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**AC-119 Gunship Association Board Teleconference Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

Conference called to order at 2000 hours, J Hester the roll call. *R. Davis, A. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga , G. Sininger, J. Dunn, J. Laird, J. Wolff, W. Laessig, E. Sprous, & D. Luke, Attended R. Lefarth was not present.*

1. **Secretary Report: Andrea/Jerry. Board corrections (if any) & approval of Minutes for November 12, 2019.** Name spelling corrections forDoug Wohlgamuth, Jim Dunn & Ron Julian. No correction for paragraph 5 regarding distribution of give-a-ways at the reunion. There are 175 glasses which will be distributed as they have been done in the past. No vote is necessary. Gus made a motion to accept the corrections to the November 12, 2019 minutes, Mike made a second. Minutes approved as corrected.
2. **Treasurer Report: Doug. Board acceptance of Treasurer’s Report**

Operating account $6,378.80 Quartermaster Account $3,748.26 Total of account $10,127.06. Large outstanding check is for Liz Buss, Wayne will check in with Liz regarding her payment. Motion was made by Andrea to accept the Treasure’s report, Gus second. Report accepted.

1. **Budget report: Roy/Ralph** Nothing new to report.
2. **Gus:**
   1. **Quartermaster:** Orders have slowed down on the website. All orders have been sent out that were received. Ev & Gus need to go into the Quartermaster area on the website & check to see if there are any orders pending. T-shirts for the reunion are now on-line & ready to order. Gus ordered them through Custom Ink. Four colors, the only color not available in women’s is the petti green. April 12th we will have long sleeve T-Shirts to purchase for the reunion. There are 90 day increments on ordering the T-Shirts. Currently there is a link in the Store & on Facebook. Ev is sending out emails regarding the T-shirts to the POC’s. A suggestion was made by Wayne to add to the advertisement of the T-Shirts that a long sleeve will be available after April 12th. Roy & Ev will add this to the quartermaster page & the order form.
   2. **FWB Reunion Update:** Gus asked if there were any questions on the reunion registration form. The form will be used for the “mail in” registrations. If there is anyone who does not have the capabilities’ of on-line registration please call Doug, he will either send them the registration form or take their info over the phone. Doug also will input the info on the online registration. Please use Doug’s new email: dawohlgamuth@gmail.com.

Gus is still working on the Good Time Tour, the deposit will be needed. Two buses are reserved for this tour; cost does include the bus & tip.

The full menu of the reunion will go to Wayne for the website. Wayne & Liz will create the flyer for Gus’s approval. Wayne’s goal is to have the info for the reunion ready for the up & coming Newsletter.

Gus mentioned the Children’s menu for ages up to 12 - the dinners are almost half price, this also includes Mac & Cheese.

Friday is for the 18th & 73rd - we will be having a picnic on the outside of Hulbert Field. This won’t require any ID cards. Gus is still working on being able to get on base with a bus.

1. **Ev:** 
   1. **Outreach:** Jenna & Becky went through family, friends & next of kin. Ev took the AC 47 off of the family, friends, & next of kin & gave it to Don Luke, he knows more about the AC 47 people & there are only a few names on the list.Ev was also looking for a person to contact the people on the no contact info list, Don Luke graciously accepted**.**
   2. **Membership Coordinator:** We currently have 518 life members. Annual renewals are coming in.
   3. **POC Coordinator:** No report.
   4. **Facebook:** Facebook currently has 643 members. All is quiet.
   5. **Media Manager:** Roy will cover. Ev sent out a bunch of videos from SLC reunion, no charge for videos.
2. **Media Archives: Roy -** All media is on 1 five terabyte hard-drive & in the I Cloud. Roy & Ev are in the process of getting all of this info up on the Cloud. The cloud is called “I Drive Cloud” which is $35.00 a year. Being a nonprofit organization we are receiving a 50% deduction in our bill. A question was raised if this info is being sent to a College in Northern Texas. Roy did reach out to the college & they do not want anything digital, they would like hard copies of memorabilia.
3. **Bylaws: Ellen** the bylaws that were posted on the website were cleaned up removing the historical & parasitical info just to get a clean copy. There were some internal inconsistencies & there are a few minor corrections that need to be made. For example*: we have voted to have the associate members become voting members In the bylaws it states that the honorary member were to have the same privileges as the associate member*. We don’t believe that it was intended for the honorary member, we would need to change that if that is the case.

In 2018, the Association voted to authorize the board to make changes to the bylaws. That vote never got recorded into the bylaws to show that authorization.

