



# Spectre Association, Inc.

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## SPECTRE BOARD MEETING Minutes

6 Feb 2024, 1800

### BOARD MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
x	Bill Walter	Temp President
	vacant	Vice President
x	Duane Spencer	Treasurer/Board Member
x	Ed Rodriguez	Quartermaster/Board Member
X	Jerry Michaud	Board Member
-	Ski Gonsowski	Board Member
X	Norm Evans	Board Member
X	Ed Metz	Board Member
X	Kevin Moyer	Board Member
x	Larry Peterson (Lil Pete)	Board Member
At work	PJ Cook	Webmaster
x	Amanda Murray	Secretary/Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bill called the meeting to order at 1800 central. Skipped over the treasurer and quartermaster reports due to a large event being held at the VFW which resulted in not having our normal meeting room. The details in these reports below were simply extrapolated from the emails sent.

### REPORTS:

- TREASURER REPORT:
  - Duane reported the following:

Checking Account	***7424	\$4,405.74
Gunner Jack Fund	***7580	\$9,716.68
Operating Fund	***7238	\$17,868.45
Scholarship Fund	***7556	\$16,928.35
FMS BOND	***	\$25,027
<b>Total</b>		\$73.946

- Noticed that less interest was paid out than in previous months even though the account balance is larger. Will inquire.
- \$186 web hosting fee started in Feb 2024. Then will be \$30/mo and \$20/year for the web domain name.
- No motion since this portion was skipped.



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• **QUARTERMASTER REPORT:**

Ed Rodriguez reported the following in his email:

- The new web store is open for business. There is a huge learning curve for creating, editing and linking sales inventory with PayPal from IONOS transactions. The web store now lists all items by category i.e. Polo Shirts, T-Shirts, License Plates, Misc. Clothing, Accessories, etc. Once the customer clicks on the Category, there will be all items by type, size, etc. There is also significant difference with data download (as learned by the data obtained from PayPal) between IONOS and PayPal, item numbers are not being displayed and purchase types have changed. IONOS is now putting shipping cost on all shipping, where before we controlled the shipping costs i.e. \$10, \$25, etc.
- Many of the Board are not aware that I (Ed) created the web store design, editing all the PayPal inventory data and SKU numbers to import into the IONOS platform. PJ has been developing the actual Spectre Association page, he also linked the inventory between PayPal and IONOS. It has been a very long month and hours for the both of us getting all the data links running and smoothed out. Still lots more to learn and no doubt more bugs to iron out.
- Long Sleeve Shirts, Lite-weight jackets and some hats have been restocked. I'm looking at ordering Magnet Golf Markers since we sold out last week, a vendor that we currently use "TMJ" makes magnetic markers. I am designing an image for them to use, cost has yet to be estimated. Many of the former vendors were from Korea, Philippines or Thailand and the contacts we had back in the day are no longer alive, so I'll have to find replacements.

February	Sales								
Date	Gross Inventory Sales	State Taxes Due	Gross PayPal	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
Totals-->	\$559.50	\$39.17	\$0.00	-\$35.20	\$141.80	\$56.17	\$23.64	\$96.62	\$646.37

### 2024 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions

	Inventory Sales Gross	FL Sales Tax Due	PayPal Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	Net Deposit
tr-1	\$1,186.93	\$98.84	\$1,256.82	(\$66.20)	\$396.80	\$348.64	\$196.62	\$2,104.49
tr-2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
tr-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
tr-4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
total:	\$1,186.93	\$98.84	\$1,256.82	(\$66.20)	\$396.80	\$196.62	\$196.62	\$2,104.49

### OLD BUSINESS:

- New website: It looks great and Bill praised both Ed and Pj for doing a great job with the design along with updating the store inventory.
- Reunion update: Duane spoke with Diana and she said everything was good to go. Bill noted that we will aim to put reunion information on the website by the end of May. People are already asking questions about it.
- Duane stated that the annual report to the state is good.
- The credit card reader is running at \$20/month. Bill asked if we could switch to Clover because it is a few dollars less.
- Ed has been working diligently to continue updating the current records and stated he will email out the exact numbers once done.



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### **BUSINESS:**

- Jockey 14 memorial in the airpark will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Risk Masters attended and stated the following about it: Will be at the north end of the airpark and to park at the base chapel. LTG Mike Plehn will be the guest speaker for the ceremony. There will be some family of the deceased in attendance. The 4<sup>th</sup> SOS and 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS have coordinated to do a flyover with the AC-130J. Additionally, there will be another AC-130J here from Cannon AFN for this event.
  - There will be a social at the Soundside from 3-5pm. Bill mentioned that the 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS is hosting and that they asked for some help with the cost. Bill offered \$200. Norm made a motion to vote on offering the \$200 to the 73<sup>rd</sup> and motion accepted at 1809, unanimous acceptance.
  - Some discussion as to who to make the check out to. Bill stated to make it out to Bill and bill will pay them directly.
- Andy DeMeyer funeral had 3 Spectre Association members in attendance along with a friend of his and 2 of his kids.
- Ed R. stated that the website has been a lot of work. He has been updating the Spectre store.
- Ed R. stated that he restocked several items within the inventory. As for shipping, he noticed that shipping costs are being calculated automatically for online orders whereas before, he had control over the amounts. He had to reconfigure to reflect the correct tax to be taken into account- they were charging tax on shipping and since we are in Florida there should be no tax on shipping.
- Duane gave a brief update for the off site reunion in Ohio. Diane (she's helping organize it) gave Duane the go ahead to put meals and other details on the website.
- Bill noted his trip to Indiana was good at the museums he presented at. He will be going to NW Florida to present gunship history to them and to talk about the Iran mission in 1980.
  
- OPEN
  - More offsite reunion discussion
  - Ensuring offsite reunion details get loaded onto the website soon

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

Bill asked for motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1817 central.

Secretary: Amanda Murray