East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2020

The meeting was held at the American Red Cross Building Conference Room, 206 26th St., Opelika, AL 36801, and called to order at 1:03 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

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

Not present: Jeff Bohler.

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. Since Jeff was not present, Bill Broome read his report.

1. Working on scheduling audit.

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

b. The Post Office Box renewal was brought up. At the cost of $95 a year, was there an option? Mike Horsefield offered up a PO Box that he has. Mike Golden made a motion to not renew the PO Box. It was seconded by Charlie Block and approved by vote.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:   
a. 89 Members. 78 Regular, 9 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

b. Motion was made to accept the November minutes. Discussion indicated that on page 3, New Business, paragraph (h), second sentence, that Jeff Bohler be substituted for Mike Horsefield. Motion was made again by Bill Broome and seconded with the amendment, by Charlie Block, and approved by vote.

4. Past President – Mike Golden:

a. 50th Anniversary – Mike stated that he had contacted MOAA to get on the General’s schedule. MOAA wanted 3 dates. Motion was made by Charlie Block to provide the September, October, & November dinner meeting dates to MOAA. It was seconded by Mike Horsefield and approved by vote.

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. 2 new members joined in December. 2019 in summary was 21 new members; 6 deceased; 3 moved; and 2 dual-member couples.

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

6. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. The January newsletter has been sent out. Mike Horsefield made motion to give a free dinner to members who sell a sponsorship ad in the newsletter. It was seconded by Mike Golden and approved by vote.

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

c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. Nothing to report.

d. News Releases: Bill Broome. Nothing to report.

7. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Mike stated that he was going to start notifying the J/ROTC units about the medal program and banquet.

b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Mike Golden presented a signed contract with MMCC for our meeting dates in 2020.

c. Guest Speakers: By email, Jeff reported that the January speaker, Robert Kane, is confirmed. He is working on the February & March speakers.

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. Complete. See 6(a).

b. ALCOC Eubanks Award. Mike Golden to work with Council on award and if we are to present, a program to do so. In progress. Charlie Block recommended that we do not couple the meeting with a Council meeting.

c. Based on the venue contract, we will need to firm up the 2020 meeting dates. Complete. See 7(b).

d. Handbook status: Bill Broome provided a copy of the handbook. Motion was made by Mike Golden to use this as a living document for the BOD use. It was seconded by Charlie Block and approved by vote.

e. The financial audit remains; Jeff Bohler has the lead.

New Business:

a. Bill Broome stated that Wreaths Across America sold 23 wreaths for a total of $115 in revenue. He presented Earl Digman with a $25 check from WAA. Another $80 is still forthcoming.

b. Earl Digman gave Bill Broome a check for $37.00 to give to the Council for annual chapter dues.

c. Bill Broome stated that he and Mike Golden met with LCDR Ben Smith, USN (ret) at Benjamin Russell HS in Alexander City about being in our MOAA Medal Program. He is excited to be in the program.

d. The Harris Communication Award was discussed. Bill Broome is ready to apply for the website. Cathy Golden will review the 2019 newsletters for submission. The deadline is February 1st.

e. Mercer Advertising: Bill Broome stated that he had applied for the $100 from Mercer Insurance as we did last year. We can expect payment in 30-45 days.

f. USAA Sponsorship: Mike Golden stated that he has already applied for the $300 sponsorship money.

g. Mike Horsefield introduced a flyer that can be personalized and handed to prospective members.

h. A future BOD meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 1PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 4th at 1 PM at the American Red Cross.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Secretary President

Approved: February 4, 2020