Minutes of the May 2, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting
AZNG HQ, DLC Conference Room, 5636 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

CALL TO ORDER
President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1030 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Dan Conway, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Bill Roscher, Ron Perkins, Rob Welch

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Jim Draper to waive the reading of minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Roscher reports the current figures to be:
- General Fund $11,355.08
- Scholarship Fund $17,807.20
- Cash Exchange $100.00
- Grand Total: $29,262.28
A motion was made by Dave Fleming and seconded by John Ady to accept the report.

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that she is working on a chapter social event returning to the Organ Stop Pizza in late July/August.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing to report this month.

Chaplain: Position vacant.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has nothing to report this month.

Historian: Jim Cullison has nothing to report this month.

JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin reports as of 2 May eight schools have had their JROTC medal awards presented by our chapter members. Nine more schools to go. So far no problems with presentations have been reported.

JROTC Scholarships: Rob Welch reports that all four recipients will be attending our May luncheon to receive their awards. The breakdown is two Army and two Air Force; two male and two female. The recommended amounts are $1,500 each, for a total of $6,000. One of the top scorers in our selection process has pending applications to service academies as well as ROTC schools; our other top scorer has received and accepted admission to the U S Merchant Marine Academy in Kingsport, NY.
Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks reports that Congress is on a 10 day “vacation” so there is nothing new to review. For current information please read your May Sentinel.

Membership: Dave Fleming / Ron Perkins.
- Current Chapter Membership: 202
- Regular Members: 163
- Auxiliary Members: 39

Ron Perkins stated that with our current Chapter membership, we should be able to receive the National MOAA $500.00 award for retention of members.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison continues to work on our award winning newsletter. Anyone interested in assisting Jim with the Sentinel may contact him at editor@azmoaa.org.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway. Please see Fall Personal Affairs Workshop in Old Business

Programs: John Ady reports that the FBI has turned us down and he is working on finding a replacement speaker for our September meeting. He has a possibility of getting a speaker from Boeing who works on the Apache helicopter program. John has secured the permit from McCormick Stillman Railroad Park for our annual October picnic and has paid the $82.00 fee. A motion was made by Frank Hoak and seconded by Jim Draper to reimburse John from the General Fund.

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that Arlene Day is the scheduled May speaker but may be unable to attend due to family illness. John Ady has offered to fill in for Arlene should the need arise. (NOTE: John may be unable to. See below AZ NG Conference minutes)

TOPS: Frank Hoak reports that the City of Phoenix has instituted a “HERO Program” to employ veterans. Rob Welch will review and see if the Chapter can offer any support.

Webmaster: Rob Welch has nothing to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

AZ NG Conference May 17-18, 2013: Rob Welch reports that Arlan Allen, President of the Superstition Chapter, will be out of state in NM during the conference. He has been unable to get a volunteer to cover the Saturday morning to mid-afternoon shift. Rob will be covering Friday evening, and Saturday afternoon, but needs a volunteer to cover Saturday morning until 1400 hours. John Ady has offered to miss the Chapter luncheon and volunteer if no alternate is available.

Board Vacancies: Rob Welch reports there is currently one Board vacancy for Chaplain. Please contact Rob at president@azmoaa.org should you know of an officer who might be interested in volunteering.
Chapter Budget For Charity Donations: Rob Welch recapped the Board’s consensus during our last two meetings that we feel our chapter’s donations should go to organizations that operate in our chapter’s area of influence/responsibility. Rob passed out a spreadsheet showing our annual contributions for the past four years, averaging out to be 19% of the annual budget. Rob stated that so far this year, we have given out $125 to the AUSA Golf Tournament which they in turn gave back to us for our golf tournament. In addition, we have obligated $600 to the State Veteran’s home for food during their monthly game day. Rob recommends that we contribute $200 again this year to AUSA for the JROTC Career Day in November; $250 to MOWW’s Youth Leadership Conference; $250 to the Madison Street Veteran’s Association. This amounts to 16% of our budget, 3% less than average. Rob also recommended that we set a goal of 15% of our annual budget each year to be donated to veteran and youth support. Rob called for a motion on these expenditures and budget goal. A motion to accept the expenditure recommendations and budget goal was made by John Ady and seconded by Ron Perkins.

