

2020_04_14_TC_Minutes
AC-119 Gunship Association
Board Teleconference Minutes

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

Roll call was taken for those in attendance:

Roy Davis, Andrea Drzyzga, Doug Wohlgamuth, Gus Sininger, Jenna Laird, John Wolff, Wayne Laessig, Everett Sprous, Don Luke, Ralph Lefarth, and Ellen Hester.

President Mike motioned to move-up Agenda item #7, By-Laws for discussion:

7. By-Laws Committee - Ellen:

Mike opened comments that the committee was bogged down trying to get meaningful by-laws together, and could not get a consensus on a few items within the committee. Prior to Mike's acceptance to the presidency he was also on the By-Laws committee. Due do this, the President needed to dissolve the committee, but most importantly he needed to get himself off of the committee.

With the situation of the committee, Ellen Hester offered to step down as the Chair of this committee. Mike needed to reform the committee with an odd number of people, not an even number. Positive with Ellen's hard work to date, the new team on the committee now we will have a meaningful product, and will be the best By-Laws our Association has seen.

Mike gave the floor to Ellen to give the 5 month report on what was completed.

Ellen cleaned the original By-Laws by, taking out all of the parasitical references, historical changes, inconsistencies, and incorporating those changes into a clean workable copy of the By-Laws.

The first 3 articles in the By-Laws did not need any corrections.

Articles 4-9 started with the Membership and ended with the Job Discriptions. There were 3 areas that the committee could not come to an agreement. Ellen explained each of these areas where the committee could not agree upon and importance of each. Ellen thanked the Board, and offered any assistance in the future.

President Mike thanked Ellen for her hard work with the By-Laws and is confident that we will have workable and understanding By-Laws.

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To continue on the By-laws our new Chair will be Roy Davis, committee members are Wayne Laessig and Everett Spous. Referring to the current By-Law committee report, that was emailed all BoD members; the new committee members are in agreement with the current key changes. Roy Davis reviewed each article. (Report is attached to the end of the minutes)

In addition to Roy's report Mike mentioned 2 points:

1. The membership portion of the By-laws directly affected the current Association Application Form, thanks to Ev in updating the Application that now mirrors the membership criteria.

2. Three years ago, Mike copied the BoD job responsibilities outline and created a detailed job description document to be able to be hand out to members. This area of the By-laws still needs to be looked at and fine-tuned.

Mike then pulled a vote from the 8 voting members present. Seven voted to accept the changes in the By-laws.

2. **Secretary Report;** Acceptance of minutes of March 10, 2020. John Wolff motioned to accept the minutes, Gus seconded the motion, motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report: Doug**

Operating account is \$10,986.85

Quartermaster account \$2,721.75 Pay Pal account \$2,269.71

Checks \$1,192 (ready to deposit), with a total in the accounts is \$17,170.27

Liz has not cashed her check yet for \$1,350.00 which would bring our down to \$15,820.27

37 members have signed up for the reunion; \$4,995.73 minus registration fees gives us \$4,095. This goes to cover the hotel cost and hooch supplies. We have about \$11,000.00 to operate on.

Update on the gun raffle only 50 tickets were purchases by 1 member.

Gus motioned to accept the financial report, Andrea Second the motion, report accepted.

There are 70 people signed up for the reunion, at the hotel, 35 of them have not registered so with a guarantee that would add another \$3,500.00 as people register.

4. **Quartermaster report: Gus**

- A. Old business - annual reunion T-Shirts: the first run of T-Shirts has ended. Roy added that up to current date 105 shirts have been sold. Hopefully, we will make another run on the shirts.
- B. Ordered some new items for the Quartermaster store. Very nice license plates. License plates we have both the G and K Model. Gus also order garden flags, which are also in the store, Gus recommend that Ev add into the description that they do not come with the post to hang then.
- C. Gus received the Neck Wallet quote and the cost would run approximately \$15.00 dollars apiece plus we would need to pay for set up with the image. Suggestion would be to wait and work on it for Branson. Funds were already spent for goodies in the registration package.

FWB Reunion update: Gus

- A. Wayne's question: Is Jenna still planning on a Halloween Party? Jenna would like to schedule this event working around the times that activities are not planned. More discussion at a later date.
- B. Talk to Ron Soderquist about the gun and he cannot get it engraved due to mandatory closing of the engraving shop. He will be sending pictures of what he has so far and Gus will pass them on as received.
- C. Still working on the 73rd's picnic, this may not happen, because they are TDY or out on furlough.

5. Ev. Outreach/Membership

A. **Outreach:** there are currently 150 people on the roster.

He has been taking Col Mac's orders and putting them on a spreadsheet, currently he has over 1200 names on the spreadsheet. Hopefully, this will help Mac to locate a person quicker should they contact him for information. Wayne asks that Ev send him a copy when he gets done to Ron Julian and himself and will cross check with the database. Ev is also working on members to send him their orders.

B. **Membership:** Currently we have 543 life members, 79 Life associate members and 53 Annual members and are running at 100% renewal. We also have 646 people on our FB page!