Committee suggested having Everett help review the membership portion of the bylaws; we still need to add the Affiliate member to the membership portion. Once complete, Bylaws will be sent to the board for approval. We also are asking those who have held positions on the board to please read over the job descriptions, & make comments where needed.

Wayne commented on the associate member category. There are also listed Legacy Associate Members, therefore the Committee would have to take a look at the different categories & adjust as needed. Commanders are mostly Honorary Life Members

Many other membership categories were discussed & be adjusted accordingly.

1. **Website: Wayne, Liz agreement.**  Asking the board to approve the revised proposed agreement. Liz’s original agreement was declined due to the work load. Liz did not want to go on an hourly rate but would work on a flat quarterly rate to work on the website. The agreement states that Liz’s compensation will be for 135 hours a rate of $40.00 an hour (which is the same as a flat rate), with Wayne monitoring the time spent. Motion was on the floor to accept the agreement for Liz’s compensation, Mike made 1st motion & Roy seconds the motion. Motion approved.

Additional info was given regarding the contract, that in a few months the hour’s vs the rate will be reviewed, if the hours are going beyond the contract & we realize that we may not be able to afford to pay Liz, we are open to negotiation. A revote was taken to approve the motion with this additional info. All board members were in favor! The agreement will be sent to Liz in acceptance of her contract from the Gunship Association.

The plan on the website is to take the info that Gus provides for the reunion. Once that info is provided, it will be updated on the website & tested, & once that is completed it, will be sent to Don to get it out in the next Firing Circle.

1. **Newsletter (Firing Circle): Don/Jerry -** Contacted Jenna if she has a picture of her & Becky to add to the newsletter for a little story about the work that they are doing. Jerry will work on his president’s message & also would like to provide a picture of presenting Bill Petrie with his signed Brother’s picture from the SLC reunion.

Jerry was contacted by Becky Renfro. She is working with Carol Hinton, & they would like to make Quilts of Valor to the 119er’s, Jerry asked for a small article from her to add to the newsletter. She is looking for volunteers to help make the quilts.

If anyone has anything for the newsletter please get it off to Don. The flyer for the reunion should be ready by the deadline for the newsletter. Ev also asked that the link for the T-Shirts to be added to the newsletter.

1. **Past President Updates: Mike** 
   1. **Association Business Cards** Shadow Gunner Bob Lyall donated $50.00 & asks that we have business cards printed. Mike was able to get 250 business cards printed for $25.00. If anyone wants some of these business cards please contact Mike. A question was asked of writing your name on the card, a felt tip pen works but you need to let it dry, or find a SPACE PEN!!!! Suggestion was made to thank Bob Lyall in the newsletter for his contribution, Mike will write something up for him. Wayne cautioned us about acknowledging a $50 donation, when many others have donated much more in the past.
   2. **Keith Underwood’s article for next Firing Circle: Article** is written, Larry Barbee provided pictures. Col Mac feels Keith’s story can happen to any one of us. He wants us to make a point to all the 119ers to register for your VA benefits, get your VA card etc. Mike will add this info at the end of Keith’s story.
2. **President’s Remarks: Jerry**
   1. **UPDATED Board Member Contact List: If any problems let me know.**  Updated board member contact list was sent out. If you need to update any info please contact Jerry.
   2. **Sponsorship Committee Chair is (Larry Barbee)- he still needs a few members, if you know of anyone?** Larry Barbee agreed to take over the Chair for the Committee. Hopefully by the next meeting we will have some info on the sponsorships.
   3. **For All – please send Andrea any specific info (#s, dates, details, etc.) needed for the minutes.**
   4. **Surveys – 2 versions (Long & Short)** *Board members chose the short version of the surveys*. Wayne would like to see the survey go out to everyone; question is how to accomplish this. How will the data be complied? The survey that Jenna drew up was from a company that compiles & stores all the info; she can log in & get a report of how many people answer the questions. Jenna can also input written survey’s into this website.
   5. Jerry spoke with Jerry McDonald, reunion coordinator for Branson, MO. He would like to invite Jerry Mc starting at the February meeting. Mike suggested if he has the time he should start to be in on the Conference calls, the more exposure he gets with the planned of FWB the better it will be for him & what to expect. He is looking to get info for us & have it ready for the February meeting.
3. **Last Orbit around the Firing Circle** Doug to Mike, JP did not sign his W-9. Mike will work on it! Liz w-9 is fine. Mike is on the Sponsorship Committee - he will reach out to Larry Barbee & provide him info that was done last year for sponsorships.
4. **Next Board Telecom Meeting: February 11, 2020 at 2000 hours, EST**

Respectfully submitted Andrea Drzyzga Secretary