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AC-119 Gunship Association  
Board Teleconference Minutes  
Tuesday March 10, 2020

Conference was called to order by Prior President Michael Drzyzga at 2000 hours:

Roll call was taken for those in attendance:

Roy Davis, Andrea Drzyzga, Doug Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, Jim Dunn, Jenna Laird, John Wolff, Everett Sprou, Don Luke, and Ralf Lefarth. Wayne Laessig joined us a later into the conference call. Past President Larry Fletcher was a guest.

The first order of business was to accept Jerry Hester's recent resignation letter. There were 7 voting members from the Board. M. Drzyzga, R. Davis, A. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, J. Dunn, J. Laird and J. Wolff. Doug Wohlgamuth motioned to accept Jerry Hester's resignation with Mike Drzyzga as a second.

The second order of business was to verify V.P. Roy Davis not wanting to accept the president's position at this time.

Mike Drzyzga asked if anyone on the Board would like to accept the president's position. John Wolff nominated Mike Drzyzga. Everett Sprou would step up; however he would have to relinquish his other duties as Membership and Outreach programs, both are vital to the organization. Doug Wohlgamuth suggested that we should reach out to Board members in succession, if they would like to accept a nomination to become president. V.P., Secretary, and Treasurer all declined. The next successor would be the Prior President, Mike Drzyzga, who accepted the position but stated that his current position of Prior President would be vacated; options to fill this position would be Gus Sininger, L. Fletcher, or Wayne Laessig. Larry graciously declined, and Gus Sininger is already a voting member. All were in favor to table this vote until we could reach out to Wayne Laessig.

A. Drzyzga made a motion to the Board to accept Mike Drzyzga as President. Seven voting members were all in acceptance of this motion. R. Davis, A. Drzyzga, D. Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, J. Dunn, J. Laird and J. Wolff

Meeting agenda:

1. Secretary's Minutes Andrea Drzyzga: There were no corrections to the February 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Gus motioned to accept the minutes, Doug seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
2. Treasurer's report Doug Wohlgamuth: Operating account \$11,208.47, this includes funds in PayPal and checks to be deposited. Quarter Master account \$4,497.92 Total of accounts \$15,706.39. Jim Dunn motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Gus Sininger seconded the motion.
3. Quartermaster Report: Gus Sininger:
  - a. Suggestion was made to Gus to update the new reunion t-shirt with the lists of reunions every year on the back to be updated with each new reunion. Currently we tabled this suggestion and will become "Old Business" at our next board meeting.

- b. Gus also had a suggestion from A. Drzyzga to work on getting a “Neck Wallet” for name tags. This is a name tag with a pouch where you can put your name, list of events, hotel key etc. in it. It’s approximately 6 x 5, very similar to the pouch that was given out at the last Dayton, Ohio reunion. The cost is \$1.74 for 250 pieces, the total costing \$525.83. Another price quote was 100 neck wallets for \$300.00, Gus has not decided if the “Association logo” will be on the neck wallet or the “Brothers” image. These would be give-a-ways at the FWB reunion and to new people at other reunions. They could be for purchase after the reunion and could be used for future reunions. They will take about 6 weeks to order.
  - c. FWB reunion Gus and Bruce Mullen visited the 73<sup>rd</sup> at Hulbert Field and gave them their contact information. The 73<sup>rd</sup> is interested in some memorabilia items. Gus will give them some 17<sup>th</sup> patches and decals. Still working with the 18<sup>th</sup> with the picnic at the park. While Gus was at Hulbert field he stopped off at the 18<sup>th</sup> monument and there seems to be weather related wear on the monument. He is going to check on costs of having it cleaned.
4. Outreach and membership: Everett Sprous:
- a. Outreach: Ev is going to take over the next of kin and friends roster for a while until someone else can help him out. Snail mail and email to the people who are on that roster. Don Luke and Lloyd Froehlich, and Roy Davis are willing to help Ev with the outreach project. Ev also received new “Orders” from Col. Mac and a lot of people are not on any rosters that we currently have.
  - b. Membership: Ev sent out massive emails to join the Association either as annual or life member. He has gotten some good responses, including members who thought they were a Life member and they were Annual. Updates are being made and members are paying their dues.
5. By-Laws Committee: Ellen Hester:
- a. The bylaws committee which includes Roy Davis, Mike Drzyzga and Everett Sprous is still working on some details and will hopefully have a completed updated document for review by the Board, before our next board meeting for acceptance.
6. Newsletter/Firing Circle Don Luke:
- a. Looking to make a short newsletter to go out the first week in April. The newsletter will target reunion happenings, Gun Raffle, reunion information and most recent change to the Board. Don will be able to get the newsletter out as soon as we get him the extra information needed.
7. Past President updates: Mike:
- a. Looks like we are going to get our article published in the USAF National Museum Foundations newsletter about Larry Juday’s story. As soon as we find out when it’s published Mike will let everyone know.
8. Sponsorship Mike Drzyzga: Due to our tax status and not being able to give company’s a tax write off, the sponsorship program may go away. However: Mike did go out to Boeing’s website and put a letter of inquiry to them, waiting to hear back from them. Mike will reach out to Larry Barbee to see where he is with the Sponsorship program.
9. Last Orbit:
- a. Andrea Drzyzga, going to add a letter into the newsletter and Facebook about “Past Years Reunion History” video and hopefully come up with participation from members. I’m also going

to ask, if they send pictures to kindly put names of people on the back. Of course the pictures will be returned to them.

- b. Doug has received checks for the Gun Raffle, so the word is getting out there.
- c. Jim Dunn sent out announcement letters for our reunion to: NCOAUSA.org, NCOA Magazine, DAV Magazine, Air Force Museum Foundation, AMC Museum Foundation Inc., SMART Inc. and The American Legion Magazine. Keep on the lookout for our announcement!
- d. Wayne Laessig joined the group. Was working with Liz Buss on the website, all is working. Mike caught Wayne up a little about the beginning of the meeting and asked if he would like to fill the "Prior" president spot. Wayne accepted for the balance of this year.
- e. Jenna Laird, thanked all for their understanding in her Dad's decision. Thank you for all the kind words from the Board.

Gus motioned for the acceptance of Wayne Laessig for the Prior Presidents positions. John Wolff seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 9:00 p.m.

Next Board Teleconference meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 2000 hours, 8:00 p.m. EDT

Respectively submitted: A. Drzyzga, 3/23/2020

Reviewed by M. Drzyzga 3/23/2020