

Minutes of the  
AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting

February 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Cavalli at 7:35 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. The January 8 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Hale. Overall finances are in good shape. The chapter earned \$9,021 from the 2007 IMAGE golf tournament, although not all the funds have been received from AFCEA and NDIA. 2007 taxes returns have been filed and no taxes are due. Jim is working with our webmaster and the bank to enable attendees to pay for the Space Warfare Symposium and other events at our website.

NORAD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Major Jessica Baker from NORAD explained the program to recognize this anniversary. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is May 12, 2008 but there are events before and after the date. Details can be found at [www.NORAD.mil/50](http://www.NORAD.mil/50).

Bernard Schriever Essay Contest. Lt Col Steven Staats, 22 SOPS/CC is this year's sponsor. The contest is open to all AFSPC military and civilian members. The winners will be announced in mid-May and published in the AFSPC quarterly journal, High Frontier. The winner will be presented at the Space Warfare Symposium in June. The chapter will again fund the contest prizes.

Veteran's Affairs. Dan Beatty. No report.

Community Partners. Debbie Estrem. We added nine new community partners so far this year. Kelly Terrien and Karal Lewantowicz from STS, one of the new partners, were presented with their plaque by Debbie and Tom. Also, recognizing Debbie's exceptional success in building our Community Partner program, Air Force magazine interviewed her to learn how she achieves such great results year after year.

Internal Awards. Paul Burnett. No report.

External Awards. Don Knight. No report.

Aerospace Education. Phil Hamann. Phil will be updating the scholarship forms for 2008 and jump starting the Teacher of the Year program. He intends to start both programs earlier than in past years.

Communications. Jeanin Damery. Inputs needed for the next newsletter.

Government Relations. Brian Binn. No report.

Professional Development. Roy Griggs. Roy met with Col Buck 50 SW/CV to ensure support for the Schriever essay contest, resulting in the assignment of 22 SOPS as the sponsoring unit. Also, Roy and Ron Kriete are defining what a professional development program could include and will present it for consideration.

Membership. Cary Trafton. Sixty new members for 4Q07, bringing the chapter to more than 2,800 members.

Historian. In need of a volunteer to head this effort.

#### Reports.

- Quarterly Activity Report (Kevin Estrem). Submitted. Next report due Apr 15, 2008.
- Quarterly Financial Report (Jim Hale). Submitted. Next report due Apr 15, 2008.

#### Events.

- AF Ball (Dan Beatty). February 15, 2008 at the Broadmoor. Seating is complete with 921 people attending. Final details with the script and other last minute items being resolved.
- Space Warfare Symposium (Henry Baird & Kevin Estrem). June 23-25, 2008 at Keystone. The plan is to keep it small (300-400 attendees), since this is one feature previous attendees have liked. The size allows conversations with the speakers as well as others in attendance. Additional corporate sponsors are still needed for the Cyber café, breakfasts and other functions.
- IMAGE Golf. Need an AFA chairperson. NDIA will host on August 8, 2008 at Ft. Carson.
- SNOFEST. Jan 25-27, 2008 at Keystone. Kevin and Debbie Estrem manned a table, selling some AF Ball tickets, providing membership applications to several interested parties and securing one new Community Partner. The event has continued to grow with about 4,000 people attending this year.
- Wing Open Boxing Tournament. Bob Cooper. March 2, 2008. The chapter will sponsor the pizza lunch and arrangements are near final. This event is co-sponsored by the Rampart Chapter of the Association of Graduates and the Sijan chapter.

#### AFA State.

- The quarterly meeting will be held in Pueblo on February 16, 2008.
- The Sijan chapter is responsible for hosting the State Convention and Awards Dinner in the July-August timeframe. Kevin Estrem will lead the planning for this event. The quarterly meeting will be held at the Challenger Learning Center. The location of the dinner is not yet determined.

AFA National. September 22-26, 2008 in Washington, DC.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2008.

Attendees

Tom Cavalli	Kevin Estrem	Dan Beatty
Jim Hale	Hank Scarangella	Debbie Estrem
Kelly Terrien	Karal Lewantowicz	Major Jessica Baker
Roy Griggs	Ken Bennett	Bob Cooper
Mike Passafiume	Tim Lemons	Jerry White
Lt Col Steven Staats		

Submitted by:

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Secretary