SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 06 April 2010, 1845 CST

Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President
Bill Patterson, Treasurer
P.J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference
Kim Coryat, teleconference
Norm Evans
Barry Gossman
Bill Walter
Tommy Montgomery

CALL TO ORDER

Pat delayed calling the meeting to order to facilitate counting of the ballots by Norm, Barry, and Bill W. At 1845L Pat called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference. Pat introduced all of the attendees. Pat requested Bill P read the treasurer's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill P reported the following:

Treasurer's Report as of 01 April 2010:

$ 5,361.74	– Checking Account
10,240.90	– Gunner Jack CD at Regions Bank
6,681.13	– Scholarship Fund
2,576.88	– Special Operating Fund
25,269.45	– The Life Membership Fund CD #1
6,000.00	– The Life Membership Fund CD #2

$56,130.10 – TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Norm to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill P will arrange the Association tax paperwork for submission prior to mid-May non-profit organization tax due date. Bill P will also check with CFC and add our Association to the annual authorized donation listing.

BALLOT INFORMATION

Pat reported that 178 ballots returned were validated/verified. Of those substantiated votes, the following was reported:

ARTICLE VIII (EXTRACT)

(CURRENT) REUNION POLICY

"...Once the site has been decided, the Board will make arrangements for a facility to host the reunion and report to the members at the next annual business meeting the site location and host facility. All reunion information including prices, the host facility (hotel) contact number, hotel reservation cutoff date, and reunion signup cutoff date will be mailed to the general membership no later than 1 July preceding all reunions.

The proposed amendment will be to change the above to read as follows: Once the site has been decided, the Board will post the site location on the Association web site and also report the site location to the members at the next annual business meeting. All information for every reunion to include the name, address, and contact number for the host facility (hotel) along with the room and meal prices, registration fees, hotel reservation cutoff date, and reunion signup cutoff date will be posted on the Association web site or mailed to any members who do not have internet access no later than 1 July preceding all reunions.

FOR 175 **AGAINST 2**

ARTICLE XIV (EXTRACT)
(CURRENT) USE OF INCOMES, LOANS TO MEMBERS, ETC.

3. The Association will sponsor a minimum of one (1) scholarship for higher education each year for dependent children of members in good standing. The selection will be from a blind draw of eligible dependent children who have been submitted by the member, prior to each yearly reunion. Eligibility shall remain in compliance with the IRS definition of dependency and the dependent shall be enrolled or accepted at an accredited University, College, Junior College, or Trade School. The student must be enrolled for a minimum of three quarter time as defined by current Veterans Administration standards...

The proposed amendment will be to change the first three (3) sentences of paragraph 3 to read as follows: The association will sponsor a minimum of one (1) scholarship for higher education each year for children, grandchildren, and/or great grandchildren of members in good standing. The selection will be from a blind draw of eligible children, grandchildren, and/or great grandchildren who have been submitted by the member, prior to each yearly reunion. The applicant shall be enrolled or accepted at an accredited University, College, Junior College, or Trade School.

FOR 169 **AGAINST 9**

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION:

126 BARRY GOSSMAN

99 ROGER BETTERELLI

108 BILL WALTER

Barry and Bill W will fill normal four year positions and Roger will complete the designated term of Chuck.

WEBSITE STATISTICS

The website statistics are attached and as always, GREAT job!

2010 REUNION INFORMATION

Pat confirmed that MG Comer will be our guest speaker for the reunion. Pat will get with the General and finalize the speaking/travel/lodging details.

Pat needs to order REUNION BARS.

Pat, Dick, and Bill P will get together this Sunday at 1300L to finalize proposed costs and build a "Reunion Flyer" for board discussion, approval, publication, and advertising purposes.

PJ requested that a Web Version of the Flyer be made available as soon as possible.

Lynne at the IP will arrange for an approximate $50 Golf Venue (Keesler was discussed and dismissed). Tommy found an on-base Deep-sea Fishing expedition available during the reunion time frame (Sunday) with a 10-person Minimum $75/person, all day trip.

Tommy has a list of additional hotels that may have rooms and will get that together for the minutes (although we do need to encourage as many folks as we can to stay at the IP to keep our rates as low as possible.)

