**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

14 July 2020

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 14 July 2020 via virtual format. Thanks to Toni Overholser for setting up the virtual platform. President Dan Semsel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m..

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dan Semsel, Holly Beard, Chris Stanley, Woody Stroud, Mike Mayer, Kim Fitzgerald, Toni Overholser, Rick Whitaker, Cassie Barlow, Sandy Brubaker, Paul Newman, Jr, Shawn Werchan, Rebecca Westlake, Ralph Andersen, Brian Jarvis, Jon McCance, Sara Lommatzsch, Steve Goeman, Jerry Pfeiffer, Lin Stokes-Crowe

**DOD:** Col Shawn Werchan, 445 AW Vice Commander, Col Kim Fitzgerald, 178th FW Commander

**Liaisons**: No representatives were online.

**Approval of Annual June Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Cassie Barlow, Second, Holly Beard. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**88 ABW – No report**

**178th Wing:** Col Fitzgerald reported the COVID response has dominated the activities of the 178th, including security forces, medical and logistics in the Western part of Ohio. Mission continues. Most activities cannot work from home. About 25% of the workforce is on base. The Space National Guard is moving forward, expecting FY 22 to be the initial roll out. The Wing is waiting for decisions at the national level. Two weeks ago a member of the Wing committed suicide. NASIC also lost an Airmen to suicide this weekend that works with the Wing. Col Fitzgerald thanked the MVMAA for their support to CMSgt Ross’ request for help. She reported most of the Airmen are managing without assistance, so the funds have been set aside to be used when most needed.

**445AW –**Col Werchan reported half the wing came in over the past weekend and the second half will meet the upcoming weekend. The Wing is not flying AFRC missions, but they are flying Air Force missions.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – No representative online

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley reported the All American Evening was originally rescheduled to August, but then had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions. It was not possible to meet all the restrictions in the space. That will have an impact. The occupancy at the houses has been down due to COVID. Only one non-medical attendant can be with cancer patients receiving treatment, which has had an impact. The VA house occupancy has been coming back up and it is expected the on base houses will increase as well.

**USO –** No representative online

**President’s Remarks:** President Dan Semsel. thanked everyone for taking time from their busy lives to come online for the meeting. No change of posture is expected at the base. We will do an August meeting, virtual if we can’t meet at the USO. The Base Tour is still on hold. There is a planned POW/MIA either the 17th or 18th of September, with the possibility of a POW speaker. As soon as a date is finalized, we will get the word out. Dan is working with Candy for a Fall Meet-n-Greet at the Dublin Pub. When NAOC came in on the 4th of July, they were allowed to use the USO patio. The grills needed to be replaced, so the executive committee voted to donate $500.00 for new Grills for the USO.

**CHAMBER REPORTS:** Reports were given by the chamber representatives present. Please check out all our chamber member websites for any upcoming events. There are many great events across the region as noted by the representatives. Thank you to all the chamber representatives for the continuing support you provide the MVMAA.

**Beavercreek** (Brian Jarvis) <https://beavercreekchamber.org/> Present

**Bellbrook** (Holly Beard) <http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.org/> Present

**Dayton (**Woody Stroud) [www.daytonchamber.org/](http://www.daytonchamber.org/) Present

**Fairborn** (Matt Owen) <http://fairborn.com/>

**Huber Heights** (Mark Bruns <http://huberheightschamber.com/>

**Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood** *(*Anthony Colussi) <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

**Northmont** (Cathy Hutton) <http://northmontchamber.com/>

**Riverside** (Sara Lommatzsch) <http://www.riversidechamber.com/>Present

**South Metro** (Dwayne Adams) <http://www.smrcoc.org/>

**Springfield** (Bernie Willis)  <http://www.greaterspringfield.com/>

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden)

**Trotwood** (Marie Battle) <http://trotwoodchamber.org/>

**Vandalia-Butler** (Will Roberts) <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

**Waynesville** (Rick Whitaker) [www.waynesvilleohio.com/](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/) Present

**Xenia** (Steve Brodsky) <http://www.xacc.com/>

**Yellow Springs** (Karen Wintrow) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: John McCance reported the NAOC (National Airborne Operational Command Post) folks put together the grills for the USO. The USO is going through a major renovation of many systems, including the HVAC. The USO is thankful for the help and looking forward to MVMAA returning.

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** No representative online

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson reported he is working to update the website. The various membership options are there. Holly, Paul and Ralph will meet offline to work on the golf outing requirements for next years event.

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman provided copies of the Finance report with the meeting notice. Minimal change since June.

*MOTION TO APPROVE July Treasurer’s Report: Cassie Barlow, Second, Paul Newman. PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Steve Goeman reported there are 137 annual members and 10 Lifetime members paid. Cassie reported she has been joining Bellbrook, Centervile and ?? during their Zoom meeting to inform the chambers about MVMAA. She said she would be very happy to join any chambers in any Zoom meetings they are having and when face-to-face meetings resume to attend those.

**NOMINATING:** Paul thanked Cassie for sending the information and will have an update soon.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**Nothing to report at this time.

**GOLF OUTING:**  Holly Beard reported 83 golfers attended. The split T start was used. The only downfall was not everyone came in at the same time. It worked well in terms of being able to visit with all the teams as they arrived. Holly was able to procure the box lunches from Far Hills Catering at $4.50 each. She heard nothing but positive comments about them. Unfortunately, a box lunch probably won’t be an option next year unless there’s another extreme world event. The grill was open, so hotdogs were provided to the golfers—nothing like the base hotdogs, but they were okay. The winning team was -20, and the second place was -19. The winning team was from Akron and Columbus and are looking forward to returning. The VFW 8312 team came in at 2nd place, Kettering Health Network was 3rd. The outing went really well. Net profit will be $11-12,000. All the golfers showed up and paid, which is apparently very unusual. There are a couple sponsors that Holly is chasing, but she should be able to finalize the financial report very soon. Chris Stanley complimented Holly on her phenomenal job putting the event together, especially with all the world event driven changes. Jerry thanked Holly for the afternoon cool down shower. Sandy also thanked Holly for the amazing job and said it was great being able to get out to meet people in person. Holly reported she has reserved 14 May for next year’s event at the Beavercreek Golf Club.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Holly will be contacting Jon Knape about his sponsorship for next year’s golf outing, she queried whether she needed a board vote if Kettering Health Network only wants to sponsor one hole instead of two. Dan suggested a review of the budget to determine overall needs rather than a single line item.

**Meeting adjourned at 1842 hours, 6:42 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be in 11 August, at the USO if possible, but if not, it will be virtual again.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Stokes-Crowe