



Minutes of the 13 March 2014 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, 13 March 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 Krajnik, Mr. Krings, Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Brig Gen Rudolph, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Lt Col Leon by Ms Kimm Lupo

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

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

A motion was made by Col Krajnik and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF 9 JANUARY 2014 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Miller and seconded by Col Krajnik to approve the minutes of the 9 January 2014 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 12 March 2014. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$72,665.37, current known liabilities are \$2,920.82 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$69,745.55. Our checking account balance is \$16,935.55 which LTC Nigro feels is adequate for the near term. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* book profits as of 12 March 2014 are \$6,349.25. A motion was made by Col Miller and seconded by CMSgt Viterna 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 12 March 2014 is 631 which is no change from the 631 figure reported on 9 January 2014. **Taskings:** (1) solicitation letter review: Brig Gen Rudolph/Maj Hogan, and (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. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Col Krajnik to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Membership Roster: January Only (Nigro): **NO REPORT**

Lapsed Membership: January and July Only (Nigro): **NO REPORT**

Adopt-A-Plane Program: January and July Only (Nigro): **NO REPORT**

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects: January and July Only (Nigro): **NO REPORT**

Utilities Briefing: March Only (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro provided the Board members present with two graphs, the first showing the percentage of utility costs by building for the period 2001 thru 2013, the second showing how utility costs by building have increased/decreased for the period 2001 thru 2013. Despite new windows, utility costs for every building increased between 2012 and 2013. We believe this is attributable to a severe winter and an "Administrative Fee" of \$16.64 per month per building charged by the gas company since October 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

T-6 "Texan" Acquisition (Krings): The aircraft and missing parts that did not accompany the aircraft have been received and the final payment of \$15,000.00 was made on 11 March 2014. The T-6 is being assembled and when complete, the aircraft will be repainted in Michigan ANG markings and landing gear pads/tie downs installed at which point the aircraft will be towed into the Air Park for permanent display. A "viewing platform" will be locally fabricated to allow guests to view the cockpit. **OPEN** (Krings)

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 Col Krajnik and seconded by Mr. Krings to close this item due to staffing limitations, the costs involved, and compliance with our collection policy with the caveat that the subject be reopened if necessary. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

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, Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, and Brig Gen Rudolph as committee members. Lt Nigro was tasked 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. Further, Col Krajnik volunteered to query NGAM on the availability of a database they are developing indicating the information shown in (2) above. **OPEN** (Kowalski)

NEW BUSINESS

New Display (Krings): Mr. Krings briefed the Board members present on the availability of a Boeing 707/KC-135 cockpit. After discussion on the acquisition/transportation costs involved, and the need for structural modifications to the Museum building necessary to make the display viewable by guests, a motion was made by Col Miller and seconded by Col Krajnik to authorize Mr. Krings to continue to explore new displays using information from our "wish list" at the NMUSAF and a databases of aircraft assigned to Selfridge ANG Base and the Michigan ANG with Lt Col Nigro tasked to provide that information at the next Board meeting . Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Krajnik to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
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Lt Col Louis J. Nigro
Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

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