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AC-119 Gunship Association
Board Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday February 11, 2020

Conference was called to order at 2000 hours EST. *J. Hester, roll call.*

R. Davis, A. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, M. Drzyzga, G. Sininger, J. Dunn, J. Laird, J. Wolff, W. Laessig, E. Sprou, D. Luke attended. R. Lefarth, was not present. J. McDonald was not present and will join us at a later date as the Reunion coordinator for Branson, MO.

1. Secretary Report: Andrea/Jerry. Board corrections (if any) and approval of Minutes for January 07, 2020, and January 14, 2020. No corrections for January 7th minutes. Gus made a motion to accept the minutes with Mike as a second. No corrections for January 14th minutes. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes with Roy as a second. Minutes approved as written.
2. Treasurer Report: Doug.
Operating Account \$6,026.95, Quartermaster Account \$3,069.52, PayPal \$2,717.53. Check to be deposited \$562.00. Total accounts \$12,375.00. Motion was made by Gus to accept the Treasures report, Jenna as a second. Report was accepted.
3. Gus:
 - a. Quartermaster: Orders are coming in slowly, 1-3 a week. Should pick up just before the reunion. Inventory is boring; Gus is looking for new ideas for the store. History books are getting low, Wayne has some hard copies for special events and presentations. There are 10 G's and 6 K's in Medal Craft inventory. Wayne will be bringing the 7 hard copies to the reunion for Jerry or Gus for allocation. Question was raised to Mike if we sent a History book to the Museum in SLC, we did not and will follow up at a later date.
 - b. FWB Reunion Update: Reunion is going OK. Deposit money for the tour bus and for the dinner will need to be made; this will happen as we get closer to the reunion. The 18th and the 73rd, Gus is working on the picnic, Gus has spoken to Colonial Handley, but has not heard back from him. Gus will continue to work on this. Gus also mentioned that the newsletter reunion information was the best that he has seen and thanked those who worked on it. Wayne commented that there are 18 people signed up for the reunion (reunion registrations) via the website. Gus also mentioned that there are 10 signed up at the hotel. Communication needs to be made between Gus and Wayne for those who register for the reunion and those who signed up in the hotel.
4. Membership/Media/Out Reach/Facebook/POC: Ev
Some applications are coming in from the Membership Drive that Ev posted on Facebook; we received a few new Life Members.
5. Website: Wayne
Liz did a great job updating and posting the Firing Circle and Reunion Registration on the Website. Wayne will keep us up to date as the first quarter approaches with her payment; she should be paid at the end of March. She has put in more time this quarter than what she will be paid but it will adjust as the time goes on. FOR THE RECORD from Mike, this has to be one of the shortest Webmaster reports in history!
6. Newsletter (Firing Circle): Don/Jerry
Thanks to all who helped with the Firing Circle, as was mentioned earlier it was one of the best newsletters that we put out.
7. Past President Updates: Mike
 - a. USAF Museum Larry Juday's story: Received good news, about the story, Mike heard back from Alan Armatage, he is the Friends Journal Editor, for their approval. Alan said that the story is good to go. However, he has to send the story to the Pentagon for their approval. Mike did contact Alan asking

how long this may take; he has not heard back but hopefully it won't take another year to get the story published. Alan also mentioned to Mike that the Friends Journal also supplies 4-5 hard copies of the journal so these copies hopefully will be in our library.

- b. Sponsorship Committee: Mike did create a press release based on what Chuck Williams had done last year for SLC, and sent that to Jerry and Larry Barbee. He also took the letter that were sent to major corporations last year and adjusted it a little; Larry Barbee would like to add some other larger corporations to the contact list. Also, Roy is looking into the IRS implications of our Association receiving Tax deductible donations. This has to do with the IRS criteria, we have to have 90% Combat Veterans in order to accept donations on a tax free basis. Roy ran the number of Veterans and we are currently at about 86%. During this time, Terry Bradfass sent Larry Barbee a 50 page document concerning sponsorships. Mike is ready to go with the sponsorship letters. However, Wayne spoke with Larry and mentioned to him about the IRS situation and we may not have the ability to say to the company's that this tax deductible. Should we move forward with this letter, we may have to hold back the words "tax deductible" from the letter because we do not currently meet the criteria. We can say that we are a 501C19, however, prior to this past year we met the IRS criteria. By voting in the Associate members as voting members, we do not meet the IRS criteria now. Wayne, Ron and Ev may need to work on the data base so we have a formal association blessed count of who counts towards our veterans percentages. Unfortunately, we are losing our AC 119 members.

8. President's Remarks: Jerry

- a. Jerry did speak with Jerry McDonald to join us for the conference call; he currently did not have any real time information on Branson. He will be joining us next month.
- b. UPDATED Board Member Contact List: If any problems let Jerry know.
- c. For All – please send Andrea any specific info (numbers, dates, details, etc.) needed for the minutes.

9. Last Orbit around the Firing Circle

Roy: asked if the 1099 went out to Liz and JP: Yes, all is in order. Doug and Jerry spoke about the 1099 and Doug did take the information to a Tax Consultant and now knows how to proceed in the future. The cost was \$85.00 to have this done and Jerry felt to have it done correctly it was well worth it.

Andrea: Would like to try to put together a video for the reunion of general pictures of the past reunions. Knowing that there are thousands of pictures, perhaps we can do it by year, maybe 5-10 pictures per year. Many ideas were presented. Video will be seen at the Saturday night banquet, and be about 10-15 minutes long!

Gus: Room reservations were made for JP and Everett. Gus needs to know when JP is coming in to town. Everett will put a call into JP to find out when he will arrive at FWB.

Jim Dunn: Now that the reunion information is completed he will send it out to publicize in the Military magazines that he has used in the past. Jim will also put the information in USAF Journal.

Question/concern over the raffle bids for the Gun, 2 different prices in the Firing Circle. The correct price for the bids is 13 for \$110.00. Correction will be made in the next Firing Circle.

Next Board Telecom Meeting: **March 10, 2020 at 2000 EST**

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Drzyzga

Secretary