

**MEETING MINUTES  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER  
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
18 FEB 2017**

**Call to Order:** Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1008 HRS at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 and Yale. Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

**Those Present:**

Bill Bates	Phil Lanphier	Bill Robie
Rick Beaver	Cliff Lawson	Mike Silva
Carlo Cavalluzzi	George Mayl	Walter Wise
John Cunningham	Jim McNamee	
Dale House	Terry Olson	

**Meeting Minutes:** The January Meeting Minutes were presented. Moved to approve, as presented, by Rick and seconded by Walt, unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the Treasurer's report for 9 FEB 17. Move to approve each report as presented by Walt, second by Phil, unanimous approval.

Jim showed pictures of the historical (early 2000's) pictures of the 091 slick landing at Fort Logan in route to the Smithsonian Museum in D.C. He asked if these should be placed in the HWM. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AFTER ACTION REPORTS**

- Dale reviewed the chapter article in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue of the VPHA Aviator. Dale was recognized by everyone there for his excellent work writing the articles.
- Rick said the Del Norte project had obtained a van and access to the large parking lot of Elks Club near the Webb Building. These items have resolved most of the major issues.
- Dale passed around the appreciation plaques for members to see. One plaque recognized Sawaya for their transportation contributions. The other two plaques recognized Cynthia House and Barbara Cavalluzzi for their years of service on behalf of the Chapter. Presentation of the honors to Cynthia and Barbara will be at the Broomfield VFW on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**HELICOPTER WAR MUSEUM**

- The one day Westcliffe event was discussed and approved provided transportation and lodging can be arranged. A possible Veterans' Day event is still being worked through. The Greeley Stampede will process our application sometime in March. The current event list is posted and maintained on the Chapter Website.
- Rick B. covered an expanded list of items from last month to be maintained before the first event. The big ticket item was new flooring. Based on winter weather, Bill B. volunteered to

have the HWM moved to his home. This will allow use of water, electricity, tools and rubbish removal by volunteer members. Bill R. will coordinate with the Guard and Bill B. to relocate the HWM.

- A motion was made by Rick for a budget of \$1000 for maintenance and repair HWM items. George seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
- Mike has the pilot's seat for recovering. He will be looking for webbing that is in good shape to replace our worn out webbing.

### **Members wear, Museum sales, Models**

- Contact Carlo for detailed information on in stock items and ordering logo clothing. Since it takes a minimum order for most items, let Carlo know sooner than later if you want an item.
- Model sales continue to be brisk. Bill R. said he has 48 models on hand. These include a large number of helicopters. He is short on motorcycles. There was a booth at the Colorado Home Show that had models but, the quality was noticeably less.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Dale displayed the Appreciation Plaque the chapter approved for Sawaya's continuing support of moving the HWM to and from events. The plaque includes a yearly update. A presentation will be made at a later date.
- Cliff Lawson showed his portrait of Dale, Rick and Bill B. at the meeting. Cliff is only able to make this offer through the next month (March). It would be better to contact him (303.520.3910) sooner rather than later. The first image is complementary and copies are at cost.
- The Crewmember Memorial at Arlington was discussed. No change of course was taken.
- Weekday meetings were brought up by Bill R. Too soon for next month's meeting but Jim will check to see if Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> is available for meeting space and lunch at our regular American Legion hall.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Walt said the Chapter should have challenge coins. There was agreement and Dale will investigate what is available with our trophy maker.
- A recognition ceremony for Vietnam Veterans is being organized by US Representative Ed Perlmutter. Go to the website address: <http://perlmutter.house.gov/homepage-2016/vietnam-war-50th-commemoration.htm> to fill out the application. Applications are due by February 22. The two current scheduled dates are April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> on the Red Rocks Community College Campus.
- Discussion by Jim and Bill R. on duplication of our meeting notification email list. Dale and Bill B. will investigate.

**Next Meeting:**

- There is a week day luncheon on Wednesday, March 8 to present the Plaques at the Broomfield VFW Hall, 11700 Old Wadsworth Blvd. Wives and significant others are encouraged.
- The Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for 1000 hrs. at American Legion Post #1 in Denver.
- A weekday Meeting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> was moved by Terry and seconded by Walt. Unanimous approval. A nominal fee lunch, by the Post #1 will be available immediately following the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Dale adjourned the meeting at 1205 hrs.

**Submitted by Bill Bates**  
**Secretary**  
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