6. Website: Wayne

Liz has been working with Wayne and Ron on the database to be able to break out a sub category of the membership. Categories would be: Life Member, Regular life, Inherited, Honorary, and Associate life. The reunion coordinators report is also being worked in the system. Plugin's are also being updated.

8. Newsletters (Firing Circle): Don

Almost ready to go! Andrea needs to submit a paragraph about the past reunion pictures. Perhaps Ev can work on a little announcement asking for people's orders.

9. New/continuing Business: Mike

A. **Sponsorship:** Mike has not heard back from Boeing, and feeling that he will not. Got an email from Larry Barbee, he is feeling that our sponsorship should be on hold, mainly due to the tax deferred donation.

B. **Branson:** Mike sent Jerry and email asking him to join us when he would like. So he can get a feel of the conference call and the current reunion coordinator report.

C. **Committee Summary:** Currently there are 7 committees, 1. Budget, 2. Out Reach, 3. Sponsorship, 4. Reunion Committee, 5. By-Laws, 6. Website, and 7 Media Archive. Mike would like to discuss the committees, and eliminate a few of the committees that are done and no longer necessary.

1. Budget Committee: To make a spreadsheet which would include many little items would not really work due to the fluctuation from year to year. Ralph felt that it just wasn't going to work. What is proposed is that it is not a formal committee, however what is important is someone to back up the Treasurer, someone who has access to the accounts, as an assistant treasurer. Ralph is happy to fit into that particular roll. The treasurer and assistant treasurer will work as a team, which is adequate for our Association.

2. Out Reach: Ev, Roy, Lloyd and Don, outstanding work and we will continue with this committee.

3. Sponsorship Committee: That is temperately on hold.

4. Reunion Committee: The reunion coordinator receives help with the reunion from the president and people close to the reunion, and during the reunion. Suggestion was made to have other reunion coordinators also be on the following years reunion to help where needed.

5. By-laws Committee: As soon as the By-Laws are completed, Mike would like to deactivate

that committee, it does not need to be a formal committee.

6. **Website:** the website is in update mode, with Liz, Wayne, and Roy are all working on it, don't think that we need a formal committee for it. Ron and Wayne own the database portion of the web-site; Gus and Ev take care of the ecommerce portion. For people who have information to post on the website could be sent directly to Liz to post such as: Presidents message, firing circle, videos, by-laws and minutes. Wayne does not feel it needs to be a formal committee, however anything "NEW" that is sent to Liz please copy Wayne or Roy.
7. **Media Archive:** This task was completed by Mike, Roy and Ev. This committee can be deactivated.

10. Last Orbit around the Firing Circle:

Doug: We currently we have \$2,200 in the Pay Pal Account. He would like to transfer that money into the operating account and add funds to the Quartermaster account so he can operate.

Wayne: Wayne or Gus needs to do a little write up in the firing circle for those who have not registered for the reunion but have registered in the hotel.

Mike: Any changes to the Board/Committee contact list will be done by the secretary. Please send Andrea any updates as needed.

Roy had posed a question to perhaps using a video conference call. It would involve having a camera hook up if your computer currently doesn't have one. Don Luke mentioned he has been on a video call with a few groups and it was a good experience.

Continuation of video conferencing will be discussed at our May meeting.

Next Board meeting will be May 12, 2020 at 2000 EST.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Drzyzga

Reviewed Mike Drzyzga 4/26/2010

BYLAW COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BofD

The Bylaw Committee had a telecom on 4/2/20. All committee members were present. We discussed proposed changes to Sections IV, V, VII, XIII and XIV. A discussion of other sections is postponed. The changes below are quotes from the telecom minutes and were passed by a majority committee vote. The items in bold below are the changes the committee approved. Additional info is available on request such as: a copy of the telecom minutes, a marked-up copy of the bylaws and other change options considered. The committee will be available at the Tuesday BofD telecom to answer any questions or concerns. If you would like to have any additional info or have questions, please reply to this email or call Roy Davis at (253)549-2044.

IV-2 Associate: (replace) Associate Membership may be conferred upon person not qualified for Regular Membership. These individuals may be individuals related to Regular Members, or individuals sincerely interested in military history, or military aircraft operations. Associate Members either pay annual or life membership dues. Associates enjoy all the rights and privileges of Regular Members, with one exception: only Associate Members who are directly related to Regular Members may hold Association Officer Positions and have Association voting privileges. This membership category would include AC-47 members and legacy squadron members.

IV-3 Life: Regular Life Memberships automatically transfers to surviving spouses or immediate family member. Associate Life memberships do not transfer.

IV-6 AC-47 Gunships: Delete Section and reference in IV-2.

V-1 Board of Directors: (Add) The BofD will select who will assume President's duties and who will assume the office of the President should a vacancy occur. The VP should be the first asked to assume these responsibilities. All BofD members should be Life members.

V-3 Board Voting: Voting is with quorum of 50 percent of the Board members to include the President.

VII-1 Elected Officers: One-year term of office, with opportunity to run for reelection.

XIII Dissolution: Agree with paragraph as rewritten.

XIV Amendments: Agree with paragraph as rewritten.

This report to the Board is approved by the Bylaw Committee:

Wayne Laessig

Roy Davis

Everett Sprous