

## **SPECTRE Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020; 6:00PM 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-Absent  
Darren Vitalo, Board Member-  
Barry Gossman, Board Member-  
Norm Evans, Board Member -  
Kevin Moyer, Board Member-  
Dick Vancil, Secretary-

Fred opened the meeting and verified the attendees. All members were present, except as noted, above. The meeting started at 6:07 PM Central.

Fred wished everyone well. This meeting was also held as a dial-in telecom.

### **REPORTS:**

Fred called for the previous board minutes.

### **BOARD MINUTES:**

All attendees had reviewed the last board meeting minutes (sent earlier), and concurred, as written with the exception of Duane who noted that the Secretary included the dial -in and access code in the minutes to be published on the Internet. After a brief discussion it was noted that the Secretary should not publish this private information. This information will be stricken from the current and future minutes.

Bill P made a motion to accept the minutes. Jerry seconded the motion and a vote was taken - the Minutes were accepted and PJ will post to the website.

Fred asked for the Treasurer's Report.

Bill P reported the following:

### **TREASURER'S REPORT September 1, 2020:**

Checking Account **1517 Plaque	\$3,895.56 *\$6K removed for AFA
Gunner Jack Fund **0419	\$10,395.10 **Bill P paid Arley
Scholarship Fund **5921 Effler for Pat Carpenter Scholarship	\$17,807.50 ***Added \$1K from J
Operating Fund **5913	\$26,572.75
MS BOND	\$25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$83,670.91</u></b>

Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jerry seconded it. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was accepted with one objection, Vito.

Fred asked for the Quartermaster's Report.

There was some confusion on the phone and Norm noted that someone had their TV on loudly.

**SPECTRE STORE:**

- Ed R reported:

<b>August</b>	<b>Sales</b>						
Date	Gross Amount	Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
<b>Totals--&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,228.50</b>	<b>(\$42.54)</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,185.96</b>

<b>2020 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions</b>							
	<b>Sales Gross</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>S&amp;H</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>FL Sales Tax</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Qtr-1</b>	\$2,959.50	(\$86.81)	\$450.00	\$1,111.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,436.34
<b>Qtr-2</b>	\$2,370.00	(\$81.89)	\$515.00	\$221.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.31
<b>Qtr-3</b>	\$1,542.50	(\$53.46)	\$360.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,489.04
<b>Qtr-4</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$6,872.00	(\$222.16)	\$1,325.00	\$1,533.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,116.69

Sales for August have improved. All hats have been re-ordered and some t-shirts are re-ordered. Ojgne Lifetime and one Annual membership were requested in August.

Ed R said he received a couple of orders today.

He will probably only ship once a week while Renee is backing him up during his convalescence. Bill A offered his assistance to Renee in Ed's absence.

Bill A and Bill P said there was over \$2K on deposit at the Island for future use.

Fred called for a motion to accept the Quartermaster's report. Norm made the motion and Jerry seconded it. A vote was taken and the QM Report passed with one objection (Vito).

### **DISCUSSION:**

Norm thanked PJ for updating the web pages.

PJ said he just lacks four phone numbers and also he needs Fred's welcome letter... Fred will provide the info to PJ.

Bill A asked PJ to re-issue the scholarship application. Everyone said that the web "stats" which PJ published were very interesting. PJ was asked to add the "stats" to Facebook, as well.

Fred noted that there was a good showing of Spectres at Gene Eller's grave-side ceremony and thanked everyone for their attendance. We lost a true patriot.

The floor was turned over to Bill W for a more in-depth discussion on his Gunship History book.

Bill P and Bill W have been "tweaking" the book. Bill W has an agent in NJ and his publisher is very excited about the book's prospects (very promising).

Bill A suggested buying copies of the book at a quantity-discount and re-selling them through our store ... more to follow... many have expressed a desire to be on the "early buyers" list.

Bill W says that they usually print 5,000 copies initially. The publisher and others have been receiving good feedback. Discussions continue.

Norm asked if the potential publisher had any military background. That is unknown at this time.

Bill P added Bill W's Gunship book to his Gunship Project website with over 300 potential book buyers identified currently.

Fred asked about the "usual" process and Bill W explained the business-advantage party process.

Duane wants to reserve five copies for himself and so do others.

Bill A and Bill P are in contact with Bill Baertl and Tony Denoi – Bill W wants to ensure the survivors have the published information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fred called for new business.

Duane is selling AR-15 Raffle tickets for \$20 each for a good cause. Only 100 tickets are to be sold. Duane will take money in exchange for tickets at the October meeting.

Bill P made a plea for more funds... he needs money to pay our taxes. The state confirmed that the difference between our gross and net income is taxable. It appears our current tax burden is \$11.75. Fred instructed Bill P to "pay the bill".

Fred talked to Ed R about needing more inventory in the store and Ed answered "no". Ed R is selling the older stuff (sometimes at a discount). He is reducing inventory and ordering stock of popular items to reduce our liability.

Bill P currently only has two scholarship applicants and noted that we need to broaden the advertising of our scholarship program to maximize participation.

PJ needs the President's Message! Fred promises to get it to him...

Vito was getting stuff cleared up from the storm(s) and thanked Bill W for getting rid of the "imposter".

Vito wants more info on the Association plans to sponsor someone to attend the AF Academy dedication of our SEA Plaque (unveiling ceremony) ... Fred, Vito, Norm and others want to be in on that discussion, as well.

Barry asked phone attendees to restrict the background noise as a courtesy to others (mute TV/Phone).

There being no further business, Bill A made the motion and Jerry seconded that we adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and we agreed to adjourn, with one nay...Vito.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM

- Dick Vancil - Secretary