

AC119 Gunship Association Minutes - from Teleconference Meeting, Tuesday, 11/10/2015

Reporting M. Drzyzga, 11/20/15 (Rev.B)

Participants: L. Fletcher, R. La Rosa, M. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, G. Sininger, W. Laessig, R. Julian, and J. Mattison.

1. Meeting Duration 58 min., it began promptly at 8:00 p.m. EST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Secretary's Report (MD):
 - a. The Minutes from both the Membership Meeting and the Board meeting in St. Louis were accepted as distributed. GS motioned, BL did 2nd.
 - b. MD reported on an email from BP that he wants to do the next NL for us. MD will keep in touch w BP going forward. Even though BP's *Firing Circles* are more professional looking, the Flashes are fulfilling the role. The next NL will be based on the available content. March is initial target date.
 - c. Updated info on the printed MLC from the hooch was extracted by MD, and the MCL sent to RJ, who acknowledged receipt. DW also sends BP the reunion regi forms to provide data on new attendees..
3. Treasurer's Report, (DW):

Total: \$33,940. (\$31,203 with DW and \$2,737 with GS in FWB)

TWE was paid three payments totaling \$9810, leaving \$77 remaining in donations "account".

Auto payments to web site hosting has stopped, for an unknown reason.

GS asked about pistol raffle update: DW has a folder with details, it is about \$1,300 so far. Off to a good start.
4. Quartermaster's report – GS

Auctions results from St. Louis. DW has the data in temp storage, will report at next Teleconf.

GS has received no new shirt orders; the Shirt Order Form is on the existing web site.

The new Web Site is unavailable; it may be the auto payment issue a mentioned above.

ACTION: WL will follow-up with TWE.

LF asked GS about "give a-ways" when attendees arrive in FWB. GS will give Association water bottles to all. 280 water bottles are still in inventory.
5. Newsletter / FLASH: Well discussed above. Additionally, WL and MD brought up the snail mail issue. 18th folks w/o email address are no longer receiving Newsletters/Flashes. **ACTION:** LF will discuss this with ES. The cost of snail mail is reimbursable via DW. Or, MD suggested using the cost as a tax donation.
6. Web Site (IT Committee) report, WL –

Almost all of the content is loaded. All the adjusted titles and image alignments are working.

Some work on the MySQL database spec. has started. Third payment was made to TWE. We are waiting for info from TWE on specs for the way the MySQL interacts with the web site. The Alpha Roster email linkage (now just for the Board) is probably done – this will be tested soon.

Content Manager will be demonstrated by WL to those who need to update the Web content.

TWE is set-up so that the MCL is NOT corruptible. RL has some concern that the MCL is at risk,

and does not fully understand the security of the database – and needs additional info that assures that the database integrity is secured. Nonetheless, TWE wants to load the entire MCL w/o a sub-set test first. Earl will create a Macro for reunion registration --also next on the to-do list. **ACTION:** WL to follow-up with TWE. **ACTION:** WL and RJ to discuss this off-line, and with the IT Committee soon. There is an issue with the way dates are handled between Mac and Microsoft OS -- therefore, after the DB is functional, we need to fix the incorrect dates.

ACTION: For ALL....review the new Web Site Content and evaluate what is available for all to see.

ACTION: WL to connect with Lee Wolf, so Lee can help GS with Quartermaster updates.

7. Media Manager – Ev: N/A.

8. Reunion XVII, FWB update

a. GS report: GS has verified that the 3-day “cut-off” date to guarantee hotel room rates is OK, and is the same as we have done with past reunions. Additional rooms have been added.

b. MD reported that the Blue Angles home-coming show for 2016 has been scheduled and published on their web site. Their show is in mid-November, therefore we will not see them during the reunion. Nevertheless, a visit to the Pensacola NAS museum is still a viable tour, either formally or as impromptu group adventures.

9. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH,

a. RJ reporting: Dates set as Thur. 9/28 – Sun. 10/1/2017. Hooch opens on Thur. Five hotel proposals are pending. Meetings with two convention bureaus are scheduled with Roger S and RJ. Sat. night will be the Banquet at the USAF museum, under the wings. DW? OH state Tax exception? – **ACTION ITEM for RJ.**

b. Memorial Bench Update, LF: we have an early start on the process, bench site (location) is identified and awaiting approval. Dodd’s Monuments will do the lettering/graphics. The 71st will move their memorial to Barclay Air Museum, located in Columbus, IN airport. Local, James Rash is our “boots-on-ground” there. Al Huess is on the Bench Committee, and Jim Alvis aboard as a back-up. LF clearly stated that the Association will not formally solicit for donations, but of course will accept donations freely. We will push the .45 cal pistol raffle at FWB to boost the funds. The graphics include Darby’s images, both side of the bench will have info, a classic look w/o being cluttered.

10. Last Orbit:

a. BL: LC Berksome, EO of 73rd at Cannon AFB, promoted to Full Bird and transferred as Cmd to Hulburt.

b. GS...status of Mullens Bike? ACTION: WL will continue dialog with Marilyn. Also, Lithos that were donated and returned from 55- and over Village. They were a mess, not displayed, may be cleaned up and auctioned off.

c. LF added that our Bench will have a dedication Ceremony, with a General in attendance, on Friday afternoon.

NEXT BOARD Teleconf Meeting: Tues. Dec. 8,, 2015

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