

**SPECTRE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 04 November, 2008, 1840 CST**



Pat Carpenter, President  
Dick Vancil, Vice President  
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer  
Roger Betterelli  
P. J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference  
Norm Evans  
Larry Hickey  
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference  
Michael Skerrett, teleconference  
Barry Gossman, teleconference at 1849L

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Andy DeMeyer reported the following funds on hand as of 04 November:

\$ 7,529.31 -- Checking Account  
4,178.34 – **Scholarship Fund** (*formerly the Building Fund*)  
10,159.50 – CD from Gunner Jack – 4.5% for 15 months.  
500.00 – **Special Operating Fund** (new Account)  
30,472.17 – **The Life Membership Fund** (*formerly the Scholarship Fund*)  
(This CD is in Vanguard Bank and will mature on 12 January 2009.)

**\$52,839.32 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Since our last Board Meeting on 9 September 2008, our receipts have totaled \$10,065.78 and are made up as follows:

\$ 5,439.02: Sale of Merchandise  
3,820.53: Reunion Payments  
75.00: Annual Dues  
501.05: General Donations  
100.00: Reunion Donation from Fort Walton Machining  
130.18: Jim Thrasher Memorial Donations

**\$10,065.78: TOTAL RECEIPTS**

Disbursements since our last Board Meeting (9 September 2008) for which Andy has written checks total \$11,997.08 and are made up as follows:

- \$ 427.40: Diana's Design for shirts & hats for store
- 178.26: Office Supplies
- 181.00: Reunion Refunds
  - 15.03: Sales Tax due to the State of Florida
- 569.81: Food for Thursday Night Ice Breaker
  - 10.00: Merchandise Refund from Store
- 140.00: Prize Money for Golf Tournament
- 250.00: Cash Drawers for change for Reunion Events
- 5,862.40: Reunion Payment to the Sheraton Four Points
- 876.00: Airline ticket for Tom Norris, Guest Speaker
- 283.05: Hotel room for Tom Norris, Guest Speaker
- 500.00: Transfer to Special Ops Account
- 700.00: Donation to Spirit 03 Fund in Memory of Mike Kercheval
  - 50.00: Association Donation in Memory of Jim Thrasher
- 103.18: Transfer to Scholarship Fund
- 65.84: PayPal Fees
- 1,785.11: Visa Credit Card Payment that consisted of:
  - \$ 159.30: Postage for Mailing Merchandise from Store
  - 61.11: Two (2) Conference Calls for Board Meetings
  - 545.00: Reunion Bars
    - 14.00: New Gavel
    - 19.90: Life Membership Cards
  - 524.20: Reunion tee shirts
  - 429.60: Restock tee shirts in Store
    - 12.00: Engraving Special Ops Coin
    - 20.00: Annual Membership Fee to First National Bank & Trust

\$11,997.08: TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

The current checkbook balance is \$7,529.31.

Andy reported that he has talked with Gene Eller and Jerry Appleby at length about the information that was presented and discussed at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting concerning all of our different accounts. Andy has renamed some of the Accounts as reflected above and has opened a couple of new ones. Pat Carpenter brought over our current Membership List, and he and Andy have been working to update addresses. They are also checking to make sure all Life Members are recorded properly. Al Dilts donated \$1,500.00 toward a laptop computer and a financial operating account. Andy wants a computer with XP on it. He is looking at different programs like Quicken, Quick Books, and Microsoft Money.

In the **SPECIAL OPERATING ACCOUNT**. Andy plans to deposit any funds that are left over from the 2008 Reunion – if there are any; as well as the interest from **THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND CD**, as well as money from excess sales from the Spectre Store. He suggests that this money be used to supplement future reunion costs and any other unexpected expenses that may occur. Andy advised that this money must be used judiciously and NOT all at once in order to ensure money is available for many years yet to come.

The CD at the Vanguard Bank, which presently has a balance of \$30,472.17 and was formerly known as The Scholarship Fund, will now be known as **THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**. This CD has a maturity date of 12 January 2009.

Dick Vancil moved that when the CD at Vanguard Bank matures on 10 January 2009, we take \$23,000.00 and purchase a new CD with this amount as a new baseline in the Life Membership Fund and put the excess amount in the Operating Fund. Norm Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andy said that in the future if any member of the Board makes a purchase or pays for anything, they must acquire a receipt in order to get a check from the Treasurer.

