - c. After answering several questions related to the budget, the membership approved the proposed chapter budget for calendar year 2010.
7. With no further agenda items or input, Chief Valinho asked the secretary for action items from the meeting. Sir Jerry advised her that it appeared that the only action item was for Sir Dave Erb to look into access for legislative issues. Chief Valinho then entertained a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded. By voice vote, the meeting was closed with a reminder to sign in on the attendance roster. Martha Lovell read the NCOA creed and the meeting was adjourned at 1950.

CMSgt Linda Valinho
Chapter Chairman

Sir Jerry Zoebisch
Chapter Secretary