



Minutes of the 9 January 2014 2013 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, 9 January 2014, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Maj Gen Pochmara called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Col Kowalski, Col Krajnik, Mr. Krings, Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Brig Gen Rudolph, & CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Col Crawford, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Maj Hogan, Col Mammen, Lt Col Veara & Judge Yokich

Guests present were: MSgt Ray Lyon

AGENDA

Maj Gen Pochmara requested that a discussion of a possible fund-raising project and membership increases be added as items of new business. A motion was made by Col Miller and seconded by Col Kowalski to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF 14 NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve the minutes of the 14 November 2013 meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REPORTS

MAGHA/Air Museum Financial Report (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented and explained the current financial reports for MAGHA and the Air Museum, current as of 8 January 2014. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$111,484.86, current known liabilities are \$34,635.19 (includes costs to finalize the T-6 project) giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$42,214.48. Our checking account balance is \$55,640.42 and \$33,880.00 will be required to finish the T-6 project. If we use just checkbook assets and not use CD assets, that would reduce our checkbook balance to \$21,760.42 which LTC Nigro feels is adequate for the near term. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* book profits as of 8 January 2014 are \$6,369.05. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Kowalski to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

MAGHA Membership (Nigro): LTC Nigro briefed the Board that MAGHA membership as of 8 January 2014 is 631, an increase of 1 from the 630 figure reported on 14 November 2013. **Taskings:** (1) solicitation letter review: Brig Gen Rudolph/Maj Hogan, (2) solicitation letter mailing: Lt Col Nigro, assuming Privacy Act considerations allow him access to the personally identifiable information (PII) required to complete this mailing, and (3) social networking: Maj Hogan. Social networking sites have been established on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube by Museum volunteers Ralph Shaw and Rob Sandstrom. Work is underway to insure those social networking sites are managed professionally. Further Board discussion of social networking initiatives can be cancelled. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Col Kowalski to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Membership Roster: January Only (Nigro): A membership roster was distributed to the Board members present.

Lapsed Membership: January and July Only (Nigro): A lapsed membership roster was distributed to the Board members present.

Adopt-A-Plane Program: January and July Only (Nigro): A spreadsheet showing current sponsors and those on the waiting list was distributed to the Board members present.

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects: January and July Only (Nigro): A spreadsheet showing active projects was distributed to the Board members present.

Utilities Briefing: March Only (Nigro): **No Report**

OLD BUSINESS

AT-6 "Texan" Acquisition (Krings): At the 11 July 2013 meeting, Brig Gen Rudolph made a motion that was supported by Col Miller and approved by all the Board members present to authorize Mr. Krings to spend up to \$50,000.00 from our existing financial assets to acquire and ship a non-flying AT-6 to our Museum for display in our Air Park. A \$10,000.00 down payment was made to the owner of the AT-6 on 20 Aug 13. Mr. Krings shared current construction photos with the Board members present and briefed that everything is on track to acquire and ship the aircraft. Mr. Krings estimates the AT-6 will be at the Museum by Monday, 13 January 2014. Minor parts are still required. Once all the parts are received, the T-6 fully assembled, the aircraft repainted in Michigan ANG markings, and landing gear pads/tie downs installed, the aircraft will be towed into the Air Park for permanent display. The seller has requested a \$15,000.00 progress payment which will require the purchase agreement to be modified. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Mr. Krings for Lt Col Nigro to work with CMSgt Viterna to modify the purchase agreement and forward the revised agreement to the seller for signature. Once the revised agreement has been signed by the seller and returned, Lt Col Nigro is authorized to make a wire transfer of \$15,000.00 to the seller. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings)

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Fund-Raising Project (Pochmara): Based on input received from Museum volunteers, Maj Gen Pochmara inquired into the possibility of purchasing vintage military aircraft using MAGHA financial assets, using Museum volunteers to restore the aircraft, and then reselling the aircraft to an interested party. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Col Kowalski to task Mr. Krings with developing a proposal for Board evaluation on the feasibility/advisability of proceeding with this project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings)

Membership Increases (Pochmara): Maj Gen Pochmara requested that a committee of Board members be formed to explore methods of expanding and sustaining MAGHA membership. After considerable discussion, Col Kowalski volunteered to chair that committee with Mr. Handleman (if he is willing), Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, and Brig Gen Rudolph as committee members. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Col Miller to approve the establishment of such a committee and for Lt Nigro to (1) contact Col Crawford to determine if there has been any progress on his initiative to obtain select information on former members of the MI ANG and (2) obtain a by-name list of MI ANG retirees if possible. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Kowalski)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Col Kowalski to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

//signed//

Lt Col Louis J. Nigro
Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 March 2014, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 8 May 2014, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 10 July 2014, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 11 September 2014, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 13 November 2014, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room