### **2008 REUNION**

Andy reported that this year we had **79 individuals signed up to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion**. Of this number, 78 were paying individuals and our guest Speaker, Tom Norris, was our guest.

Merchandise sold from the Spectre Web Store last month totaled: \$5,439.02 of which \$3,156.15 was sold during the reunion. Reunion sales are as follows:

\$	999.58:	Thursday evening
	1,160.59:	Friday
	751.12:	Saturday
	<u>244.86:</u>	Sunday

### **\$3,156.15: MERCHANDISE SALES DURING THE REUNION**

At the present time we are showing a **profit of \$250.52 from the reunion**. However, there are some more bills yet to come in. When this occurs, Andy will provide us with new figures.

### **REUNION RECEIPTS: \$11,333.89**

\$10,347.23:	Reunion Events
410.00:	Reunion Donations
416.05:	General Donations
250.00:	Cash for two (2) Cash Boxes used for Change redeposited

REUNION EXPENSES: \$11,083.37

\$ 89.39: Pay Pal Fees  
55.08: Office Supplies  
14.00: New Gavel  
6,362.40: Sheraton Four Points  
719.11: Thursday evening Ice Breaker  
250.00: Cash for two (2) Cash Boxes used for Change  
1,311.30: Reunion T-Shirt Orders (*second order of \$262.10 is estimated*)  
545.00: Reunion Year Bars  
140.00: Golf Tournament Prize Money  
109.72: Booze Basket for Raffle  
81.34: Hospitality Room: *estimated cost*  
876.00: Airline Ticket for Guest Speaker  
283.05: Hotel Room for Guest Speaker  
65.98: Plaque for Guest Speaker  
181.00: Reunion Refunds

**\$60.00 was given in anonymous donations** during the reunion.

Andy announced that Kim Coryat and Barry Gossman sold **\$705.00 in Raffle Tickets** during the reunion.

Norm Evans submitted a bill this evening for the keg of beer on Thursday night at the Ice Breaker. We still have some bills that will appear on next month's credit card for items purchased.

**\$74.60 was collected by ThiTi Kane for taxi fare** for any Spectre that needed it at the end of the reunion. Since no one needed it, she donated it to the Scholarship Fund.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Andy suggested that we change the By-Laws to delete sections 2 and 3 of Article XVII, Books and Records Inspection. These sections call for an annual audit of our books by a Certified Public Accountant, with a full report of such audit to be given at the Annual Business Meeting at our Reunions. After much discussion, it was determined that when our Accountant prepares our annual tax return, he must go over all of our receipts and disbursements in order to accomplish this. Therefore, our Tax Return, Form 990, will suffice for an audit since our Association cannot afford an actual audit; and the Tax Return can be read at the Annual Business Meeting for this purpose.

Norm Evans is to get a copy of the dated By-Laws from Jerry Appleby and mail them to MarthaAnn. MarthaAnn will type a new set of By-Laws based on all of the Amendments that have been passed by the membership since the dated set was drawn up.

Jim Thrasher died on October 28th. Thus far, Andy has received \$605 in donations in memory of Jim. Andy DeMeyer moved that we give an extra Scholarship in Jim Thrasher's name at our 2009 Reunion in the amount of \$750 minimum and more if additional funds are donated. Norm Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy brought up the number of people who came to the picnic on Thursday evening who did not sign up on the Registration Sheets. Pat said years ago the Thursday night Ice Breaker/Picnic was done as a potluck dinner, and suggested that we might want to consider doing that again. Roger said that potluck is too difficult to do with all of the out-of-towners who attend the Reunion. Chuck commented that a large number of the members who attended on Thursday evening for the free food and free beer were never seen again during the Reunion. Andy suggested that in the future we charge \$10 per person. Norm suggested that we table this and give some more thought as to how to handle Thursday night.

Norm said that the hotel rooms at the Sheraton Four Points were too expensive. This year at the same time we were having our Reunion, the ACA also had their reunion in Fort Walton Beach. Their headquarters was the Quality Inn, which charged the ACA members \$68 per night. In 2004 we got rooms at the newly opened Wingate for \$49 per night. Pat commented that several years ago we got very reasonable rooms at Shoney's. Norm will start looking at other hotels and see how much they would charge and try to report back at the next Board Meeting.

