

**SPECTRE Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2019; 6PM Central**



Programmed Participants:

Bernie Frakes, President
Fred Taylor, President Elect
Bill Allen, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
Bill Walter, Historian; Absent
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; Absent
Barry Gossman, Board Member
Norm Evans, Board Member
Dick Vancil, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Bernie F conducted and chaired the meeting. Bernie called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM Central Time. The start of the board meeting was delayed due to an issue with the Conference Call connectivity. Bernie took the roll and thanked the Spectre Association Members for their attendance. All board members noted above were present.

Bernie called for the reading of the previous meeting's minutes.

REPORTS:

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Secretary (Dick V) recapped the previous meeting's minutes for the attendees.

Bernie made a motion that the previous meeting minutes be accepted and approved, motion was seconded by Duane. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved. PJ will post these minutes, when approved, to the Association's website.

Bernie asked for the Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 1 Nov 2019

Bill P reported the following:

Checking Account **1517	\$8,116.26
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Gunner Jack Fund	**50419	\$10,389.93
Scholarship Fund	**4187	\$20,219.76
Operating Fund	**4462	\$28,561.80
MS BOND	5.3%	\$25,000.00
Total		\$92,287.75

- Bernie requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Norm so moved and Jerry seconded. Attendees approved the Treasurer's report with Duane's nay.
- Bernie asked for the Quartermaster's Report.
- Ed Reported:
- Gross sales are up from 2018 this period in October from \$1,062.5 to \$1,584.50 in PayPal. With the reunion sales of \$3,204.75 our total sales for October is \$4,789.25. I was notified Jan 1, 2020 shipping rates will increase again, not certain how much (USPS).
- Big thank you to Ski and Renee for helping out re-inventorying post-Reunion and re-stacking the bins and boxes back into the warehouse, all is fairly organized again. The 2019 Reunion shirts are selling faster than previous years and so has the Coin sales. I will be looking at getting more women shirt sizes this month of November. We need a 20 shirt minimum order and more "50 Years of Gunship" shirts.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter Taxes have been submitted to Bill P and our Accountant. 4th Quarter is underway.

	Gross Amount	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals->	\$ 1,584.50	\$ (54.98)	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 266.42	\$ -	\$ 1,263.10

2019 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions

	Sales Gross	Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	FL Sales Tax	Net
Qtr-1	\$2,362.50	(\$81.68)	\$472.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,280.82
Qtr-2	\$3,150.00	(\$106.44)	\$630.00	\$145.35	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$2,898.21

Qtr-3	\$2,700.50	(\$90.95)	\$490.00	\$193.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,415.95
Qtr-4	\$1,584.50	(\$54.98)	\$240.00	\$266.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,263.10
Total:	\$9,797.50	(\$334.05)	\$1,832.00	\$830.37	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$8,858.08

- Bernie suggested efforts to move the inventory.
- Bernie asked for a motion to accept the Quartermaster's Report. Norm so moved and Jerry seconded. Attendees voted and accepted the QM Report w/ one nay (PJ).

DISCUSSION

- **Note: The following topics (and others) were discussed in no particular order or priority:**
- Reunion wrap-up, Location, Facilities, Store location, Costs, Food, Complaints, Next Year's Planning, and Spotlight Inputs
- Bill P has bills to pay from the Island Hotel and the Trophy Center.
- The Thai Spice Restaurant is all paid.
- Arlie G received a check for the gunner Jack Award.
- Bill P will send out all the scholarship monies at the end of November.
- Regions Bank locked up our account during the reunion due to overcharges.
- Ed R has approved receipts (less than \$100) that required reimbursement (provided to Bill P).
- \$13K was needed to keep the operations moving and Bill P paid \$16K on 5 Nov to release the credit hold. Note: We may need to establish a banking relationship with another bank to obtain a higher credit limit.
- Several couples left without eating and wanted refunds. In most cases, this was not acceptable and refunds were forfeited. No refunds after published cut-off date. Bill P will do a final analysis and report back on the actual reunion costs.
- We had limited facilities. The Thai Spice buffet cost \$27ea and we had \$210 worth of walk-ins (locals) that we accommodated.
- Fred explained some of the added costs. Bill A further explained added costs and noted that the reunion was not cheap.
- Duane said that the Island was way too costly.

- Norm asked for the total attendee count and Bill P said that there were approximately 135 attendees at the Saturday Banquet with a total of 292 at the meals throughout the reunion.
- Bill P said he received numerous complaints about the cost of breakfast at the Island Hotel.
- Bill A explained his group's research efforts to find a venue capable of supporting the Ball Room, Hospitality Room, Store, and etc.
- PJ did not have all of the schedule updates and needed them to keep the website current/updated.
- Bill P said the payment plan was "surprising" ... unannounced and due on demand prior to our events closing.
- Fred and Bill A agreed to fix the payment system.
- Bill A informed the board that he may have an option for the Soundside at Hurlburt that will need a decision/commitment by NLT 31 Dec 2019. Fred T went on to explain some of the issues involving a Saturday night at Hurlburt.
- Bernie talked about complaints regarding the Hospitality Room and Store.
- Store was too small, separated too far from banquet/meeting areas ... need more room; Ice was a problem at the Hospitality Room; hours of operation and locations were obscure for both rooms, as well.
- We paid 22% gratuity on all charges.
- Norm recommended using 4 Points, Elks, American Legion.
- Bill P said: Additional funds received were: Thursday: \$210; Friday: \$318; Saturday: \$193; Auction: \$2,245; Scholarship Cash Donations: \$320; Lifetime Membership: \$150; Raffle: \$1,000.
- Next year's planning is underway.
- Duane, Barry, and Dick have article taskings due to Bernie for the Spotlight.
- PJ will add Bill P's and Arlie's reunion photos to the website.

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- Barry wants schedule of events with times and venues.

- PJ wants all the photos for posting.
- Discussed AFA plaque ... words, design and Academy wants list of AFA Grads in Spectre.
- Norm noted the we need a new digital phone for the VFW and made a motion that we buy a new digital phone for the VFW not to exceed \$100. Duane seconded the motion, we voted and motion passed with one nay (Bill P).
- Harley Davidson donated \$100.
- Ed R's working on the new shirt design.
- With no further business ... Fred made a motion and Duane seconded it that we adjourn. Motion passed with one nay (PJ) and the meeting closed at 7:12PM CST.
- **December 6, 2019 Addendum to Tuesday, November 5, 2019 Minutes:**
- O/a November 27, Bernie notified the board that the December board meeting was cancelled and would be scheduled for the first Tuesday in January 2020. The next board meeting is planned for 6PM CST on January 7th, 2020.
- On Friday, Dec 6th at 6:30 pm, Renee and Ed Rodriguez hosted a post-Reunion/Christmas gathering at Props in FWB.
- Fred led the invocation. The following folks were in attendance:
 - Ed & Renee Rodriguez
 - Dick & Shell Vancil
 - Bill P & Tammy
 - Jerry Michaud
 - Fred Taylor
 - Barry & Debbie Gossman
 - Ed Metz & Jit
 - Bernie & Cindy Frakes
- It was a great gathering. Awesome food, drink, and fellowship. Our "Thanks!" to Renee for the cute, hand made "Santa Elves/Gnomes" that she made and presented to each couple/attendee.
- Dick Vancil Secretary