

2020_9_8_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 Sprous, Jenna Laird.

1. Secretary's report: Approval for the July 14, 2020 minutes. Doug motioned to accept the Secretary's report, Roy Davis Second Motion.

2. Treasurer's report, Doug: Operating account \$9,700.29, PayPal \$443.20 Quarter Master \$2,144.84 with a total of \$12,288.13. To date receipts for the pistol are \$450.00. There have also been donations of \$1,483.00 in EStore sales (donations). Andrea Motioned to Accept the Treasurers report, John Wolf second.

3. Quartermaster, Gus:

- A. Gus put the litho's out on sale at the quartermaster page and sold almost 20. The EStore shows 31 transactions in 30 days! The new t-shirts have come in and people are ordering new ones. Gus is seeing many orders where names are not familiar to him. He raised a question to Wayne, if there a way to verify the names on the orders to our contact list. Ron Julianne was able to run the "order names" with our contact list to identify people, Wayne believes this procedure has not been done in about 2 years, with the new upgrades on the Web-site it may not be able to run this information. Everett does look at the orders and names on the orders, he does cross them on the MCL, and he feels that many of the people are family members.
- B. FWB reunion update: Gus needs to sign the new contract for the Catering General Manager, all others contracts have been signed. Mike and Gus worked on a donation letter which Gus will bring to the beer companies, Coke Companies, chips etc. Suggestion was made to bring the donations to any big whole sale places that are in the area. Online Registration for the 2021 reunion is not up and running: should be by the end of September beginning of October. It's a good time frame, 1 year out from the reunion. You can now register with the Hotel.

4. Branson, MO reunion (Mike): Basic contract was signed to secure the dates; negotiation will begin next year for more of a detailed contract.

5. Update on Publishing Bio's: Roy

- A. We received 275 Bio's, final read through will be happening between Wayne and Roy prior to being published. Once they are published, they will be available on Amazon for \$9.95 it's 380 pages.
- B. Zoom Video Interview project, Roy worked with JP and it is doable. We need to get the word out to the organization.

6. Ev:

- A. Media Projects: Ev has been mailing out “Our Story” video, the video shown at SLC is provided to every new life member.
- B. Outreach: getting some new people, children of members wanting to stay in communication with us. Ev makes sure he sends them the *Firing Circle* either by snail mail or email.
- C. Membership: Membership on Facebook is 672. Discussion about a Bronze membership card being given to Karen Graces with Fred’s name on it. Years ago Ev made up a few brass cards to a few Life members. Some confusion with Karen Graves speaking with JoAnna Byrd about this card. We haven’t issued these cards since a few were given out many years ago. The decision being that with the expense of these cards we cannot reinstate this one time past event!

7. Website, Wayne/Liz: Liz has created an all in one page, anyone who has had a video, bio, story completed you can click on their name and it will take you directly to the video, bio and story. She has been trying to find ways to simplify the web-site for people to use. We will owe Liz \$2,700 for the year, Liz has requested not to draw this money due to her work situation. Wayne will continue with Liz’s work log when payment is due we will have that log to go with the payment.

8. Newsletter (Firing Circle), Don/Mike: Don did an excellent job on the August newsletter. Next newsletter that goes out should be tied to the 2021 reunion registration, looking at mid to end of November.

9. New/Old Business: Mike

- A. Proclaiming the Association’s Founding Fathers: Roy and Mike spent some time trying to verify who the founding fathers were; the information was not readily available, searching through coin/aware spreadsheets. Who had the dream? Fred Graves, Norm Evans, Jim Remes, and Bill Petrie were the people who had the dream and are considered the Founding Fathers. Lots of people helped make it happen, Gus, Mike Friel and a few others. Roy and Mike will work on a 1 page proclamation form to officially name those individuals who had the dream!
- B. Tracking Fate of Stinger 850 at TSN: Wayne suggested writing a letter to the TSN museum that 850 will be displayed, and tell them that we have the US history of this plane, so they would have an accurate history for display of our Stinger.
- C. Reunion Video History Project, Andrea: it is being worked on, lots of pictures being pulled...it
- D. Future Video Telecoms: Doug is still checking on the pricing. We can do video conferencing cheaper than the teleconference and you can call into the session if you do not want to do a video. Doug is going to contact Vast to see if we can get about 5 - 6 people to run a test to see how it works.
- E. Continue Association History Document. Two years ago Larry Fletcher had worked on a History document from every reunion. How many people attended, awards that were given out, other details. Mike is going to continue with this living document and will hopefully put it out on the web-site, which would need to be updated every year.
- F. New from the Friends Journal NMUSAF, both Larry Fletcher and Larry Juday’s story was polished, they were supposed to receive hard copies, and we have not heard if they did, Mike will check on it.
- G. Gus suggested from July, that the Board Vote to have the BOD continue to 2021, we informally made that decision with the Covid19 pandemic, but would like to make a formal vote. Mike made a motion that the current board members continue onto next year, Doug second the motion, motion had passed and the board remains until 2021.

H. Official Thank You letter to Ron Soderquist for the Pistol is in the works.

10. Last Orbit:

- A. We gave Bob La Rosa an above and beyond award posthumously and it was supposed to go to Tony LaRosa. Was Jerry Hester supposed to deliver the award and do we know if it was completed? Mike will check with Jerry Hester.
- B. Question about the reunion spreadsheet, who should be the keeper of the sheet? Web Master and Treasurer, both are closest to the data. Wayne will be glad to be the keeper of the reunion tracking spreadsheet.

Our next Board Telecom Meeting: November 10, 2020 at 2000 EST, which is: 8PM Eastern Standard Time!

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Drzyzga, Secretary 9/28/2020

Reviewed M. Drzyzga, 9/28/2020