Chuck recalled that in 2004 the meals were held at the VFW and American Legion, and their members or auxiliary catered those meals for an extremely reasonable amount. Chuck said that our Reunions need to focus on getting together with old buddies for fun, fellowship, and food that does not cost three (3) prices.

While the Country Store was operated during the reunion, numerous members requested Spectre License Plates and frames. V-Neck ladies shirts were in great demand. Large cigarette lighters were also requested. A tremendous number of our members voiced the opinion that the golf shirt emblems need to be changed to include "Spectre" in an arch on top and "AC-130 Gunship" in an arch on the bottom of the emblem. This is how the shirts were made several years ago. Several people asked for t-shirts for children. Additional items requested many times were Spectre neck ties, money clips, pocket knives, plastic baggage tags, and Spectre hang-up bags.

Chuck reported that we have two (2), large bins of Medium-sized golf shirts for men. He said that we should not buy anything else in that size because we have no male members who are that small.

Pat suggested we buy four (4) dozen – 48 -- of the shirts that we had for the reunion tee shirt, and list them for sale on the web store. He suggested we call them Zoomin' and Boomin' tee shirts. Dick Vancil moved that we purchase the shirts, and Roger Betterelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

About 16 people played golf on Sunday morning at this year's reunion. We do not know who went fishing. Barry was asked to get us prices for the shell that he had engraved and donated for the Raffle since several people have voiced an interest in acquiring one of them.

We need to replace several items in the Spectre Store. Pat and Larry will do another inventory sometime in January. Several local Board Members offered to help.

Pat announced the following cities were selected at the Annual Business Meeting to be voted on as the location for our off-site 2010 Reunion. He said that whichever location is chosen, the Board Member who was responsible for getting the advance information will serve as Point Man for that site and will be responsible for getting final information with firm pricing for our 2010 Reunion:

Norm Evans – Branson  
Dick Vancil – Las Vegas  
Roger Betterelli – Biloxi

MarthaAnn read the By-Laws amendment concerning the final choice of the off-site reunion being made by a vote of the entire membership. This will be accomplished by ballot that must be mailed out no later than 31 January 2009. Members will have 90 days in which to return their ballots – approximately 30 April. The votes will be tallied and then the Point Man will begin the work of getting firm prices from facilities in that city. All information concerning the host hotel, prices for rooms and meals must be posted and sent to the membership no later than 1 June 2009.

During the Reunion, Andy asked Geri Gowdy if she had any records of the Spectre Association. She said no one has been to her house since Clyde died to pick up any records. She said that there might be records in the attic or in the garage or on the computer. Pat reported that he did go to the Gowdy home after Clyde's passing and picked-up whatever records Geri could find at the time. There was a general consensus that because of her profound grief at that time that Geri has forgotten about Pat's visit. Pat, Dick, and Andy will attend to this.

Larry suggested that the Association buy a sound system. Norm said that he will volunteer his system to be used at the reunions in the future so that we are not faced with our members not being able to hear what is going on at the head table and not being able to hear the guest speaker, as was the case this year. Norm was not at the banquet because of his granddaughter being in serious condition after a car accident and surgeries. Norm said his granddaughter is doing much better. She is having a speech problem and has to go through therapy, but she is healing nicely.

Pat asked about the Spotlight Articles for our 2008 reunion. MarthaAnn reported the following articles have been completed and received:

Thursday evening Ice Breaker: Dick Vancil  
Annual Business Meeting: MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk  
Memorial Service: Chuck Kaczmarczyk  
Saturday night Banquet: Kim Coryat  
Sunday morning Golf Tournament: Barry Gossman

We will need the following articles by 15 November:

Friday night Cocktail Party: Andy DeMeyer  
Sunday morning Fishing Trip: Roger Betterilli  
Sunday evening Bar-B-Q: Pat Carpenter

Barry helped Dave Poyer, an author, with a couple of chapters in his new book. He was very grateful, and said that he will give credit to Barry and to the Spectre Association in his book.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2024L.

Respectfully submitted,  
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recorder