

**SPECTRE Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 12 2020; 6:15PM Central**



Programmed Participants:

- Fred Taylor, President**
- Bill Allen, Vice President**
- Bill Patterson, Treasurer**
- Bill Walter, Historian**
- Ed Rodriguez, Quartermaster**
- P.J. Cook, Web Developer**
- Jerry Michaud, Board Member**
- Ski Gonsowski, Board Member**
- Duane Spencer, Board Member**
- Ed Metz, Board Member**
- Darren Vitalo, Board Member**
- Barry Gossman, Board Member**
- Norm Evans, Board Member; absent**
- Kevin Moyer, Board Member**
- Dick Vancil, Secretary**

Fred opened the meeting and Bill A verified the attendees. The meeting started at 6:18. Fred wished everyone well (healthy and wise).

REPORTS:

BOARD MINUTES:

- Fred asked if everybody was good with the minutes sent out by Dick previously. A motion was made to accept By Bill A and Vito seconded. There were no objections; motion carried.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 5, 2020

Checking Account	**1517	\$04160.56
Gunner Jack Fund	**0419	\$10,398.36
Scholarship Fund	**5921	\$16,754.67

Operating Fund	**5913	\$29,927.23
<u>MS BOND</u>		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$86,240.82</u>

- Duane S made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Jerry. A vote was taken and the Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

SPECTRE STORE

- Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.
- Ed R reported:

Spectre store purchases have slowed dramatically during the pandemic months. At this date for May, sales are only \$225.00. For the month of April \$493.50. in 2018 sales were at \$1,362.50

2020 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions							
	Sales Gross	Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
Qtr-1	\$2,959.50	(\$86.81)	\$450.00	\$1,111.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,436.34
Qtr-2	\$493.50	(\$16.73)	\$85.00	\$96.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$379.97
Qtr-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Qtr-4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$3,453.00	(\$103.54)	\$535.00	\$1,208.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,816.31

During April we had one Lifetime membership application was processed, however, three brass membership cards have been on hold as the business that engraves them has been closed. Ed R checks weekly, and the business remains closed, they were instructed to call Ed R to arrange pick up when they open to the public. The members were notified on the delay. Ed R was able to mail the previous three Lifetime membership engraved cards and letters. T-Shirt and Polo shirt inventory is getting low in some sizes, again, ED R is unable to order due to businesses being closed.

Ed to hold off buying anything to prevent adding to our debt level at this point in time.

April	Sales						
Date	Gross Amount	Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals->	\$493.50	- \$16.73	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$96.80	\$0.00	\$379.97

- Fred made a motion to accept the Quartermaster’s report and the QM Report passed with no objection.

DISCUSSION

- Jim Kyle passed away since our last meeting.
- Reunion Info:
- Fred is to check with the Island folks
- Bill P said all of the Organizations he is a member of have cancelled all operations until next year. Concerned by second wave of the pandemic. Fred thanked Bill P for his input and will use the feedback accordingly.
- Bill W reminded everyone about “liability”. Ed R suggested that we select a close-out date early. PJ says the Air Commandos are still on. PJ will monitor.
- Bill A says he will attend a Spectre Reunion of some sort regardless.
- Duane S reminded everyone that the “overhead” costs may exceed the overall budget for the different sessions at the various venues with a lower personnel turnout.

- Fred T acknowledged that the reunion activities (if held) would have to be scaled back to match the funds and participation. A final decision will be made at a later date (TBD).
- Our deposit at the Island may be in jeopardy this year. Next year may be a viable “roll-over” option, if the Island is amenable.
- Kevin recommended letting the Island price a smaller gathering with less participants guaranteed.
- Bill W recommended a “Go/No-Go” call by 1 Jul. Much discussion pursued. Fred wants to explore the hotel plans and their needs before making any final decisions on the reunion.
- Vito asked how much deposit was placed on the Island reservations. The response from Bill P and Bill A was “25-28” hundred dollars – they will verify for next meeting.
- Jerry mentioned that the AC-119 reunion is still on. (Secretary Note: This was corrected the next day in an email from Norm E notifying us that the AC-119 reunion was cancelled.)
- Fred has not talked to anyone about being the guest speaker. Neither has Bill W. Fred wants to keep everything “on-hold” until we make a final reunion decision.
- Vito wants to know who is up for election this year, he noted that we must conduct those elections regardless of reunion cancellations. All concurred.
- Bill A asked Bill W for an update on his book... it is on-hold for Covid.
- Bill A needs everyone to send a list of fallen Spectres for the memorial ceremony at BEAL VERETANS TOWER by Friday. Tom Rice will read names.
- Bill P sent check for our trophy center invoice months ago and it was just now cashed. Vendor is closed for routine business, but the vendor was paid.

- Bill P said the next Tee shirt need to show an AC-130 shooting/hammering a Corona virus. Ed will help with the concept.

- Jerry, asked if the base was still closed for mission essential only. Bill W has a letter format that will allow entry, if desired.

- Duane reminded everyone of the Eglin Commissary hours.

- Barry is doing OK.

- Ed is good...

- PJ says: "Aft guns safe and clear!"

- Bill P asked about the AFA plaque ... Fred will check into it and report back at the next meeting.

- Vito sends his love ...

- Kevin suggests we get pre-shrunk T-shirts or ones that do not shrink.

- Duane thanked Ed R for setting up the meeting. It was noted that the audio quality of the Conference Call was excellent.

- Vito reminded Fred to adjourn the meeting.

- Fred closed the meeting with best wishes for all. Please call him with any questions or comments.

- Dick Vancil Secretary