**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**March 4, 2020**

The meeting was held at the American Red Cross Building Conference Room, 206 26th St., Opelika, AL 36801, and called to order at 12:13 P.M. by Vice-President Jeff Bohler. The following were present:

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

Not present: Mike Horsefield, Cathy Golden, & Marilyn Horsefield.

Announcements: Until further notice, Jeff Bohler will be filling the President position.

Bill Broome started the meeting with the Pledge.

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:   
a. The financial audit was completed.  
b. Working of speakers.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:   
a. The present bank balance is $5,370.28.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:   
a. 81 Members. 69 Regular, 10 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

b. Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the February minutes. It was seconded 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 and he was waiting to hear back from MOAA with a date.

5. Director, Chapter Affairs – Marilyn Horsefield

a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Marilyn Horsefield. No Report.

b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. No Report.

c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. Dues collection is complete with 9 members not renewing. Judy reported that there were 2 new members and a potential.

d. Personal Affairs: Marilyn Horsefield. No Report.

6. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. Mike Golden reported that the March newsletter was in the final editing stages and should be out shortly.

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

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

d. News Releases: Bill Broome. February’s speaker was published in today’s paper.

7. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Mike stated that he was in the process of collecting the cadet information from the J/ROTC units.

b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Nothing to Report.

c. Guest Speakers: Jeff reported that the March speaker is confirmed.

8. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Charlie will draft a short amendment to the language of the by-laws to allow a surviving spouse whose service member was not a chapter member to join.

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. The financial audit was completed with no problems. 4 recommendations were made (an annual audit; all transactions kept in the check ledger; reconcile monthly; & have a cashier to assist the treasurer at meetings). Mike Golden made a motion to accept the financial audit committees’ recommendations. It was seconded by Charlie Block, voted, and approved. Recommendation #4, that a “Cashier” assist the Treasurer in collecting and document transactions led to a discussion of a appointing a permanent “Cashier” for continuity. We will look for a volunteer to accept this appointment.  
b. ALCOC Eubanks Award. Discussion was made to have this award as part of the regular, May chapter meeting. If the parties involved cannot support a May presentation, then the award should be hosted by the ALCOC. Bill Broome will discuss with Dave Jensen, ALCOC President.

c. Bill Broome made a motion to provide $100 to sponsor the Auburn Student Veterans Association Golf Classic, Tee sponsorship, as we did last year. It was seconded by Mike Golden, voted, and approved.

d. Bill Broome brought up for discussion sponsoring two (2) tables at the Mayor’s Memorial Day Breakfast. The tickets would be sold to members offsetting the cost as we did last year. Mike Golden made a motion to sponsor 2 tables. It was seconded by Charlie Block, voted, and approved. Mike Golden to coordinate.

e. Mike Golden is working on the ROTC Awards Banquet and needs money for supplies. Charlie Block made a motion to authorize a payment of $162.99 for supplies. It was seconded by Earl Digman, voted, and approved.

f. Last year, it was decided to buy a wreath from Wreaths Across America in honor of our speakers. Discussion was made about the buying process. Since Earl Digman was not present in February, this was tabled. It was discussed that Bill Broome would buy the individual wreaths as needed and be reimbursed. Jeff Bohler made a motion to authorize Bill Broome to buy and be reimbursed for the wreaths. It was seconded by Charlie Block, voted, and approved.

g. Previous discussion was made about having a Chapter Chaplain with duties similar to a Casualty Assistance Calls Officer for the chapter. Discussion at today’s meeting resulted in a motion for having a Chapter Chaplain made by Charlie Block, seconded by Earl Digman. Acting Chapter President Jeff Bohler appointed Mike Kosolapoff as Chaplain Emeritus and Mike Golden was appointed as ECAC-MOAA Chapter Chaplain.

New Business:

a. Mike Golden to discuss with Moore’s Mill Club the feasibility of a theme-night at one of the dinner meetings, possibly October with an “October Fest” theme.

b. Mike Golden to discuss with Moore’s Mill Club about us supplying a cake for the ROTC/JROTC Awards Banquet and the Chapter Anniversary meetings. This would be in lieu of the dessert provided by Moore’s Mill Club.

c. Bill Broome stated that the Chapter Level of Excellence (LOE) Award was due May 1st. Jeff Bohler and Mike Golden agreed to work on the submission.

d. The March speaker is driving from Birmingham and staying overnight with his wife. Jeff Bohler made the motion that the chapter pay for the speaker’s wife’s dinner. It was seconded by Bill Broome, voted, and approved.

e. Charlie Block to provide language to the by-laws to allow a surviving spouse whose service member was not a member of the chapter at time of death to join the chapter.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8th at 1 PM at the American Red Cross.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Secretary Acting President

Approved: April 8, 2020