

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

### **9 July 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Bob Jaffin called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by a moment of silence requested by Bob Jaffin for those departed in the last six months. Bob announced that we do have a quorum.

**Attending:** Balcom, Boyle, Breuder, Burdett, Coulter, J. Day, S. Day, Ikstrums, Jaffin, LeFebvre, McLean, Miller, Wright.

**Opening Remarks:** Bob Jaffin explained how the use of the meeting room at the Red Blazer will work in the future, including the new minimum gratuity of \$125.00. Michael McLean added that he has developed a spreadsheet where he can show how much the gratuity percentage and amount will be to meet the \$125.00 minimum. He asked if everyone would tell him how much their basic bill (without tip and tax) is so he can enter that amount into his spreadsheet. Bob said he had no other opening remarks.

**Immediate Past President Remarks:** Warren Coulter said that it was good to see everyone in person. Bob Jaffin added that he wanted to keep the meeting as short as possible.

**Secretary's Report:** Michael McLean reported that he received several comments and one correction to the June 2020 minutes. He had omitted two attendees from the list of Attending – Balcom and Miller. He sent out a correction. If no one had any other comments, Michael asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2020 minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roby Day asked if anyone had any questions on the June report. He said that we are solvent, sort of. He commented that our retained earnings for the year to date are not so great, but resources to cover expenses are okay. He went on to discuss the troubles he had with the IRS concerning acknowledging receipt of our Form 990. Roby then mentioned his first cut budget for next year for which he had passed out copies. He said that, notwithstanding this year's circumstances, we should end up with over \$1,300.00 at the end of the year. Roby said that the Board needs to approve the budget before it goes to the membership for vote in November. Roby then mentioned that we received a thank you letter from the NH Veterans Home for the \$500.00 contribution the chapter had made to the Home. Peter Burdett added that there have been zero cases of the Covid 19 virus at the Home. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed and the report accepted.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:** Andrew Breuder reported that things are starting to turn around a bit. He went on to detail the allocation of some of the Scholarship funds into different investments. They split \$30,000 in half between the Dividend Appreciation Fund and the Small Caps Index Growth Fund. He commented that everything else seems to be doing well.

**CRITICAL CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

**BOD appointments and Vacancies:** Bob Jaffin began by saying that we have good news for a change. He said we need to approve Jennifer Wright to fill a vacancy on the Board. Jennifer introduced herself by saying that she had served on the Board before in the early 2000's. The Board unanimously approved her place. Sharon Day added that Jennifer has volunteered to do the Facebook page.

**Nature frequency and venues for future BOD Meetings:** Bob Jaffin said he was not making a motion but he recommended that we go to six Board of Directors meetings a year. He discussed the possibility of only four meetings a year and recommended that we have a ZOOM meeting in August to cover the committee reports we are not covering tonight. Bob believed that we should have a Board meeting in advance of each luncheon. Jim LeFebvre said that he had talked with people before tonight's meeting and they thought that a Board meeting an hour prior to a luncheon was a good idea. Bob suggested that we vote on how many meetings first before we discuss when and where the meetings will be held. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the number of Board meetings to six a year. The motion was approved.

Bob moved on to say that Larry Miller has come up with several places where we could hold our Board meetings. Jim LeFebvre said we should resolve the item of having Board meetings with the luncheons before discussing alternative venues for the BOD meetings. Jim went on to discuss his pros of the suggestion of combining the two events. Michael McLean took exception to that idea. He believes we would not get a quorum. He supports the idea of having a Board meeting the same month as a luncheon to discuss any last minute details of the luncheon. Bob injected that he wanted to know if anyone had any objection to having a ZOOM meeting in August. Peter Burdett pointed out that the third Wednesday in August is the 19<sup>th</sup>. Roby Day brought up the Annual Meeting Luncheon in November. He mentioned that in the past we used the October Board meeting to finalize details for the November Luncheon. It was pointed out that the November Luncheon is the next scheduled event for the chapter. Sharon Day brought up that the Directors slate was voted on at the September Board meeting so it could be included in the luncheon flyer for the November Luncheon. Michael McLean pointed out that the November Luncheon flyer has to go to the printer on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Warren Coulter made the suggestion that we skip the August meeting and have a Board meeting in September. Bob said that would be a full two hour ZOOM meeting. Peter mentioned that September 16<sup>th</sup> was the third Wednesday in September. Michael pointed out that the slates for Directors and Officers could be presented at the September ZOOM meeting. Bob commented that he and Joe DiChiaro will be on ZOOM on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August if anyone wants to chat.

**Review of Chapter structure operations and bylaws:** Jim LeFebvre commented that perhaps the chapter should reinstitute something like the Strategic Initiatives Committee, started by Bruce Avery, to look into the structure of the chapter. Jim went on to suggest the possibility of a Northern New England Chapter comprising of the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Chapters. Jim then mentioned trying to recruit National Guard members to boost our membership. This would require liaison with the TAGs in the three states.

## **BREAK FOR DINNER**

### **Reconvened Meeting at 1935**

Bob Jaffin continued the discussion of the Chapter structure by disagreeing with Jim about a Northern New England Chapter, saying that he favored a New England Council. He said there are fiscal advantages from MOAA national under the Council organization.

**Scholarship Program:** Wayne Balcom reported that the Scholarship Committee met this morning and reviewed six return applicants. They approved all six, including Wayne's grandson. He relayed a story about his grandson. Wayne then went on to bring up the issue of grant versus loan concerning the Scholarship Program. He covered the various points of both approaches. Peter Burdett brought up the argument of what about those who have loans outstanding if we went to a grant system. Wayne replied that those who have loans outstanding would continue to repay their loans. Peter continued by saying that he feels the pay-back feature is working. Roby Day commented that we have a large amount of money in the Scholarship Investment accounts, and wonders why we don't approve more applicants or increase the amounts of the loans. The discussion continued back and forth. Bob summed it up by saying that this topic is a good one for a strategic study group.

**Program venues topics and alternatives:** Jim LeFebvre said he got two responses from his request for inputs on possible changes to our programs. He briefly discussed the two responses. Bob Jaffin said he will make an attempt to get hold of Bruce Avery to see if he would be willing to lead a new strategic study group. Bob then said the next scheduled Board meeting is September 16, a ZOOM meeting.

**Special Committee Reports:** Sharon Day said she has the Directors slate firmed up and thanked those who helped her do it. She is concerned about the number of vacancies in the chapter and she doesn't see the Board making efforts to fill those vacancies. Bob Jaffin said that this is another subject for this strategic study group to look into.

**Last Minute Items:** Peter Burdett said he had a couple of "tid bits". He said he had spoken with Bancroft McKittrick, who now lives in Florida, and Bancroft sends his regards. Peter reminded everyone that he had served on the selection committee to select this year's Board of Directors for MOAA national. The next meeting of the SVAC is going to be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. The SVAC has a new chair – Paul Lloyd of the DAV. Gerry Boyle added that FR. Jeff Paveglio, who was a speaker last year, is going on active duty as the Catholic Chaplain at Fort Carson in Colorado. Jim LeFebvre said he read an article that said Navy personnel can not attend religious services off base. There was a brief discussion of this article.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2001 hours.

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Secretary  
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