



Minutes of the 13 May 2015 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Wednesday, 13 May 2015, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Lt Col Nigro called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Col Krajnik, Mr. Krings, Col Mammen, Lt Col Nigro, BG Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, & CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Lt Col Leon by Tamra O'Neal

Members excused were: Mrs. Errington, Maj Hogan, & Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF 12 MARCH 2015 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Mr. Gompers to approve the minutes of the 12 March 2015 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 May 15. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$80,307.66, current known liabilities are \$1,603.16 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$78,704.50. Our checking account balance is \$23,930.78. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Krajnik 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 May 2015 is 630 which is an increase of 2 from the 628 figure reported on 12 March 2015. 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 June 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. **OPEN** (Miller)

Membership Roster (February only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

Lapsed Membership (February & August only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

Solicitation Letter Review (All): All Board members were requested to review the MAGHA Membership solicitation letter provided to the Board members present and provide recommendations to Lt Col Nigro as soon as possible. Only MG Pochmara has provided input to date. **OPEN** (All)

Solicitation Letter Mailing (Nigro): The "plan" to send out solicitation letters by early May was overcome by events. The new target date for this mailing is mid-June 2015. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Adopt-A-Plane Program (February & August only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects (February & August only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

Utilities Briefing: (February only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

Display “Wish List” Report: (November only) (Nigro): **No report presented.**

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 complete, it has been repainted in Michigan ANG markings, landing gear pads have been poured, and temporary tie downs have been installed. The official roll out of the T-6 was 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): **NO CHANGE** 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): **NO CHANGE** 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. Mr. Krings will remain as the POC for the restoration effort and Lt Col Nigro will remain as the interface between the USMC Museum. **OPEN** (Krings)

NEW BUSINESS

By-Laws Revision (Nigro): The change to our meeting schedule will require us to formally change Article III, Section 4 of our By-Laws. Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present with the proposed change. A motion was made by Col Krajnik and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to change the By-Laws as proposed. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

Dues Increase Proposal (Pochmara): TABLED

The Board observed a moment of silence to acknowledge the contributions of those members of the 127th Wing presently deployed

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Handleman and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
//signed//
Louis J. Nigro
Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

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)**