

MEETING MINUTES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION 18 MAY 2021

Call to Order: Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 1008 hrs at the American Legion Meeting Hall and on Zoom video conferencing. The proctor for the Zoom meeting was Charles Bogle. The President, Dale House, noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

We had a pre-meeting Wellness Check. It appeared that attending members had received their vaccinations or had been ill with COVID and now felt they were immune. All agreed to remove their masks for the meeting.

Attendees:

Bill Bates	Don Kent	Mike Poindexter
Rick Beaver	Cliff Lawson	Ben Prieb
Charles Bogle	Larry Tomek	Carl Cavalluzzi
Greg Mann	Chris Towne	John Hargleroad
Doug Neil	Bob White	Dale House

Richard Overstake

Dale House led the chapter in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes: The April 2021 Meeting Minutes that were posted on the RMCVHPA WEB site were discussed. Dale House noted that Carl Cavalluzzi's name had been misspelled, missing an L and was corrected.

Moved to approve as amended, by Bill Bates and seconded by Greg Mann, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Jim McNamee was out of town and had not prepared an updated report. Dale House said the treasurer's report would be differed to June.

Old Business:

• Clothing, Models, and HWM Clothing:

- Carlo Cavalluzzi indicated that coins and patches are available and in good supply. Member clothing is getting low but he cannot order additional inventory until he receives more orders. A single XL short sleeve tan shirt is available for \$10.
- Dale House brought blue and black RMCVHPA and white RMC museum face masks that were available for purchase. Greg Mann passed out free RMCVHPA cold drink holders. John Hargleroad wanted two sent to him.
- Larry Tomec said he is looking for volunteers for various duties at the Traveling Wall at Veterans Park in Fort Collins. The Wall will be displayed over the Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers scheduled to read of names on the Wall appear to be complete. Contact Larry Tomec if you want to be a volunteer.
- Everyone introduced themselves with the newest member, Chris Towne, receiving a RMCVHPA challenge coin and patch.
- **Local Huey Project:** Dale House updated the chapter based on Terry Olson's latest meeting with John Mulvey and Mike Silva. The Chapter donation is tabled pending a better understanding of John Mulvey's plans for the Huey once it is completed. When it is completed, it will be registered as experimental.

- The VHPA national reunion in Charlotte, NC is scheduled for August 3-6. Hotel and reunion reservations are open at this time. Look for additional information on the National VHPA WEB site.
- Charles Bogle said the opening of the National Vietnam War Museum in Ft. Worth, TX appears to be on track. Phase one opening is planned for the end of this year. A specific opening date should be set at the end of summer. The donation mailing is generating \$22K per month!
- The RMCVHPA Web site is receiving 350+ hits per month.
- Cliff Lawson said he would bring a microphone and speaker to better facilitate the communications with the members on the zoom call.

New Business:

- Dale said we are invited to set up the museum at the Rocky Mountain Car and Air show at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield. It is scheduled for August 7.
 - Rick Beaver said we should make sure the trailer is ready to be used again. It was noted that Bill Robie has been in the trailer several times over the year to retrieve models and did not see any obvious issues.
 - The change of ownership of Sawaya trucking and retirement of our normal driver does not appear to affect the availability of a tractor and driver for the museum at this time. The DOT inspection will be completed at Sawaya before the Rocky Mountain Car and Air show.
- Submissions to The VHPA Aviator is due at the end of May. Any submissions should be sent to Dale House. A group picture of the American Legion attending chapter members was taken.

- Charles Bogle noted that there is not an active DFC Society Chapter in Colorado. Holders of the DFC should participate in setting up a chapter. There are 80 potential DFC members in Colorado.
- Ben Prieb said the Army Museum in Washington DC is now open.
- The Christmas party at Greg Mann's home is planned for December 4.
- Bill Bates said that he and other members have a number of artifacts that are considered extra and we should look into the cost of storing them together in a separate location. Texas Tech is an archival facility not a storage or museum organization, so they are not a candidate for receiving Vietnam artifacts for storage.

Next Meeting: 16 June 2021 at 1000 hrs at the American Legion and via Zoom. Charles Bogle will provide the Invitation.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:08 HRS.

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