

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
15 MAY 2019

Call to Order: Dale House, Pres., called the meeting to order at 1001Hrs at American Legion Post No. 1, I-25 & Yale. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were completed.

Dale House, President, noted that that those present represented a quorum for voting purposes.

Those Present:

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| Bill Bates | Gary Hurelle | Doug Neil |
| Rick Beaver | Cliff Lawson | Bill Robie |
| Carlo Cavalluzzi | Greg Mann | Bob White |
| Dick Compton | George Mayl | |
| Dale House | Jim McNamee | |

Guest: Maria Secrest, Regional Director from Cory Gardner's Liaison Team

Maria's purpose for visiting our the RMVHPA meeting today was to gather information on how to verify flight hours for a Vietnam era pilot so the Air Medal could be awarded. Several potential plans were proposed but until Maria gathered additional information (Service Branch, unit, etc.) a specific plan could not be proposed.

Meeting Minutes: The May Meeting Minutes were presented. *Moved to approve, by Greg Mann and seconded by Bob White, unanimous approval.*

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for 10 May 2019 was presented by Jim McNamee, Treasure, to the members present. Jim noted that the registration tag for the trailer was paid and placed on the trailer. A paper copy was given to Dale House, President. *Moved to approve, as presented, by Rick Beaver and seconded by George Mayl, unanimous approval.*

Old Business

- Dale House mentioned that the May/June 2019 issue of *The VHPA Aviator* has extensive coverage of the Rocky Mountain Chapter's activities.
- Dale House gave on overview of our museum to Maria Secrest and the events we participate in during the year.
 - Maria Secrest noted that the Traveling WALL will be in Aurora in July 2019. Conflict with the National VHPA reunion in July and planned Lions Club activities July 4 would prevent entertaining setting up the museum in Aurora.

- Carlo Cavalluzzi indicated that member clothing and challenge coins are available. Clothing orders need to have at least a quantity of six. An order for hats can be placed when orders for 3 more are received. Eighty challenge coins are still in inventory; \$5 for RMCVHPA members, \$10 for non-RMCVHPA people. We need to be thinking about the number of challenge coins needed for the museum activities.
 - Carl showed that the new patches had been delivered but at the time no price had been decided, cost was \$2.53 each.
 - George Mayl said it is important to remember to use our exempt number when making purchases so we do not have to charge sales tax on future sales.
 - Bill Robie noted that it would be wise to have extra patches when traveling so they can be left with appropriate organizations.
 - Bob White suggested that \$3.00 per patch would be a good price for RMCVHPA members.
 - Bill Bates made a motion that the cost of the RMCVHPA patches be \$3.00 each. George Mayl second, motion approved unanimously.
- No new information on a September scheduled Honor Flight. Carl Cavalluzzi will research further information.
 - Maria Secrest said that she was aware of over 200 applications for the September Honor Flight.
- Model sales are not brisk per Bill Robie.
- Dale House said that RMCVHPA war museum t-shirts, coffee mugs and wine glasses are still available.
- Gary Hurelle bought a Gray t-shirt.

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

- Col. McPherson's Sweet Sioux Huey will be dedicated at Wings Over the Rockies Sunday, May 19, 5:30-7:30 PM. Attendees need RSVP with WOR or with Krista Mortensen.
- The RMCVHPA museum will not be at the Sweet Sioux dedication due to logistic and personnel scheduling issues.
- Tickets can be downloaded from WOR web page after RSVP. Dress is sport coats/slacks.

Event Schedule

- The next event for the museum is the Freedom Memorial scheduled Saturday, May 25. Time is 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Terry Olson or a designate needs to send email for docents and setup at

0800 on the 25th. We will be setup near the restrooms and using our generator. The trailer will be delivered on Friday, security is available for Friday night only.

