



Minutes of the 12 March 2015 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, 12 March 2015, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, MG Pochmara called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: TSgt Heaton, Col Krajnik, Mr. Krings, LTC Nigro, MG Pochmara, BG Rudolph, LTC Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: LTC Leon by Ms. Lupo

Members excused were: Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Maj Hogan, Col Mammen, BG Ness, and Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

Lt Col Nigro requested that a discussion of our Board meeting dates/time be made an item of New Business. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Krajnik to approve the agenda for this meeting as modified. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF 13 NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Krajnik and seconded by BG Rudolph to approve the minutes of the 13 November 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 7 Jan 15. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$83,937.60, current known liabilities are \$3,030.26 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$80,907.34. Our checking account balance is \$27,653.88 which LTC Nigro feels is adequate for the near term. A motion was made by BG Rudolph 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 11 March 2015 is 628 which is a decrease of 5 from the 633 figure reported on 13 November 2014. A list of former members of the MI ANG has been received from Lansing, merged with the existing list, and work is underway to eliminate duplicate information. MAGHA solicitation letters will then be sent to those targeted on that list, primarily recent retirees, senior NCOs and officers. Almost 18,000 names are on the mailing list and Lt Col Nigro recommended that we eliminate names from decades-old data sources. Further, Lt Col Nigro recommended that all Board members review the solicitation letter provided and make suggestions on if and/or how it can be improved with suggestions sent to Lt Col Nigro no later than 15 April 2015. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve Lt Col Nigro's recommendations. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. The Membership Committee will meet at the call of the Committee chair to discuss strategies and suggestions. **OPEN** (Miller)

Membership Roster (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present a roster of all current MAGHA members and their membership status. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by LTC Veara to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Lapsed Membership (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present a roster of all former MAGHA members whose membership has lapsed. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Adopt-A-Plane Program (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present a spreadsheet showing all of our Air Park displays and what organizations have adopted them. Eight organizations are on a waiting list to adopt displays. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Ms. Lupo to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present a list of all active Air Museum/Air Park projects, the POC for the project, and an estimated completion date. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Utilities Briefing: Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present two charts showing utilities costs from 2001 to 2014. With the exception of Bldg 1008, every building has experienced an increase in utilities costs from last year. A motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by Col Krajnik to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Display “Wish List” Report: September Only (Nigro): **NO REPORT**

OLD BUSINESS

T-6 “Texan” Restoration (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. Assembly of the T-6 is almost complete, it has been repainted in Michigan ANG markings and landing gear pads have been poured. Once the aircraft is complete and tie downs installed, the aircraft will be towed into the Air Park for permanent display. The official roll out of the T-6 will be held at 3:00 pm on Wed, 13 May 2015, after the Board of Directors meeting. A “viewing platform” will be locally fabricated at a later date to allow guests to view the cockpit. **OPEN** (Krings)

Membership Increases (Miller): Maj Gen Pochmara requested that a committee of Board members be formed to explore methods of expanding and sustaining MAGHA membership. Col Miller volunteered to chair that committee with Mr. Handleman, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, and Brig Gen Rudolph as committee members. The committee will meet at the call of the Chairman at a date to be determined to discuss ideas. Maj Gen Pochmara asked that each committee member come prepared with two ideas to expand/sustain membership. **OPEN** (Miller)

New Displays (Krings): Mr. Krings continues to be authorized to explore new displays using information from our “wish list” at the NMUSAF and databases of aircraft assigned to Selfridge ANG Base and the Michigan ANG, including a Boeing 707 cockpit to be restored in, as much as possible, a KC-135 cockpit. Col Krajnik requested that the “wish list” at the NMUSAF and databases of aircraft assigned to Selfridge ANG Base and the Michigan ANG be included as a recurring report to be presented once per year at the November Board of Directors meeting. Further, Mr. Krings and Lt Col Nigro will meet to review and prioritize deficiencies on existing Air Park assets and to establish a near-term list (including tentative costs) of new displays. There was discussion on a P-80 cockpit offered by the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. Information on possible radiation hazards in the display, a place inside the Museum to display it, and transportation costs need to be obtained before we can accept the offer. **OPEN** (Krings)

FG-1D “Corsair” Restoration (Krings): Mr. Krings has replaced Mr. Bryce as the POC for the project and a formal Restoration Plan has been submitted to the USMC Museum in Quantico VA for their approval. Preliminary approval has been obtained but more details on the restoration, including progress photos, are required. Lt Col Nigro contacted the USMC Museum to establish a direct link between Mr. Krings and the USMC Museum to insure they get what they need from us. A commercial door company has been contacted to get a quote for a full-width door for Bldg 1045 so that aircraft under restoration do not have to be disassembled to get the display under cover. Mr. Krings noted that there is a gas line to the building which will be hooked up to a meter in the Spring of 2015 and an estimate has been obtained to provide radiant heat into at least that portion of the building that will be used for restoration. Methods of placing the “Corsair” under cover are being examined. **OPEN** (Krings)

NEW BUSINESS

Change to Board Meeting Dates & Time (Nigro): Our Board of Directors has traditionally met bimonthly (Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov) on the second Thursday at 2:00 pm in the Museum Multi-Purpose Room. The 127th Wing has consolidated their meetings to Thursdays creating a scheduling conflict for those 127th Wing members of our Board of Directors who would otherwise attend. All Board members were queried on their preference. Six responded. Three preferred Wednesday or Friday, two preferred Wednesday, and one preferred Friday. Other suggestions included reducing the number of meetings from 6 to 5 (eliminating the January meeting) or 4, changing the meeting time from 2:00 pm to 12:30 pm, and alternating dates. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Lupo and seconded by TSgt Heaton to **change the MAGHA Board of Directors meetings to quarterly (Feb/May/Aug/Nov) on the second Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Museum Multi-Purpose Room**. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

Board Member Resignation (Nigro): BG Ness has respectfully requested that he be removed from our Board of Directors as he has permanently moved to Arizona and has great difficulty attending meetings. A motion was made by BG Rudolph and seconded by MG Pochmara to honor BG Ness’ request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
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Louis J. Nigro, Lt Col, MI ANG (Ret)
Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 May 2015, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, 12 August 2015, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

**Friday, 13 November 2015, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
(Rescheduled from Wednesday, 11 November 2015, due to Federal Holiday)**