

AC-119 Gunship Association Minutes
Teleconference Meeting, Tuesday, 12/8/2015

Participants: L. Fletcher, M. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, G. Sininger, W. Laessig, J. Mattison, R. Lefarth.

1. Meeting Duration 36 min., it began promptly at 8:00 p.m. EST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Secretary's Report (MD):
 - a. The Minutes (Rev. B) from the Nov. 10, Telecom, were accepted as distributed.
 - b. MD reported that a membership campaign by Ev Sproun has been successful and the Association is up to 426 LIFE members.
3. Treasurer's Report (DW):

Total: \$34,852. (\$2,700 transferred to GS in FWB) will avoid low-account maintenance fees.

Auction results: Blind - 63 items earned \$1,256, Open - Gus handled 29 items, earned \$2,712, plus Sam Gallo's 50/50 Drawing, for Grand Totals: \$4,338.
4. Quartermaster's report – (GS):

Still updating inventory records, expected completion by end-of year (few weeks away). Gus will contact Jerry Hester to account for what inventory items JH is holding.
5. Newsletter / FLASH:
 - a. Ev sent snail-mail FLASH distribution last month at a cost of about \$160.
 - b. BP and LF talked about future of NL publications. BP would like to have the FLASH renamed "firing circle", and continue with the current format. It takes a lot of time to use BP's publishing software for him to complete a NL. MD added that he (MD) would like to lighten the Association workload on his desk, and NOT do future Flashes – and will discuss with BP the possibility of BP doing a much simpler Firing Circle (taking less effort).
6. Web Site (IT Committee) report – (WL):

November was less productive due to WL's travels and illness. WL did speak with TWE's Earl – the access issue from last month was resolved. RJ was also traveling, so he and WL need to have an IT Committee meeting in order to finalize the MySQL database ownership and report structure. As soon as that is finalized, Earl will load the MCL data. Lee Wolf is also traveling and he had been helping Gus with the quartermaster section. Dec and Jan should be more productive. Gus asked about PayPal issues – WL says: all fixed, except for who gets notified. The quartermaster site is working, but the site is still hidden a bit. If you search the web and find the new site, it is usable. JM indicated that he has successfully ordered something.
7. Media Manager – Ev: N/A – traveling out-of-country.
8. Reunion XVII, FWB Update:
 - a. LF indicated that he took 5 bottles of white wine home after the STL reunion and intends to bring them to FWB for use in the hooch. Ron Hinton also took some wine from STL next reunion.
 - b. Gus will have lunch meeting in the near future with the hotel staff to verify all the commitments and activities that are planned.
9. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH,
 - a. The Committee (R. Julian, R. Stevens, A. Huess) has 5 hotels chosen, they already visited each, and are evaluating their five proposals. They intend to present a proposal to the Board at the Feb.

telecom, and will make a final choice by mid-March 2016. After this step, they will choose the banquet caterer of which only two are available, The Wright-Patterson Club and the Hope Hotel.

b. Memorial Bench Update: LF said that the bench site has been approved by the Museum, and the removal of the 71st SOS memorial has also been approved. Now reviewing primary graphs for the bench. Al Huess and Jim Rash are committee members. They continue to work with Dobb's for the memorial bench – we still need a contract. We will need to pay ½, or about \$2,500, at the contract signing, LF will need to ask the Board's approval to spend that, quietly, since we will avoid asking for any donations until after the Fort Walton Beach Reunion.

10. Last Orbit:

- a. GS - 12/18 to end-of-yr. will be out-of-town, but available via cell phone.
- b. DW – has received three registration forms for the FWB reunion and has started using his Excel spreadsheet. The Registration Form is on the current Web site, was posted on FB, and has been distributed to all who receive FLASH's. DW also mentioned that hotel registrations are growing and the beach front rooms are now limited.
- c. RL – asked for new web-site address. (our current address w/o the dash between C & 1)

NEXT BOARD MEETING Teleconference: Tues. February 9, 2016 (skip January)

Respectively Submitted,
Michael Dryzyga, Secretary
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