

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2011

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## **Welcome**

President Kevin Estrem opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35.

## **Government Relations (Tom Cavalli) No Report**

Tom was not present but Kevin reported that the date for the next State Quarterly meeting is TBD.

## **Secretary's Report (Hank Scarangella)**

The September minutes are posted to the website.

## **Treasurer's Report (Dave Shiller)**

The quarterly report has been completed and will be signed by the current officers for submission to AFA National.

The chapter received \$8,400 from the IMAGE golf tournament. It spent \$475 for citations and certificates of appreciation that are given to various awardees at unit award ceremonies, etc. The chapter also contributed \$400 to the storage locker shared with NDIA. The chapter will contribute to the Peterson Museum, which will complete the donations planned for in this year's budget.

## **Presidents Comments:**

August Officer Elections. Ballots were e-mailed to the entire membership on October 6, 2011 with a requested return date of October 14, 2011. There was one candidate for each position: President - Brian Binn, Executive Vice President – Dave Shiller, Treasurer – Barb Binn, Secretary – Tom Ocvirk.

No further information or guidance from AFA National regarding the membership test program.

## **Cyber Patriot Program (Ray Ragaller)**

There are 20 Colorado Springs area high schools registered for the Cyber Patriot program.

Rags will establish a Colorado winner's program to honor the #2, #3 and #4 teams. The #1 team will go on to the national competition but those teams finishing close behind deserve recognition.

There was a discussion about hosting one or more networking socials for the local area coaches so they can compare notes and share experiences. The first social could be after the first round of competition and then at the completion of the competition.

## **Community Partners & Sponsorship Program Report (Debbie Estrem)**

We welcomed Renee Siemiet as the new VP for Community Partner and Sponsorships.

Debbie presented the flyer for the Community Partner Reception and Chapter Awards Presentation for distribution to the membership. The event will be Thursday, Nov 10 at Red Nolan Cadillac, 990 Motor City Drive from 5:00 – 7:30.

## **External Awards Report (Ray Powell)**

James Wood and Donnie Bowen will issue free membership certificates in coordination with Ray.

## **Membership Report (James Wood)**

The chapter gained 23 new members for 3Q and they have been reported to AFA National.

Since there is no guidance from AFA National regarding the membership test program, we discussed initiating a chapter membership program.

## **Communications Report (Jeanin Damery)**

Jeanin will publish one more newsletter in October before relinquishing her duties.

Hank will distribute the job description for Jeanin's replacement as the chapter web master, newsletter publisher and publicist.

## **Aerospace Education Report (Roy Griggs)**

Brig Gen Dana Born was awarded the Lance P. Sijan award by AFA National. This seems to have sparked her interest in the Sijan chapter and has asked to meet with us to better understand our programs and activities. Roy will arrange for that discussion.

Linda will lead the effort to revise the scholarship criteria. She is researching the national by-laws to determine the required criteria and will present recommendations at the November meeting.

## **Professional Development Report (Charlie Bryant)**

We continue to be told that Col Shaw has offered to work the Essay Contest, although there has been no progress.

## **Air Power Advocate (Brad Butler) No Report**

Brad Butler wants to continue in the advocate role and will provide a status report on the program at the November meeting.

## **Veteran's Affairs (Estrem/Hale)**

Kevin asked for a copy of the Pikes Peak Veteran's Council charter and by-laws in September but has still not received them.

## **Events**

### *Air Force Ball (Hank Scarangella)*

Planning is underway. The committee met September 26 and will meet again this afternoon. We will meet with the Broadmoor on October 20 and have committee meetings weekly. Dave meets with Gen Shelton on Oct 19, which will clarify his expectations and the degree of support we can receive from his command.

### *Deployed Families Quarterly Dinner*

The chapter donated \$250 to this event. The date of the next dinner is unknown.

### *SCWS (Tom Ocvirk)*

The committee surveyed five venues: Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Marriott North, Glen Eyrie, Antlers and Doolittle Hall. Only the Cheyenne Mountain Resort and the Marriott can accommodate the event and CMR has the added advantage of having its own golf course. The outcome of Dave's meeting with Gen Shelton on Oct 19 will affect many aspects of the event and enable the committee to make more concrete plans.

### *SnoFest*

Jan 27 – 29, 2012 at Keystone. It is being expanded to more bases and the chapter will have a table there to advocate for AFA.

### *Home Front Cares Dinner*

The dinner will be at the Broadmoor on October 21, 2011. GEN (Ret) Barry McCaffery will be the keynote speaker. The chapter has purchased a table that seats 10. Jim, Roy, Renee, Dave, Donnie, Tom and James will attend so there are three places still open.

### *Wing Open Boxing Tournament*

Mike McCoy has agreed to chair the committee for this event. It will be held March 4, 2012.

**Next Meeting: November 8, 2011 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs**

*Attendees*

Kevin Estrem	Dave Shiller	James Wood
Debbie Estrem	Linda Aldrich	Tom Ocvirk
Jim Hale	Roy Griggs	Hank Scarangella
Jim Przybysz	Rick Ragaller	Fred Bell
Renee Siemiet	Dan Arey	Donnie Bowen
Barbara Binn		