**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

9 February 2021

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 9 February 2021 via Lifesize virtual format. Thanks to Toni Overholser for setting up the virtual platform. Past President Dan Semsel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dan Semsel, Susy Himelhoch, Rebecca Westlake, Steve Goeman, Toni Colussi, Woody Stroud, Paul Newman, Sara Lommatzsch, , Rick Whitaker, Alexandra Scott, Sandy Brubaker, Ralph Andersen, Cassie Barlow, Mike Mayer, Cathy Hutton, Brandon Creech, and Lin Stokes-Crowe.

**DOD:** Col Mike Phillips, 88 ABW Vice Commander; Col Ray Smith, 445 AW Commander

**Liaisons**: Chris Stanley, Fisher Nightingale House; Erik Oberg, USO

The first order of business was to swear Susy Himelhoch in as Vice President

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Paul Newman, Jr., Sara* Lommatzsch*, Second. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**445AW –** Col Smith said his new command chief, CMSgt Chris Williams will be on board 15 February. Airmen are deployed around the world. A COVID fact finding assessment will be completed at the next unit training assembly. A security forces member was selected for Active Duty drone pilot training. Another Airman received a national level award for a paper he wrote.

**88 ABW –** Col Phillips shared the base was closed today, but many folks are tele-working so the work continues even in bad weather. The runways were kept open for 445 AW missions. More snow is expected. More than 4300 COVID vaccinations have been given out. A second 2000 shots were received have been given out. We’re waiting for more vaccinations. Retirees 75 and over have been called to let them know the shots are available, but many reported already having gotten the shot through the VA or civilian providers. Recent changes came down today—100% mask wear on federal installations, regardless of social distancing.

**178 Wing:** No report

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** –

**Fisher Nightingale House –** Chris Stanley reported things continue to move along. Guests are coming in and were able to stay in Fisher House 2, but the heat is not functioning this week, so folks have to stay in the Hope Hotel paid for by the non-profit. Fisher House 1 is under renovation and currently unavailable.

**USO –** Erik Oberg reported on USO happenings. Plugging along. We missed John McCance’s chili for the Super Bowl. Have supported consecutive waves of deployers. We celebrated 80th anniversary of the USO and are planning a celebration for the 5th anniversary for the base USO. Even with the pandemic, 13,900 folks were touched in 2020. Currently the USO sees about 15-20 visitors a day, which is considerably less than during non-pandemic times. Col Phillips thanked the USO for their support of the deployers.

**President’s Remarks:** Dan reported Toni asked that Jim Schumann’s family be kept in their thoughts and prayers. He passed away on 5 February. There will be a celebration of life ceremony at the Dock on 5 Aug. Details can be found on MVMAA’s social media page.

Thank you to all the chamber representatives for the continuing support you provide the MVMAA. Board members should go to the various Chamber websites for up to date activities and schedules.

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

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

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

**Fairborn** (Paul Newman, Jr.) <http://fairborn.com/> Present

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

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

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

**Northmont** () <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** (Alexandra Scott) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/> Present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**:

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson said he got the website ready for the golf outing. Until we can test the mechanics closer to the event. The Winkler Martin Award has been updated. Ralph is working to get some other tabs and names updated but is learning as he goes. He is working on developing a members only area, but that is a work in progress. Paul commended on Ralph’s work on the website.

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman reported the latest financial report was emailed to all the board members with the board reminder. Steve said the organization is in a strong fiscal position, starting the year exactly where we wanted to. Col Phillips thanked the board for all their support over the past year.

*MOTION TO APPROVE January Treasurer’s Report: Steve Goeman, Cassie Barlow, Seconded, Motion PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cassie reported the membership renewals are starting to come in. Cassie said we have about 70 current members. She will be working to target chambers she hasn’t visited.

**NOMINATING:** Not much at the moment.

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

**GOLF OUTING:**  No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rebecca thanked Dan for pinch hitting.

**Meeting adjourned at 1838 hours, 6:38 p.m.**

The next meeting will be on 9 March 2021 at 1800 hours (6 p.m.) and will be virtual using the Lifesize forum.

Respectfully Submitted, Lin Stokes-Crowe