

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
JULY 2, 2019 6:00 PM Central**

Bernie Frakes, President

Bill Allen, Vice President

Bill Patterson, Treasurer

Bill Walter, Historian

Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster

P.J. Cook, Web Developer absent

Jerry Michaud, Board Member

Ski Gonsowski, Board Member

Duane Spencer, Board Member

Darren Vitalo, Board Member

Barry Gossman, Board Member

Norm Evans, Board Member

Fred Taylor, Board Member

Ed Metz, Board Member elected to complete Mike Skerrett's term

Dick Vancil, Secretary; absent, called in late

CALL TO ORDER

Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Central Time. All noted board members were present. Bernie welcomed the board members who were on the phone and those in-place at the FWB VFW. Bernie took the roll. Absent members noted.

REPORTS:

The attendees reviewed the reading of the previous month's meeting minutes sent on-line to the board members. Vito expanded the rationale and how the member term end dates were determined. The chart listing all board members was drawn out in an excel spread sheet. Each annual board member election will consist of two member seats being filled again

for another four years. The President and Vice President terms are also for a four year term. The President and Vice President terms are also a four year term with the elections separated by two years to ensure leadership continuity. Norm E. made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Bill A. seconded. Minutes were accepted by majority vote. Vito nay.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill P reported the following

Checking Account **1517	\$08132.13
Gunner Jack Fund **50419	\$10,358.31
Scholarship Fund **4187	\$15,725.93
Operating Fund **4462	\$31081.10
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$90,297.47</u>

Money market paid interest. One scholarship money was returned by the university. The student had failed to sign up for two semesters. The universities are required by law to account for all scholarship money. The standard policy is to return any unused money. A total of \$250.00 was returned and put into the scholarship fund. Jerry M. moved to accept report, Seconded by Duane S. Passed unanimously.

Store Report

Ed R reported on June sales which are up a little over \$409.00 from last year. A package sent to a customer had one coffee mug damaged in shipping. Ed R. filed a claim with the USPS. We are re-imbursed for the cost of the cup, but not the shipping. Ed R. mailed another cup. We didn't lose any money on the broken cup and shipping, as the extra charge for postage basically covered the extra shipping. See the quartermaster report for details on expense and income breakdown. Store profit for the first quarter year report is \$2,280.82. The profit for the second annual quarter

(April, May, June) \$2,898.21. Norm E. moved to accept, Second by Fred T.

OLD BUSINESS-

Discussion from the June meeting regarding a member to fill the vacancy with Mike Skerrett's passing. Norm E. invited Ed Metz to attend the July meeting. After a brief discussion, the board asked Ed if he would be willing to complete Mike S. vacant seat. A motion made by Norm E. seconded by Fred T. The board unanimously voted to have Ed serve on the board, this term ends in 2021. Welcome Ed!

The bronze plaque honoring SPECTRE during the Viet Nam war to be placed at the Air Force Academy became a heated discussion between Bill W. and Bill P. Bill P provided an official book which showed that SPECTRE had destroyed more than 20,000 vehicles, Bill W. disputed that number. Bill W. opted to leave the meeting early. During the plaque discussion, the phone line became unplugged leaving those on the phone out of the meeting a few minutes. Vito called Duane to report the outage. The phone line had not stayed in the phone. Norm E had taped the wire in at the start of the meeting. It was reconnected into the phone and the out of town members were back in the meeting. A lengthy discussion on which aircraft and the wording, i.e. trucks vs vehicles, followed. A vote was taken to redo wording to "well over 10,000 vehicles" The aircraft profile to be used on the plaque should be the First Lady.

Discussion

Bernie opened the floor for discussion

Reunion

Bill W. is supposed to ensure we have the Color Guard. It was discussed we may be able to tour the gunship simulator. It is decided that the logistics of getting our large number of people to see the simulator may be difficult because of the requirement for military affiliation and the sheer number of bodies in the simulator's limited space. A more do-able action will be to have static aircraft. The static aircraft information needs to be added to

the web site. ID cards will be required. We will need to provide a list of people desiring to see the static display to the Security Police prior to the reunion. Transportation from the hotel to the static was discussed. Probably local people can take the out of towners in the car pool option. Friday is a down day for the base, a meet and greet meeting with people from the 73 SOS after the static is being suggested. Norm E. will coordinate with the squadron for details for the static display. The desired time is 1:00 – 3:00. We should provide drinking water for the attendees.

The golf tournament is set up.

Reunion bar cost was discussed. They cost \$4.50 each. Bill P. will place an order for the bars for this year's reunion. The decision on future of the bars will be a topic at this years' annual meeting, allow the members to decide if the tradition should continue or not.

Ski will be the hospitality room mom again. Alice will be doing her fund raising ticket sales.

The fishing trip is on, currently the boat is not taking any reservations for October until September. If the fishing people are interested, a private charter MAY be arranged. Duane is in favor of the extra cost and private fishing.

Bill P. suggested we contact the 16 SOS in New Mexico. Board consensus is that is a waste of time, the 16th didn't attend our reunions when the squadron was stationed at Hurlburt. However, an invitation will be sent to the unit.

A new SPECTRE member is Michael Mead, he is an engineer working in Warner Robins ALC. He has worked on our ladies for years.

It was moved by Norm E. seconded by Jerry M. to adjourn the meeting, Meeting adjourned at 7:15 Central time.

Duane Spencer sitting in for Dick V.