

NORTH DFW MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by President Si Simonson at 1900 hours via a zoom conference call. A quorum of the Board was present.

2. Attendance:

Present:

- Si Simonson, President
- Doug Allbach, Secretary
- Dick Cook, 2nd Vice President
- Dave Nelson, Treasurer
- Ginger Simonson, 3rd Vice President
- Doug Brown, Past President
- Rich Crossley, Scholarship
- David Kerbow, Newsletter
- Bob Little, 1st Vice President

Absent:

- Keith Lockhart, Personnel Affairs/Surviving Spouse Liaison

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 15, 2020 Board meeting were unanimously approved with one correction.

4. Reports of Officers:

President (Si Simonson)

Si requested that the submission for the awarded MOAA Excellence Award be placed in the Chapter newsletter to inform members of the Chapter's accomplishments.

The Texas Council of Chapters will conduct a zoom meeting the weekend of May 16th.

Various legislative initiatives will be discussed.

A second TCC meeting will be held in October in the DFW area with our Chapter hosting.

Si will work on the Chapter web site in the next week. At present nothing is planned due to the present coronavirus situation.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July at a place TBD.

1st Vice President (Bob Little)

Management at Saltgrass Steak House cannot presently accommodate the Chapter dinner meeting given the current seating restrictions.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled for September 9th at Saltgrass Steak House. Si presented ideas on future dinner meeting speakers.

2nd Vice President (Dick Cook)

The Chapter currently has 89 members. That figure has been reconciled with the Treasurer's count.

There are 3 new members. 72 members have paid their 2020 dues and 14 are delinquent.

3rd Vice President Legislative and Community Activities (Ginger Simonson)

There are no committee meetings scheduled in the Texas State Legislature.

Ginger has been in contact with Congressman Burgess's office regarding the Military Spouses Hiring Act which is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee.

The TCC sent the same meeting agenda from January. Ginger plans on pushing the council to be more aggressive on mental health issues.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Nelson)

The Chapter has a balance of \$20,316.78 with \$4470.00 in the Scholarship Fund.

At present banks cannot be entered w/o appointments.

Challenge coins were proposed. The cost is \$600 for 100 coins. Other chapters are currently doing it. A draft design will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report (Doug Allbach)

A memorial scholarship letter has I been sent to the family of BG Thomas Webb.

Reports of Committees:

Scholarship/ROTC/JROTC (Rich Crossley)

Most of the JROTC awards and medals have been forwarded for presentation.

To date no scholarship applications have been received. The goal is to award \$2,000 in scholarships.

Newsletter Editor (David Kerbow)

Newsletter articles are due the weekend of May 16th.

Public Relations (Vacant)

No report.

Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Liaison (Keith Lockhart)

No report.

Historian (Vacant)

No report.

Past President (Doug Brown)

Most Memorial Day activities have been cancelled in the area.

Early voting begins on June 29th. Doug asked for a newsletter reminder that members and spouses over 65, in poor health or travelling can request mail in ballots.

Nominations Committee

No report.

5. Old Business:

None.

6. New Business:

None.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas M. Allbach
Secretary