

**Meeting Minutes**  
**For**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER VIETNAM**  
**HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION January 27, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Dale House, President, called the meeting to order at 10:08 hrs at the Zoom video conferencing meeting. The proctor for the Zoom meeting was Charles Bogle. The President, Dale House, noted that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

**Note:** Meeting was postponed from January 20, 2021 due to Presidential Inauguration.

We had a pre-meeting Wellness Check. Some members reported that they either tested positive for or contracted the corona virus. No one reported serious conditions as a result. Vaccinations were a topic. Some reported that they had already received their first shot.

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**Attendees:**

Rick Beaver	Dale House	
Charles Bogle	Don Kent	Bill Robie
Jim McGrevey	Larry Weaver	Bill Bates
Ken Hamburger	Jim McNamee	Al Harinck
John Hargleroad	Ted Carrico	George Mayl
Gregg Mann	Chris Towne	Carlo Cavalluzzi
Cliff Lawson	Bill DeBoise	

Guest: Dennis Cripps

Dale House led the chapter in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December Meeting Minutes were discussed. *Moved to approve, by Don Kent and seconded by Charles Bogel, unanimous approval.*

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report for December was presented by Jim McNamee. Deposits of \$312.05 were made from Dues, and Clothing.

*Moved to Approve, by Don Kent and seconded by John Hargleroad, unanimous approval.*

### **Old Business:**

#### **• Clothing, Models, and HWM Clothing:**

- The Quartermaster, Carlo Cavalluzzi stated that we had plenty of clothing on hand to include 146 Patches, and 200 coins.
- Bill Robie reported there were several model sales. Proceeds went to treasurer for deposit.
- Dale House updated the previous months report on the progress of chapter face masks with RMCVHPA logo. A vote was made to go forward with the printing of 100 masks with the HWM logo at an approximate cost of \$2.00 ea. The vote also included the printing of the RMC logo on approximately 30 polyester masks in navy blue at an approximately \$4.00 per mask.
- **National Vietnam Museum:** Charles Bogle reported that progress on the museum continues to be slow due to contractors and COVID-19 issues. A completely restored OH-23 has been added to the main floor.
  - Artifacts from the now defunct museum in Virginia have been moved into storage. Issues with the private collection including two Huey's temporarily prevent the disbursement of the artifacts.

- **Local Huey Project:**

- Terry Olson submitted an update that John Mulvey put together for us on the status of the Huey Project. Mike Silva assisted. That report is attached to these minutes.

- **RMC Web Site:**

- Dale House reported that the RMC Website continues to have over 6000 viewings per year. The Security Certificate (SSL) is due for renewal now. Renewal for the management of the Web site is due in July. Dale will determine cost and report back.

**New Business:**

Dale reported that the 2021 Reunion is still scheduled for Charlotte W. VA.

A picture was taken of our Zoom meeting for the Aviator Magazine.

**Next Meeting:** February 17, 2021 1000 hrs via Zoom. Charles Bogle will provide the Invitation.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:52HRS.

**Minutes Submitted by Dale House, President: dehouse4@yahoo.com**

## Huey Report

Hi Terry,

Mike Silva has asked me to give you an update on the progress of the Huey for your VNPA meeting.

As of today (January 26, 2021), work has been paused because of the problems I am having because of the pandemic.

In other words, the project has run out of money...

However, here is a brief list of what has been done to date:

1. Because of the issues surrounding the crash of the fire-fighting Huey in August 2020 because of the failure of the hydraulic servos,

I have had all 4 servos (2 cyclic, 1 collective and 1 tail rotor) and the 3 Irreversible valves completely overhauled.

2. I have also purchased new servo boots (3 each) and dampner covers (5 each)
3. Because of an inability to get complete records for the main mast pole, I have decided to acquire another mast pole with unquestionable records.

(List price from Bell is almost \$40,000 and I have found a new pole in California for \$25,000. I just need to come up with something to trade or the \$25,000)

4. Mast bearing overhauled
5. All the engine and flight instruments have been overhauled and remarked (for safety)
6. The main transmission and the intermediate (42°) and final (90°) gearboxes have been overhauled.
7. The main rotor head has been overhauled and upgraded with new TT straps, modified per FAA requirements and had new pillowblock and control arm bolts installed.
8. The tail rotor hub has been overhauled.
9. K-Flex engine to transmission driveshaft inspected
10. The tail rotor drive shaft hangar bearings have been overhauled (4 each)
11. The swashplate and swashplate bearing has been overhauled and new rotating bolts set installed.
12. The scissors and sleeve have been overhauled.
13. New transmission dampers and boots.

14. The engine has been IRAN'd, had several ADs and SBs addressed and been test run.

(The N2 spur gear has been replaced, new EGT harness, FCU inspected and bench tested, fuel manifold inspected, ignitors replaced, fuel nozzles replaced.)

15. Oil cooler turbine has been overhauled and upgraded from 5 blade to 8 blade system.

16. A new chin bubble has been bought to replace the broken one.

17. Redundant wiring is being removed.

18. The skid tubes have been replaced.

19. The main generator and the "Z" drive has been removed.

20. Door gun mounts, ammo boxes acquired

21. Cobra (i.e. Heavy Duty) Ground Handling Wheels acquired

What need to be done:

1. Remove the Quick disconnects in the oil and fuel system (ARMY and FAA requirement) and make new hoses.
2. Acquire the aforementioned mast pole.
3. Finish installation of civilian radios (2 x COMMS, 1 NAV, 1 GPS, 1 FM, inter-coms, Radar Altimeter, HSIs and ADSB-OUT)

The mechanic that I had been counting on to complete the wiring and installation of the new radios (already purchased) has retired to Texas and is unavailable.

4. Inspection of starter/generator
  5. Install main transmission, swashplate, mast and rotor blades
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