



**BALDWIN COUNTY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

6 JUN 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Baldwin County MOAA (BCMOAA) Board of Directors (BOD)

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board Meeting, Conducted 6 JUN 2017, Nix Center, Fairhope, AL.

1. Call to Order. Larry Rathbun, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 1000L.

2. Board Members and Others Present.

- a. Larry Rathbun, President
- b. Charlene Rathbun, First Vice-President
- c. Jerry Morrison, Second Vice-President
- d. Jerry Koppersmith, Director
- e. Frank Connell, Treasurer
- f. Sid Vogel, Legislative Affairs
- g. Ken Cooper, Website Administrator
- h. Jim Beck, Secretary

3. Opening Remarks.

a. Larry noted that in accordance with the BCMOAA Bylaws, Article VII (Meetings), Section 1 and 2 the following:

Section 1. The membership shall be advised of all meetings of the Board of Directors or General Membership. Notice of these meetings shall be emailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Notice of these meetings shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be satisfied by emails to Chapter members.

Section 2. An exception to the notification rule (Section 1) may be made in the case of previously announced Board meeting when, at the discretion of the Chapter President, it appears that a quorum will not be present, and the meeting is deferred or delayed until another date. In these cases the membership will be advised via email that such action was taken.

b. There was no further discussion on the above matter or who would notify the members regarding BOD meetings. (**Note:** *National MOAA Council and Chapter Policies and*

Procedures Guide dated 2009, Chapter 2, recommends that notification of all chapter meetings be accomplished through the newsletter. For instance, the Maxwell AFB Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter, indicating lunch meetings and RSVP dates, events, legislative information, etc. Recommend the BOD discuss this topic further. - Jim Beck)

4. Secretary's Report - Jim Beck. The BOD approved the minutes for the 9 May 2017 BOD meeting, the draft of which was previously distributed to BOD members for review and changes.

5. Treasurer's Report - Frank Connell. See enclosure (Page 5) reflecting budget for the period 9 MAY 2017 - 5 JUN 2017.

6. Membership Committee - Jerry Morrison. Jerry again said he mailed letters to members who have not paid their 2017 Chapter dues. At present, there are 25 members who have not paid. Members not paying by 30 SEP will be dropped from our role. He continues to press National MOAA for an updated prospect list of potential members in the Baldwin County area.

7. Sid Vogel - Legislative Affairs. Sid stated he will send information to chapter members about Congressman Bradley Byrne's voting record and how he stands on various issues prior to his being our guest at the August 2017 membership meeting. This will provide members with information on which to base questions.

8. Programs - Charlene Rathbun.

a. We recently received an email from Dick Upchurch, a non-member who advised us of a local resident and prior Flying Tiger pilot, Jack Ames. Jack will be joining us along with his wife for the the joint membership meeting on 15 JUN. In addition, the South Alabama MOAA Chapter in Mobile will have 15 people in attendance. Charlene will arrive at The Venue in Fairhope at 0800 the morning of 15 JUN to direct table arrangements and set up. She will also test the audio visual equipment for reliability. We were anticipating 125 people total but will obviously have fewer people.

b. Charlene indicated there were issues over monthly lunch and dinner locations and whether one location served our purpose better than another. The VFW provides an excellent setup for screen viewing and better parking arrangements but other venues serves us well also.

c. Planned monthly programs are as follows:

(1) JUL meeting (Dinner) will be at the Yacht Club only because the speaker had to get that specific location approved through his military chain of command. Our speaker will be Major Andrew C. Kolb, 3rd Force Recon Company, USMC. Some people have complained they can't see the screen at the Yacht Club so Charlene has changed the location of the screen for better viewing. The menu at the Yacht Club has been changed some. We will still have catfish and chicken as entrées but also have a wider selection of food. Ken Cooper informed everyone that the Yacht Club lost their Chef, and as a result the menu has been reduced until he is replaced.

(2) AUG meeting will be at the VFW for lunch with Congressman Bradley Byrne. The exact date has not been established, pending is availability.

(3) SEP meeting (Lunch) will be at the Holly Hills Country Club in Bay Minette.

(4) OCT meeting (Dinner) will be at the VFW, and will feature Lee Shelton, SR-71 pilot. Ken Cooper asked him to speak to our Chapter and informed us that Lee needs at least one hour of speaking time. This meeting will therefore extend longer than most. We will also vote on new BOD members during the OCT meeting.

(5) NOV meeting (Dinner) will be at the Yacht Club. Major Tommy J. Waller, Jr., USMC, will be our speaker. New BOD members will be announced in NOV.

d. Ken Cooper addressed the matter of people not showing up who have made reservations. He said he understands the need for members to pay if they or their personally invited guests don't show up. However if a member is trying to recruit someone into the Chapter, we should consider covering the expense if the member's guest commits and then fails to show, based on an individual basis. The BOD concurred.

9. Communications - Charlene Rathbun.

a. Charlene said she needs newsletter articles from the BOD or other members.

b. Sid Vogel said he will begin submitting book reviews for the newsletter and would like to have suggestions on good military reads.

c. Larry Rathbun said there is too much information coming from the top of the organization and not enough from the bottom up. He said to talk with Charlene if you have a problem with something and she will discuss it with Larry or others as required.

d. Constant Contact Alternatives. Charlene said there has been a lot of criticism about her use of Constant Contact. Also, she said many people were not opening their email and did not respond to the recent survey she sent out. Ken Cooper said there is not much you can do to make people open their email, and as far as the survey, a 50 percent reply was considered successful. Ken also suggested using GMAIL but this doesn't have the same options to summarize information as Constant Contact.

10. JROTC - Patrice Tiggs. Patrice was not at the meeting. There was no report.

11. Website - Ken Cooper. Ken did not have any updates concerning the website.

12. New Business. If a BOD member desires to continue his or her position as a Board member, he or she cannot be on the 2018 Nominating Committee. Larry asked for volunteers to

lead the committee but received no responses. Jim Beck recommended polling our member to see who wants to serve. Sid Vogel concurred with this recommendation.

13. Adjournment. No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 1100.

JIM BECK, Chapter Secretary
BCMOAA

Enclosure:
Treasurer's Report dated 9 MAY 2017 - 5 JUN 2017

APPROVED: 6 JUL 2017

**MOAA Baldwin County Chapter
Treasurer's Report
9 MAY 2017 - 5 JUN 2017**

Frank Connell - Treasurer

<u>Beginning Balance</u>			\$2,842.75
<u>Expenses \$</u>			
May Lunch	434.00		
Total		434.00	
<u>Deposits \$</u>			
May Lunch	450.00		
Dues	60.00		
50/50	44.00		
Name Tag	11.00		
Total		565.00	
Net Increase			131.00
Ending Balance			\$2,973.75