- Terry Olson or his designate also needs to coordinate with the Lakewood Heritage Center 1969 venue theme for June 8th. Maria Secret said that they also have a July 9 event with a WW1, WW2, Korea, and Vietnam theme that may be of interest.
- The Lions Club event scheduled for July 4 is a go. Bill Robie coordinating.
- The July 27 Front Range Airport event needs additional research.
- Dale contacted Dick Thompson of the Collector Car Council. He would like us to attend the Rocky Mountain Airport Car and Airshow. He is expecting over 500 classic cars and aircraft static displays and Schedule is August 3.
- Blue Sky - WOR Centennial Airport, scheduled for August 3. Terry Olson and Doug Neil met with Hetty Carlson, Ops Mgr and Christopher Hopkins, COO and discussed their planned event. Their plans were to have an A star and Flight for Life helicopters at the event. Doug Neil's opinion was this was not the type of venue we are looking for. However, Terry Olson may have additional information which could affect this venue.
- Sky Vista middle school, no new information.
- Erie Air Fair, August?- no new information.

2020 Reunion

- Dale House passed a sample of the volunteer schedule that will be used at the Kansas City reunion. Planning for the 2020 reunion is essentially on hold until this years Kansas City reunion is over.

Bylaws

- A copy of the amended bylaws have been sent to our attorney for review. When our attorney returns the bylaws we can vote on the final version.
 - Bill Robie suggested that Article III, section 2 be reworded to take out the reference to June. Removing the reference to June will allow for better timing flexibility.
 - Article IV, Section 7 was discussed but determined to be OK.
 - Article VI, Section 2 - Roberts Rules of Order is how we conduct our meetings. Greg Mann and George Mayl have a copy on their iPhone if there are any questions.
- *Awesome job Bill Bates on getting the RMCVHPA to the final step of the bylaws!*

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Based on our last meeting discussion, Bill Bates Contacted the president of the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association (CHPA), Jack Bailey, to discuss a possible joint meeting.
- Mr. Bailey suggested that a MOU would need to be in place before any meetings were authorized.
- Further discussion:
 - Cliff Lawson asked how the CHPA fits into our end-of-life organization.
 - George Mayl indicated that with the CHPA our VNHPA organization potentially could live in perpetuity.
 - Bob White expressed disagreement and stated that VHPA should be a last-man-standing organization.
 - If we move forward with the MOU, the “dual Chapter” reference needs to be removed. Bill Bates will address this.
 - If the MOU moves forward a “way out” for both organizations needs to be incorporated in the MOU.
 - The question was asked is our VHPA National team in discussions with the CHPA National team? Should the RMCVHPA be in discussion with the National CHPA team?
 - A motion to table the MOU discussion until after the National VHPA meeting in Kansas City was made by George Mayl and second by Greg Mann, unanimous approval.

Museum and RMCVHPA end of life

- No additional discussion concerning the museum and end of life other than the MOU with CHPA discussed above.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dale House announced that nominations for RMCVHPA officers is open. Contact the secretary, Bill Bates if you want to run for office. Elections will be in July 2019.
- Discussion of the volunteer schedule for 2020 is tabled until after the KC reunion.
- Rick Beaver reported a challenge with getting a vendor that provide Vietnam maps in a 36x48 size format. Rick is working on a lighter weight map holder for the museum.
 - George Mayl will check if the city could be resource for the map sizing.
 - Dale House said the Broomfield Military Museum has a good selection of Vietnam maps.
 - Joe Klein could also be a resource for large Vietnam maps.
 - Attendees at the KC VHPA reunion will check for other map resources.
- Donations to Sweet Sioux can be made individually or by the Chapter. Cliff Lawson made a motion that the chapter match individual donations, seconded by George Mayl, unanimous approval. Matching money will come from the HWM Operations Fund.
 - The Vietnam Veterans of America organization donated \$6,000 to the Sweet Sioux display.

- Bill Robie suggested that Individual donations should have Sweet Sioux on the memo line to insure it does not get commingled as a donation to Wings Over The Rockies.

Next Meeting:

- The next monthly meeting will be on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 1000 HRS at American Legion Post #32 in Longmont, Colorado.**
- The annual dues of \$20 can be paid at the meeting.

Adjournment:

- Dale adjourned the meeting at 1218 HRS.

**Submitted by Doug Neil
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