

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 3, 2018; 6PM Central



Bernie Frakes, 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: absent
Celia-Danny Pagan, Board Member; absent
Duane Spencer, Board Member
Mike Skerrett, Board Member
Darren Vitalo, Board Member
Barry Gossman, Board Member
Norm Evans, Board Member
Dick Vancil, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

There was an on-going discussion prior to the meeting among the members as Bill W elaborated on the info gathering with the North Vietnamese Military Archives who has been very forth-coming with relevant information for Bill's Official History he was writing of the period. Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 and thanked the members for their attendance.

REPORTS:

All attendees acknowledged reading and reviewing the previous month's meeting minutes sent on-line to the board members. No corrections were offered or made. Bill A made a motion that the minutes be accepted and approved, Jerry M seconded. Minutes were accepted by majority vote. Vito nay. Minutes were approved and Bernie requested PJ to post on the web. PJ concurred.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill P reported the following:

Checking Account	**1517	\$6,963.55
Gunner Jack Fund	**50419	\$10,341.61
Scholarship Fund	**4187	\$14,568.60

Operating Fund **4462	\$28,165.64
<u>MS BOND</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$85,039.40</u>

Bill A made a motion to approve and accept the treasurer's report. Jerry M seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous vote. Bernie requested the Quartermaster's report:

SPECTRE STORE / QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

- Ed Reported:
The store sold the following worth of merchandise:
\$1,109.45 PayPal
\$278.00 Cash
\$1,386.45 Total
- All store sales data and QM Access database were truncated and rendered unusable. Ed R is making a herculean effort to reclaim/re-do/replace the discrepant database.
- Ed R passed his receipts to Bill P.
- Ed will move the planned inventory until after 17 Apr (taxes).
- Bill A asked about database backups and other tools to prevent recurrence. Ed explained that there was no real defense against the situation that occurred other than more routine database backups.
- There was lengthy discussion about cloud storage and other options; long story short ... Access databases are susceptible to these random failures.
- The condensed QM report was accepted as reported by majority vote.
- Bernie called for "Old Business".

OLD BUSINESS

- Bernie checked on the inventory plans and advised the board of his planned absence during that period (if at all possible) 😊 he plans on being out for a week after Tax Day.
- Bernie asked PJ for updates on the election and PJ immediately went on-line to check.
- Vito asked how long the election had been in-progress. PJ will advise on that along with election results.
- Bernie opened the floor for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

- **AFA Southeast Asia plaque**
- Bernie said it was approx. \$6K for the Spectre Plaque at the SEA Room in the AFA. He noted that Lt Gen Hiethold retires on Jun 28 and that he may be interested in assisting. Bernie will check with him to see if there are any industry organizations that he had contacts with that might be willing to help with getting the plaque made.
- Several approaches to fund this project were discussed at length with none settled on.
- Bill P told the group that the Operating Fund could not be used for the donation to offset the plaque costs.
- Bernie asked PJ to put some words on the Web requesting donations to this worthy cause.
- Bernie and Bill A agreed to offset costs until funds were raised to purchase plaque and reimburse expenses.

- **Election Results**
- PJ reported that there were 46 voters, so far; 45 approved the Bylaws with one nay vote. On board members, there were 37 Votes for Vito, 41 Votes for Ski, and 13 Votes for Gary T
- PJ also reported some obscure information on the total number of "nail salons" in the US.

- **OPEN**
- Bill W briefed the official AF history project he is working and promised to let the attendees review and comment prior to imminent publication.
- Bill P reported that his computer died (locked up) and that he was going take it to the computer gurus to fix it.
- Bill P requested a group contribution to the Nurse's Memorial project. Bill noted that he signed a contract (on behalf of Purple Heart Assn) earlier today for the monument base.
- Vito asked Bill P what the normal donation amount was and Bill said that \$250 should be good.
- Bill A made a motion to donate \$500, Duane S seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bill P wants a notice sent to everyone when the website updates. PJ explained how difficult that would be to get by all of the SPAM filters.
- Duane told the local attendees about the "Marvels of Flight" exhibitions in DeFuniak Springs this weekend. All are invited to attend.
- Norm told the group that Willy William's (Acft 490 Survivor) wife, Jean, was not expected to make it through the night. Her condition is terminal. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. NOTE: Jean passed shortly after this meeting terminated (~9:30 PM).
- Bill and Bernie discussed the NVA shots on Acft 490 and other aircraft with tactics used ... discussion tabled until after the formal meeting to continue with agenda items.

- Vito confirmed that Bob Reneau would make an outstanding guest speaker at the reunion.
- PJ wants a list of the events and their times to post on the website. Bill A committed to provide PJ that list.
- Vito made a motion to buy a new laptop for around \$600, Barry seconded it. A short discussion was held regarding a \$1,200 version that PJ supported but the new \$600 version (w/tax) was deemed to be all that Bill P's one typing hand with two smart fingers could handle (no offense three-finger). A vote was taken, motion carried. Bill P will debut his new laptop at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bernie asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill A made the motion which was seconded by Jerry M that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM Local.

Dick Vancil – Secretary