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AC 119 Gunship Association Board Teleconference Minutes 11/12/2019

1. Conference call was called to order at 2000, those in attendance were: J. Hester, R. Davis, A. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga, G. Sininger, J. Dunn, J. Laird, J. Wolff, W. Laessig, E. Sprous, and D. Luke.
2. Secretary Report: A. Drzyzga: J. Hester asked for any corrections on the teleconference minutes for October 8, 2019. D. Wohloamuth had corrections from the last teleconference minutes regarding his October’s treasurer’s report. Correction to the minutes should read: $53.75 monthly payment to Vast Conference calling and to Pay Pal. Payment made to Dream Host for a 3 year period is $360.00 not $320.00, as previously stated. Motion was made by G. Sininger to accept the corrections to the October minutes, seconded by D. Wahloamuth, all approved.
3. Treasurers report: D. Wohlgamuth: Operating account has $11, 426.91 Quarter Masters account has $4,596.78 totaling $16,022.69. Question from Secretary about the funds raised in SLC from the Silent Auction and Live Auction, amount was over $3,000. Motion was made by M. Drzyzga to accept the treasurer’s report second by G. Sininger, all approved.
4. Quartermaster Report: G. Sininger: Lee Wolf had stepped down from helping Gus with some Quartermaster responsibilities, his health is declining. Gus was looking for a volunteer and suggested E. Sprous. Everett will now be helping Gus with the online ordering, and be able to update the website with new items. Wayne will work with E. Sprous to show him how to post and retrieve information off of the website. This will also lessen some of Liz Buss’s responsibilities on the website.
5. FWB Reunion Update: G. Sininger: Gus referred to his reunion logo on a 5 x 7 glass piece for a giveaway to the attendees at the reunion. The cost per each would be $10.50 and would need to order 175 to get this low price. One glass piece will go into each package, 1 per couple, and 1 per a 119er. Should there be any leftovers we can sell them on the Quartermaster page after the reunion.

Gus is still working on the Saturday night Banquet and will continue to give updates. Gus suggested reducing the registration cost for the reunion. May be something to consider but need to see what the total expenses will be.

Gus also talked about Comp Rooms. JP gets 100% comp for room and meals every year for the video work that he does. Gus also suggested that E. Sprous receive 100% comp for the work that he does. Roy Davis made a motion that it should not be the person but the Committee Chair who should receive the comp room and meals. The Videographer and the Media Manager should be 100% comped during the reunions. Gus and Doug seconded the new motion. This “new policy” should be added to the Reunion Coordinators Book.

1. Media Manager: E. Sprous: Purchased a 5 terabyte Portable Hard Drive. Roy and Everett are working on making some changes and updates.
2. Facebook: E. Sprous, we have 637 members to date.
3. Out Reach: E. Sprous, Jenna and Becky are doing a wonderful job. Everett has the girls working on the KIA and next of kin roster, which was out of date. Jenna and Becky have been working on emails and calling those on the list.
4. Membership Coordinator: E. Sprous, 517 Life members, 100% renewal on annual members.
5. POC Coordinator: E. Sprous: Will be working with Ron Julian and Wayne on updating the lists.
6. Newsletter (Firing Circle): D. Luke, J. Hester: Don would have liked to add a few more pictures to the past Firing Circle! We are looking to get another Firing Circle out by the end of January beginning of February with information on the FWB reunion.
7. Website Report: Wayne: Wayne and Liz will need the firm dollar amounts for the FWB reunion by the end of January, to be able to update the Firing Circle for the registration process. Liz spends 1/3 of her time on the Website repairing and updating, 1/3 of the time with the reunion registration, flyers and tours, 1/3 of her time with updating the quartermaster page, and updating the videos, (this time will decrease with Everett updating the quartermaster page). There are no more huge projects that she needs to invest her time in, unless we move to have the online surveys that will take time to set up.

Liz is offering to spend more hours than requested; she also wants to renegotiate her pay level. Liz’s time spent over the course of a year is approximately 120 hours, her pay could be anywhere from $550.-$650 a month, which would include Web-site repair, online registration, flyers, posting on the Quartermaster page, continued media support. Liz still needs to be compensated for work that she has completed. We may owe her more than what was anticipated. J. Hester and W. Laessig talked about owing Liz about $2,500., with all the hours she had put in her payment is closer to $4,000. We should pay her in one lump sum! Liz’s possible payment for the year could reach up to $7,200. Within the following week after the conference call Wayne and Liz will be in contact to come up with a fee schedule and payment plan.

J. Hester suggested that after Wayne speaks with Liz, we can have a Board only meeting to continue to discuss Liz’s wages and payment, come to an agreement and a vote on it.

1. Past President Updates: M. Drzyzga: Cash McCall mentioned that the Museum at Dover AFB publish a newsletter, at the time Past President L. Fletcher was working on an article with Larry Juday, the article never made it to Dove AFB but did make it to the National AF Museum in Ohio. They have a Foundation and they published a newsletter, and they were looking for articles. Mike sent them the piece that was ready to be published; it had pictures and an explanation of the story. Mike has not heard anything back from them but he did send Allen Armatage, the Foundation President, an email if they have made a decision about the article that was given to them. Mike will continue to pursue the Dover AFB and the National AF Museum.

Mike also wrote a letter to Hill AFB Museum Curator, thanking him for their hospitality but also noted that the Special Operations activities were missing anything regarding the AC119’s. He directed them to our website and offered any help needed to get the AC119er’s represented in the museum.

Bob Lyall, Shadow Gunner, gave Mike $50.00 in cash to go and work on getting better Associations Business cards. They were about .08 cents apiece, something that members could carry with all of our website information on them. Keith Underwood did pass away and Mike would like to get his complete story in the next Firing Circle.

1. President’s Remarks: J. Hester: Jerry sent out an updated Board Member Contact List, if there are any problems or misspellings that you see please let Jerry know. The Bylaws that are on the website are the most current version. The Bylaws Committee is working on simplifying and updating, Roy, Ellen and Mike will be working on them and will report in January. Jerry is still working on the Sponsorship Committee; unfortunately Bruce Byrd will not be able to participate in it. Please think about who you could suggest that may be able to take this committee. Please send the Secretary any specific information from your monthly report i.e.: numbers, date, details etc., that are needed for the minutes for accuracy. In October, Liz and Jenna sent out 2 different surveys. Jerry would like the Board to read them over and send him ideas and feedback on the surveys. The goal is to have a better survey form for the end of our reunions. Wayne would like to go over the surveys; both have ups and downs, and would like to get one in place with useable information on it. Jenna Laird suggested that we pick one of the surveys and tweak that one to our needs. Jerry will be sending out both surveys back out to the Board to read over and entertain any suggestions that the board has.
2. Last Orbit: Compliment to Don on a wonderful newsletter. Everyone have a Wonderful Holiday Season!!
3. Next Board Telecom is January 14, 2020 at 2000 EST

Respectably submitted

Andrea Drzyzga

Secretary