East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 3, 2019

The meeting was held at the American Red Cross Building Conference Room, 206 26th St., Opelika, AL 36801, and called to order at 1:05 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

Mike Horsefield, Jeff Bohler, Earl Digman, Bill Broome, Mike Golden, Marilyn Horsefield, Cathy Golden, Judy Bohler, & Charlie Block.

Not present: Marilyn Horsefield.

A Quorum was present to conduct official business for the meeting.

Announcements:

Mike Horsefield started the meeting with the Pledge and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:   
a. Nothing to Report.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:   
a. Earl stated that the current bank balance was $3447.56.

b. He handed out a 2020 Budget for review.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:   
a. 88 Members. 77 Regular, 9 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

b. Motion was made to accept the November minutes. **It was seconded and approved**.

4. Past President – Mike Golden:

a. Nothing to Report.

5. Director, Chapter Affairs – Mike Horsefield for Marilyn Horsefield

a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. No new members.

d. Personal Affairs: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to Report.

As a general observation, Mike Horsefield stated that while surviving spouse & personal affairs were useful and important topics, he does not want to see the programs leaning too far in this direction.

6. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. The December newsletter has been sent out with few problems.

b. Webmaster: Bill Broome. Website up and running, no problems.

c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. Facebook and LinkIn are up and static with little activity.

d. News Releases: Bill Broome. Bill spoke to the OA News and our recent dinner should be published soon.

7. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Nothing to Report.

b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Mike Golden. Discussion was held about the Moore’s Mill venue and food. Everyone agreed to move our meetings there. A motion was made forward to change the venue to MMCC. **It was seconded and approved.** Mike will be talking to the Moore’s Mill Country Club about prices, dates, times, and a contract for services. Motion was made to move the March and December meetings from Saturday to Tuesday. **It was seconded and** **approved**.

c. Guest Speakers: Jeff Bohler. Jeff reported that he was working on a few speakers leads for next year.

8. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

b. State Council: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

d. Monthly MOAA Update: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

Old Business:

a. Mike Horsefield discussed the sponsorships for the newsletter.

b. ALCOC Eubanks Award. Mike Golden to work with Council on award and if we are to present, a program to do so.

c. Based on the venue contract, we will need to firm up the 2020 meeting dates.

d. Handbook status: Judy stated that she has had computer issues but is still working on it.

New Business:

a. Earl presented the 2020 Budget. After discussion and some amendments, a motion was made to accept the budget with amendments. **It was seconded and approved.**

b. Bill Broome stated that Wreaths Across America was closed and that we had sold 23 wreaths for a total of $115 in revenue.

c. All plans for the Christmas dinner and in progress.

d. Mike Horsefield brought forth the idea of photos in the next roster.

e. Mike Horsefield brought up the MOAA Regional Training Seminar in January, 2020 in Orlando. He will review to see if he can go.

f. Mike Horsefield brought creating a calendar with specific dates to help to BOD.

g. The Chapter’s 50th Anniversary was discussed. Mike Golden has the lead on this to invite General Atkins and develop a program.

New Business, continued:

h. The financial audit was discussed and it was decided to ask 2 members with a financial background to review the past 2 years for us. Mike Horsefield has the lead.

i. Future BOD meeting dates will also need to be decided.

j. Bill Broome stated that he has been in contact with the Navy JROTC at Benjamin Russell HS in Alexander City about being in our MOAA Medal Program. He will make plans to meet with the SMI.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 7th at 1 PM at the American Red Cross.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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William J. Broome, Michael Horsefield

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Secretary President

January 7, 2019

Enclosures: (1) Treasurer’s 2020 Budget