

**MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
21 JAN 2017**

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1004 HRS at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 and Yale. Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

Those Present:

Bill Bates	Greg Mann	Ben Prieb
Rick Beaver	Kevin Maynard	Don Rice
Carlo Cavalluzzi	Jim McNamee	Bill Robie
John Cunningham	Doug Neil	Mike Silva
Dale House	Terry Olson	Bob Simms
Cliff Lawson	Rick Overstake	Walter Wise

Meeting Minutes: The November Meeting Minutes were presented. Moved to approve, as presented, by Greg and seconded by Rick B., unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the Treasurer's report for both 12 DEC 16 and 11 JAN 17. Move to approve each report as presented by Carlo, second by Terry, unanimous approval.

Jim showed the new national VPHA membership book and 2017 calendar to be placed in the HWM.

OLD BUSINESS:

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

- The December Party hosted by Greg Mann was well attended by the SRO crowd. Great event for all of the members.
- The assistance offered to Soldiers Angels at the Del Norte location to provide monthly food distribution to homeless veterans was well attended and rewarding to those that participated. Going forward transportation is needed on a monthly basis to move vets from Del Norte to the American Legion Post near the Webb Building.
- Dale was asked to do a one hour Q&A session on his service at New Vista High School. The 20-25 students engaged and kept him there for two hours. Great way to communicate.
- A number of members attended the Vietnam Veterans event at Union Station hosted by American Legion Post #1 in Denver.
- The Founders Day Banquet at the Brown Palace Hotel, featuring Ann Margret, allowed Terry, Stan Cass and Dale to reminisce and renew a kinship. Very pleasant.

HELICOPTER WAR MUSEUM

- Dale updated the event list, paring it by about 50%. The current event list is posted and maintained on the Chapter Website.

- Rick B. covered a list of items to be maintained before the first event. He will send out a quick notice, mainly based on weather, for volunteers on the yahoo groups.
- Greg brought up the addition of heat and speakers for the HWM. These will be added to the maintenance items list.

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.

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 Jim at the meeting. He encouraged members to contact him for their own professional images. The first image is complementary and copies are at cost.
- In appreciation for our new website development a motion was made to spend \$100 on a floral bouquet for Candy House. The approval was by consensus.
- Carlo, following up on TV advertisements found that there are additional Honor Flights with HQ in Littleton and Colorado Springs. Our Northern Colorado Chapter's next flight will be May 7th and 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The subject of associate members was brought up by Dale. Discussion followed by decided to table temporarily. Jim will provide the By-Laws/Constitution to the RMC Executive Council. (Note: In Jan-Feb 2017 issue of VHPA magazine the specifics for associate members was detailed, with a vote to take place this summer.) Chapter members decided to wait and see what National decides.
- Discussion on end-of-life for the HWM and chapter was mention by Dale.
- The WOR apparently is accepting Bill McPherson's Mike Model Huey for induction. Other than that item no other cooperation with the Chapter has been offered by the WOR.
- Oral and video history project still a topic of discussion. Greg has offered his services, contact him directly if you are interested.
- A mid-week luncheon meeting for February will be scheduled by Rick B. at the Broomfield VFW. Rick to announce on the yahoo.com groups.

Next Meeting: Pending confirmation with the Legion, the February meeting is scheduled for 1000 hrs. 18 FEB 17 at American Legion Post #1 in Denver.

Adjournment: Dale adjourned the meeting at 1219 hrs.

Submitted by Bill Bates
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