

Reporting: M. Drzyzga 7/16/2016

Participants: L Fletcher, R LaRosa, M Drzyzga, D Wohlgamuth, R Lefarth, C McCall, P Diehl, G Sininger, E. Sprous, J Mattison, & R Julian

1. Meeting Duration 45 min., it began at 8:00 p.m. EST, Pres Fletcher completed roll-call.
2. Secretary's Report (MD): Minutes (Rev. 2) from June 14, 2016, Telecom, were accepted, as distributed. We added an FMS Life Member No. 435, Warny "Beau" Crosby (NaTrang, 1969)
3. Treasurer's Report: DW Paid Website maintenance fee of \$600, Memorial of \$100 for Don Heirs, Total Payment of: \$779.
 - Bank Total: \$28,484. Q.M. acct = \$3,400.
 - The "Pistol Raffle" has collected \$1,670 (same as last month)
 - Reunion registrations: 61 folks signed-up.
 - \$1,734 awaiting bank deposit
 - Tour: 22 signed-up, plus \$109 donated for transportation.
 - Action Item for MD: DW rec'd a life member check written on a closed acct – MD will contact member.
4. Quartermaster's Report – GS – Inventory is almost restocked, a few more items waiting on for payment.
5. Media Manager: Ev – LF asked: Will we have a "list" of Video Recordings for all who JP recorded, & will those be made available on the QM page of the new web site? MD indicated that the Association's No. 1 ext HD was returned to JP via UPS in June, who said he will update it with all of our current video recordings. WHEN JP returns that to MD, the No. 2, & No. 3 ext HDs will also be updated (Ev has No.2). THEN, the difficult task (IMHO): Ev was volunteered by MD to take WL's list of recordings, & actually reconcile that list to the HD files! Ev said he is ready & waiting to proceed.
ACTION ITEM: The new Web Site's QM page does not yet have the Video Recordings available.
6. Web Site (IT Committee) Report, Ron J – WL has most of the content uploaded (whew!). RL & WL talked about the next steps to have the MCL data base ready for updating using the CMS (Content Management System). Next will be testing of the MCL to both the QM page & the Reunion regi' page. No questions from the Board. LR reported that WL sent an email indicating that by 7/25, the IT team & Earl from TWE should have these last steps completed. RL has over 100 updates collected over 18 months to change the MCL – one intensive day of work.
7. Newsletter *Firing Circle* - MD: a) MD & Bill P did work-out fixing the link on the current Web Site to the May NL, & b) adding the "special" July NL. Also, Bill P will add a pdf file link on our REUNION page to the Tour info/regi, therefore you do not have to go into the May NL for that info. Lastly, MD will plan on an Aug NL with a push on the reunion, plus all the usual info we provide.
8. Facebook Update (Jim M): The admins are doing a good job of keeping adherence to the page policies.
9. Reunion XVII, FWB Update: (Gus) Gus met with the 18th. They were disappointed they could not have Fri for our interaction (site visit), because Sat requires the unit to bring in volunteers on their day off. HOPEFULLY, they will be able to get an A/C on "static display" for us on the weekend. Nevertheless, we can plan to do a memorial service at the Air Park, with unit support, family members acknowledged, as we have done in the past.
10. Reunion 2017, Dayton, OH: (RJ):
 - a. The Club penciled us in for the Catering - 2017 prices will not be available until Jan 1, 2017.
 - b. Team intended to bring reunion web site up soon after FWB, but w/o pricing, they will work on this issue.
 - c. In Jan, final contract & menu's will be addressed. Note from LF: Either Julian or Stevens can sign the contract for the Association
11. Historian Report: P Diehl – a. PD found many minutes on the new Web site (except for two). Doc will have reunion Flyers with host names (current missing), needs to find attendees names, Sat eve. programs, reunion agendas. Goal is to get all the info before the FWB reunion. Who has 1st two newsletters – Ev may have these. They also may be on our FB page.
12. Last Orbit:
 - a. A&B awards – 1 nomination with 3 votes already in. LF needs input soon in order to get the award plaque
 - b. LF reported on a problem with the memorial bench. We used 1973 as 18th SOS end date, but official USAF records indicate that 1972 is official stand down for the 18th. WE have many associates who were flying combat mission with the VNAF in 1973!. We have two options: Do not fight the official USAF stand & go with 1972 on the bench, or take off the DATES completely. LF asked for a vote – the Board voted to CHANGE THE DATE to 1972.

NEXT BOARD Teleconf Meeting: Tues, Aug. 9, 2016 Respectfully, Mike D Rev. B 7/18/16