

2020_07_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, John Wolff, Jim Dunn, Wayne Laessig, Everett Sprou, Don Luke, Jerry McDonald.

1. Secretary's report: Approval for the May 12, 2020 minutes. Gus made a motion to accept the minutes Doug seconded, all were in acceptance.
2. Treasurer's report, Doug: Operating account \$8,656.91, Quartermaster account \$3,141.11, with a total of \$11,798.02. A request was made by Liz Buss to hold her quarterly payment of \$1,350.00, due to Covid-19 and personal work related issues. Motion was made by Andrea to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ev. All were in acceptance.
3. Quartermaster, Gus:
 - A. Orders are slow, Association face masks are on the website. Gus ordered new mouse pads, which are also on the website. Ev added the custom Kimber .45 to the website to continue to sell tickets and will be adding the new t-shirts to the website. Final date to buy the new 2021 t-shirts is August 14th. So far 37 shirts are sold, need to sell 50 to be able to order them. If we don't get up to the 50, Gus will purchase the remained for the store, which will get the same lower pricing. The face masks are ordered directly from the maker, we do not make money on them.
 - B. FWB reunion update: The new date for the 2021 reunion is October 6-10th 2021, the rates will be the same as we were getting for this year, and the hotel contract has been signed. The Convention insurance has been renewed, we are now waiting on a new contract. Larry Hunter did visit the convention center regarding the security issue; all has been taken care of! Ron Soderquist completed the Kimber .45, a firearms transfer permit has to be completed to transfer the gun to Gus via an FFL. Gus requests comp'ing the Soderquist's room for the 2021 reunion as a thank you; no decision/vote was made. Mike will compose a thank you letter to Ron Soderquist.
4. Reunion 2022 Branson, MO, Jerry McDonald: Contracted signed at the Radisson in Branson, MO Dates for reunion 2022 are Sept 29th - Oct. 3rd, 2022. You can book 3 days prior to the event and 3 days after the event with the same pricing. Cost of the hotel is \$92.95 plus tax, free breakfast which includes a full ordered breakfast. Jerry will supply a web link to book the hotel once he receives it. Jerry will contact the hotel to set up of the Hootch on Wednesday Sept. 28th. Special social events to consider, are the Branson Bell river cruise, and the new Aquarium. Jerry will check on other activities in the area. Jerry will send Mike a copy of the hotel contract.
5. Policies and Procedures: Roy
 - A. Association Policy re: Mail vs. emailing SSNs and redacting documents. We can benefit from having the SS # in verifying people, but we should have something written that we are not liable. When paperwork is attached to an email, it can be hacked! The recommended way to send in orders is through the USPS. Some people are sending in orders with the SSN blacked out, which hinders our research. Mike suggests that we adopt a policy indicating that documents be transferred via USPS and that SSN remain uncovered. This way we took the necessary

precautions regarding SSN. Policies are guidelines, helping new board members who may have the same questions/concerns. Wayne recommends that the Board vote on adopting new Policies additions or changes. He also will work with someone to create a written document as a guide with our policies. Mike did poll the voting board members and all were in agreement to this policy addition.

- B. Verification of Final Flight reports: "People finder" showed a person to be alive, where Roy was 99% sure that he was deceased. Therefore, everyone that we have listed as deceased and are not verified should be listed as non-verifiable. How do we reify deceased members: from a family member, obit', Find-a-grave. Usually we are notified from a family member. Some members were on the final flight roster and were not deceased. We will work on the logistics of how to actually verify those who are questionable.
 - C. Job Descriptions: We need to have a job description for our new appointed position of Sgt. At Arms. Wayne will be working on the job descriptions, and will have it ready by next reunion!
6. Ev:
- A. Media Projects, Roy: there are 6 books that are published by members that are available on Amazon. We have 5 of those books in our store; Wayne is working on the last book, editing the Bio's that are coming in. Roy, Wayne and Liz have been working on the Web-site, adding some oral history videos. They also will be adding a link next to the video to those members who also have a written bio. - You will be able to click on the link and the written bio will pop up. Some members will have videos and no bio, some will have just the bio. And some will have both.
 - B. Outreach: Ev has been sending newsletters via snail mail and has received a few back, plus a few emails have been kicked back. He is in the process of trying to contact the members.
 - C. Membership: we have 550 Life members, 666 Face book members. There is a FB "Gunnners" page has over 1000 members. Some of the people that are joining are children and grandchildren of our members.
7. Website, Wayne/Liz: Liz is ready to work with the video and Bio links on the web-site.
8. Newsletter (Firing Circle), Don: will be working on the August newsletter. Any additions to the newsletter please send to Don. Included will be the new 2021 reunion date and the 2022 Branson, MO reunion info, and the raffle for the Kimber .45. The FC is usually sent out at least quarterly, Newsflashes are published as needed. Roy should provide a quick message about the member's books that were added to the web-site. Roy suggested that new members should receive our history book, downloaded from Amazon; discussion will be at a later date.
9. New/Old Business: Mike
- A. New appointed position of Sgt. at Arms. Larry Hunter accepted the position!
 - B. Tracking fate of Stinger 850 at TSN, sad loss for the Association with Bruce Byrd's passing. Gus made a motion to unfortunately drop this from our agenda. Sponsorship is difficult and the cost would be overbearing. Before Bruce's passing, he did mention to Wayne that they are working on 850 for a museum piece. Do we want to make sure that the history written up by the Vietnamese includes AC-119K Stinger and AC-119K Vietnam Black Dragon? Someone would have to step up to be in contact with Viet Nam about the Stinger 850! This will be added to the Newsletter to see if anyone is willing to take on this challenge.
 - C. Reunion Video History Project, Andrea: Had a conference call with the team that I ask to help with this project. The team is Ev, Roy, Wayne, Jim Alvis and Mike. We split the reunion years up; each person is reviewing 5 years of reunion pictures, then picking at least 20 pictures and separating them into new cloud drive folders. We are looking to have approximately 200

pictures in the video, pictures will highlight special memorials, yearly NEW board members, tours, etc. We will try our best to represent members who have passed. We are still looking for additional pictures; Don is to continue adding my request in the Firing Circle. Video will be approximately 20 minutes long.

D. Future Video Telecoms: Doug is still checking on the pricing.

10. Last Orbit:

Gus suggested that we make it official at the next Board Meeting which is in September that we voted on remaining in office until the 2021 reunion.

Our next Board Telecom Meeting: **September 8, 2020 at 2000 EST (Day after Labor Day)**

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Drzyzga, Secretary 8/3/2020

Reviewed M. Drzyzga, 8/5/2020