The Reunion Memorial Service will either be held in conjunction with the Business meeting (immediately thereafter) or as a separate function at tentatively 1300 at a location TBD. Tommy volunteered to check into some different Static Display and Memorial Service venue possibilities (Keesler, Gulfport ANG, etc.) Tommy will report back to the board. Ideas for a brief video presentation at the banquet covering some of the significant internments and events of the past year were also discussed and left open-ended at this time for further clarification/support.

Pat, Dick, and Bill P will work on the MS sales/state tax exemption.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Tommy briefed that all store sales will be up-to-date in the near future. Tommy noted that the "Zoomin' and Boomin'" T-Shirt quantity and color selection were becoming limited. Tommy will verify quantities remaining. Pat will arrange to order some more. Tommy has the latitude to arrange personal pickup and delivery of items, at his discretion, without charging shipping and handling, if it does not interfere with his other duties and FL sales taxes are collected. Tommy and Pat also pointed out that the "Death" T-shirts sizes and colors were limited. The board discussed motorcycle license plates and Pat will check into a "quality" tag frame that will be discussed before purchasing. Tommy will continue to send out both subdued and regular patches to those who order either style, while supplies last.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill W provided and read a copy of the draft By-Laws Amendment which he was tasked to develop at the last meeting. The board will review, edit, and propose a final version of the amendment to the general membership for their consideration at the annual reunion.

Draft Potential Amendment: Any member can be removed at any time from the Spectre Association by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Removal will be used only in extreme cases to protect the honor and integrity of the Association. The Board will initiate the removal process within thirty days of the discovery of crimes, violations or questionable conduct. From time of notification by registered mail, the member has a maximum of thirty days to address the Board, either in person or by registered mail to explain what actions are being taken to correct the situation. Any member not responding within the specified time loses ability to mitigate a Board decision. After thirty days has elapsed from return receipt date of registered mail, the Board will hold a special meeting to discuss the case and take appropriate action. Examples of improper conduct include, but are not limited to, violations of the Stolen Valor Act and/or willful forgery of official US government documents that misrepresent or falsify military service, rank, status, or military decorations and federal felony convictions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Eglin 75th Anniversary Air Show is this weekend and lots of aircraft viewing and souvenir purchasing opportunities will be available.

Barry volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee. We will need several nominees to fill potential vacancies in the board structure. A final list of vacancies and required elections will be provided by Barry as we get closer to the reunion.

Norm requested we consider a standing 16th SOS representative (at Cannon AFB) on the board. Several candidates' names were discussed and will be further explored by Barry's committee as we move forward.

Bill W informed us that the Spectre Memory Book information and formatting were being finalized to improve ease of member input by reunion time to provide a smooth and simple template for others to follow.

We held a discussion regarding the 17 Jun Mass Burial/Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery (29 Mar 72 KIAs). Norm made a motion which was seconded by Dick, discussed at length and ultimately determined (voted- passed) that we are to send (pay for) Pat to represent the Association at the Memorial Service. Pat will take our flag and many others, return photos and first-hand accounts, we are sure. Pat briefed us about the touching/meaningful services at Arlington for other Fallen Specters, in the past.

Tommy discussed the outstanding job the 16th SOS did for Capt Curtis D Miller, Co-Pilot of AC 044 that was held on the 29th of March at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. After a brief discussion, a motion was made (Tommy) and seconded (Dick) and voted (carried) to provide a keg for the squadron in appreciation of their classy honoring of our joint legacy hero.

Bill P has a link to our Association website from his website and he received over 18,000 hits last month and hopes some of those traveled to our site. He is also open for donations in his private quest to be the next Okaloosa County Sheriff.

Tommy will be deployed in support of "New Dawn" during June and July - we wish our "Spooky Brother" happy hunting/great practice.

Bill W briefed us on the Jockey-14 memorial and Spectre tribute pistol firing. There will be a similar ceremony for the Spirit-03 anniversary, as well. Bill W will get the word out.

Barry and Ace Hardware have volunteered to provide bags for our reunion needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Norm and seconded by Bill P that the meeting be adjourned. Majority ruled ... Meeting adjourned at 1931L.

DVancil - Recorder