



***NASSAU COUNTY FLORIDA CHAPTER
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034
We are a Non-Partisan Organization***

BOD Meeting Minutes 6 February 2024 1130hrs Fernandina Beach Golf Club

Commenced at 1130hrs

ATTENDEES: Mike Doran, Tony LaVecchia, Bob Bell, Gene Kilcawley, Joe Blanchard, Mike McClane, Kate Waldrop, Mary Gustafson, Paul Booton, Harry Henning, Charlie Finnegan, Rich Sharp

ABSENTEES: Lou Tonti

President Mike Doran: Mike, Mary, and Tony attended the Florida Chapter for Leadership Council in Orlando. Our social event will be held at Ditch Witch Brewery in Yulee with Pizza prepared by Black Cat Pizza Company. There may be more than 50 members in attendance. Pizza choices will be cheese, veggie and meat.

Vice President Tony LaVecchia: Tony will visit the Yulee News Newspaper in Callahan on 7 February 2024. Several suggestions:

We need to make a significant monetary impact for scholarships.

Advocacy in action

Purchase liability insurance

Recruit back up BOD staff

Design and purchase trifolds for our chapter

Establish a mission and purpose action

Tony was selected to be our NE Florida Representative in Washington DC in April KUDOS!!!!

Treasurers Report Bob Bell: In the bank \$6,6001.33 plus \$100.00 in petty cash. We received \$60.00 from National MOAA for new members. Bob ordered new checks last month and the bank sent them to the wrong address; they were returned to the bank and destroyed. New checks were reordered with the new PO Box. The Florida Council of Chapters is owed \$65.00 and SunBiz \$61.25.

Secretary's Report Kate Waldrop: Will deliver charter documents to Mike Doran. The original charter document cannot be found although we have pictures of it being given to our first president.

Membership Charlie Finnegan: Charlie attended the Vets for Vets on February 3, 2024 at the West Nassau High School. This event was well received by numerous veteran organizations in the geographic area.

Data Processing Paul Booton: We need to remind those members who have not paid 2024 dues they will be dropped from membership on 29 February 2024. 27 have not paid. We have 7 “free” members who are spouses of deceased members. It is with regret that Paul will be moving to Roanoke, Va in the very near future. He is resigning effective 29 February 2024.

Web Site Development Joe Blanchard: NCFLMOAA.org In past years Joe has paid \$300.00 yearly for our website. He does not want compensation for this generous yearly gift. Futuristically, we will pay Joe “as we go” for any web based MOAA advertising and information sharing, Joe will evaluate the Florida Council of Chapters website and migrate our local website to it. Joe has also volunteered to “fill in” for Paul Booton until a new member is recruited to the data processing position.

Surviving Spouse Support Liaison Mary Gustufson: National MOAA is updating the data base to reflect current spouses of deceased members and that data base needs to be in our local system. Mary has suggested the term “auxiliary” be eliminated.

Programs/Events Harry Henning: Guest speakers for 2024 Speakers are booked through March.

Legislative Affairs Michael McClane: MOAA national has shared that 23 local members have been in touch with accessing the legislature. It is very important that MOAA members sign into the Legislature Action Center by accessing www.moaa.org and register under the Advocacy Tab. Family and friends can register under www.moaa.org/take action. It is our duty and responsibility to protect and ensure benefits for all of us.

ROTC Gene Kilcawley: Gene has recruited a bugler from Fernandina Beach High School to play for our Memorial Day Event.

Chaplain Lou Tonti: absent

Newsletter Rich Sharp: Rich is updating the entire newsletter and has submitted it to National MOAA

New Business and Scheduled Socials:

**Scheduled social at Disco Witch Brewing and Pizza Party 15 February 2024
1730hrs**

Next Member Meeting 13 Feb 2024 1130hrs at FBGC.

Next BOD meeting: 5 March 2024 FBGC

Next Member Meeting 12 March 2024 @1730.

Meeting adjourned 1300hrs

This is an addendum to the minutes of 6 February 2024

The following elected officers are listed as MOAA Nassau Florida Board of Directors for 2024:

President: Michael Doran

Vice President: Tony LaVecchia

Treasurer: Robert (Bob) Bell

Secretary: Kathleen (Kate) Waldrop