Golf Tournament: Pat Dale reported to Treasurer Bill Roscher that the net profit donated to the Scholarship fund from this year’s tournament was $1,287.00. The Board offers a special thank you to Pat and his entire family for their yearly efforts making the Golf Tournament such a success.

Water for Homeless Vets: Ron Green reports that Safeway donated 72 cases of water which he took down to the MSVA on Monday. This makes 214 cases to date this year but he is short of his targeted goal. The need is for 100 cases per week. Ron is working with his local Fry’s to purchase water at their net cost and with a contact within the Diamondback organization to set up additional donations.

By-Laws: Rob Welch reports the Bylaws Committee consisting of Past Presidents Ron Perkins and John Ady, 1st VP Jim Cullison and Rob will be working on the revision of the bylaws over the summer.

National Memorial Cemetery Donation & Sign-in (wreath & Color Guard): Rob reports that the Color Guard OIC will be Paul Fein, assisted by Jim Cullison, Bill Roscher, and Ron Perkins. Wreath presentation will be by Frank Hoak and Jim Cullison.

National Memorial Cemetery Special Donation: John Ady reports that the National Cemetery is not interested in our donation at this time. Repeated telephone calls have failed to generate the information needed to pursue the donation. John recommends that we drop the idea and support other donations to needy organizations.

Name Plates/Badges: Terry Tassin and Rob will be working on finding a vendor for the new style name badges over the summer.
July 5th Summer Group: Jim Cullison is working on the July 5th Veteran Appreciation Day Diamondback game tickets. Depending on our numbers there is the possibility of involvement in the pre-game veteran’s ceremony on the field. Deadline for ticket requests is May 20 so please contact Jim at editor@azmoaa.org with your order. Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

Fall Personal Affairs Workshop: Dan Conway has offered to present a personal affairs workshop this fall if there is membership interest; a minimum number would be required for the workshop to be scheduled. Chapter member Jeff Young has also volunteered to give a seminar session on social security issues geared to members between the ages of 50 and 65.

Playing Cards For Veterans: Ron Perkins and Ron Green have returned from Las Vegas with 400 (donated) decks of playing cards. The cards are donated by a Las Vegas Casino to the local MOAA Chapter President for veterans use. Jim Cullison will work on dispersing the cards to MANA House, the USO at PHX Airport, and the State Veterans Home. If you have any other ideas, please contact Jim at editor@azmoaa.org.

NEW BUSINESS

Email Protocol: Tabled until the Fall.

Communication Awards: Rob Welch reports that the Chapter has been honored for the second year in a row with three National MOAA Communications. The winners are for our monthly newsletter The Sentinel, our website and our new member recruiting brochure.

2013 Election Slate Committee Appointments: Rob Welch appointed Frank Hoak to Chair the nominating committee for the 2014 slate of Officers along with Board Members Jim Cullison & John Ady.

Treasurer Special Requests: Bill Roscher requested clarification that all MOAA travel award checks are to be deposited in the General Fund. Rob Welch reiterated last month’s Board decision to have these checks deposited in the GF. Bill asked to pay for all JROTC lunches for scholarship winners and their guests from the General Fund. A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Dave Fleming to pay as requested. After much research and discussion, Bill has asked that a formal dues invoice be sent to members with the September, October and November Sentinel as a one page attachment. The invoice will show an early payment discount of 10%. Bill, Jim Cullison and Dave Fleming will work on the enclosure.

MOAA Arizona Chapters Council Meeting: Dan Conway will represent the Chapter at the annual meeting in Yuma. Please send any ideas or requests for Dan to address at the meeting to personalaffairs@azmoaa.org.
May Greeters: Frank & Leonore Hoak

GOOD OF THE ORDER

May Luncheon: Rob Welch reminded everyone that uniforms, or jackets with miniature military medals, are requested to be worn by chapter members for our May Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

September Meeting: A volunteer is needed to take the Minutes for the September meeting. Frank & Leonore Hoak will be back in the land of alohas for the month.

Adjournment: 1205

Approved Expenditures:
- $82 to reimburse John Ady for McCormick Stillman Railroad Park picnic reservation fee.
- $200 to AUSA for the JROTC Career Day in November.
- $250 to MOWW’s Youth Leadership Conference – Rob Welch to present on 25 May.
- $250 to the Madison Street Veteran’s Association – Rob Welch to present.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak, Secretary