



Minutes of the 13 November 2015 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Friday, 13 November 2015, 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: Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, TSgt Heaton, Maj Hogan, Mr. Krings, Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Col Krajnik & Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Brig Gen Rudolph to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF 12 AUGUST 2015 MEETING MINUTES

LTC Nigro noted that Brig Gen Rudolph should have had an excused absence for the 12 August 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by TSgt Heaton to approve the minutes of the 12 August 2015 meeting as amended. 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 Nov 15. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$93,366.09, current known liabilities are \$2,300.94 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$91,065.15. Our checking account balance is \$36,707.27. A motion was made by Maj Hogan 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 November 2015 is 630 which is an increase of 1 from the 629 figure reported on 12 August 2015. Almost 18,000 names are on the updated "Master Roster" of former members of the MI ANG. MAGHA solicitation letters will be sent to those targeted on that list, primarily recent retirees, NCOs and officers (approximately 12,600 names). The estimated cost for such a mailing (including supplies, mailing services and postage) is \$6,183.15. After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Maj Hogan for Lt Col Nigro to proceed with the mailing after mailing service alternatives are obtained from Mr. Handleman and Lt Col Veara. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

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

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

Solicitation Letter Mailing (Nigro): Almost 18,000 names are on the updated “Master Roster” of former members of the MI ANG. MAGHA solicitation letters will be sent to those targeted on that list, primarily recent retirees, NCOs and officers (approximately 12,600 names). The estimated cost for such a mailing (including supplies, mailing services and postage) is \$6,183.15. After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Maj Hogan for Lt Col Nigro to proceed with the mailing after mailing service alternatives are obtained from Mr. Handleman and Lt Col Veara. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

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) Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present with the current of the NMUSAF Display “Wish List” which includes an A-37, C-47, F-80, H-3, HU-16, KC-135, P-38, and P-51. The NMUSAF will contact MAGHA when a “wish list” asset is available. A list of Selfridge/MI ANG aircraft not represented in our Air Park is extensive and available from Lt Col Nigro upon request.

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” has been designed for local fabrication to allow guests to view the cockpit. The estimated completion of the viewing platform is the Summer of 2016. **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. 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. **OPEN** (Krings)

FG-1D "Corsair" Restoration (Krings): Mr. Krings is the POC for the project and a formal Restoration Plan has been submitted to the USMC Museum in Quantico VA. Preliminary approval has been obtained and more details on the restoration, including progress photos, are being submitted. 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. To facilitate restoration during the winter months, a gas line to Bldg 1045 (Restoration) has been installed, tied into a meter on the building, and radiant heat has been installed. Lt Col Nigro will remain as the interface between the USMC Museum and MAGHA. **OPEN** (Krings)

Dues Increase Proposal (Pochmara):

HISTORY: In 2000 when LTC Nigro became the Executive Director, the membership dues schedule established by Col Stone in 1975 was \$10.00 for a yearly membership and \$25.00 for a Life membership. In 2002, the Board of Directors changed the membership dues schedule to \$25.00 for a yearly membership, \$250.00 for a Life membership, \$500.00 for a Sustaining membership, and \$1,000.00 for a Patron membership with membership donations being cumulative. Further, The Board established a "once a Life Member always a Life Member" policy, a policy that continues to this date. Members affected by this policy became known as "Legacy Life Members" and there are presently 55 Life Members so categorized. In 2011, the cumulative donation procedure was deleted to make the MAGHA donation policy consistent with that of other nonprofit organizations.

DISCUSSION: Several options were discussed including a flat percentage increase in membership dues, establishment of a "family membership" rate, a tiered membership rate dependent on the member's status (active, retired, and other), a tiered membership rate dependent on the member's military grade (airman, NCO, senior NCO, company grade officer, field grade officer, General officer, and none) and tiered membership benefits.

A motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Maj Hogan to table this item and for Board members to analyze the options presented and any other options appropriate for further discussion at an upcoming Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

Add Chanute C-47 and HU-16 to NMUSAF "Wish List" (Krings): Lt Col Nigro forwarded our request to add a C-47 "Skytrain" and HU-16 "Albatross" to our NMUSAF "wish list" thru the ANG History Office to the NMUSAF on 11 Sep 15. **CLOSED**

Add Selfridge MI ARNG "Chinook" to Army "Wish List" (Nigro): Per the Army Donations Program Office, excess Army aircraft are currently not authorized for private Museums and no "wish list" procedures have been established as excess Army aircraft are currently offered to other Governmental agencies and then to the Foreign Military Sales program. **CLOSED**

NEW BUSINESS

Liability Insurance for Volunteers (Gompers): Mr. Gompers made a motion that was seconded by Maj Hogan to table this item until Mr. Gompers and Mr. Krings can meet off-line to analyze and focus on the needs of the volunteers and present their findings at the next Board meeting on 10 Feb 16. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Gompers)

Addition to SPAD Hangar (Krings): A preliminary estimate of \$40,000.00 to expand the SPAD Hangar to accommodate "high value" displays such as the FG-1D "Corsair" has been obtained. Lt Col Nigro noted that this proposal has been added to our FY 2016 list that will be presented to Base officials in June of 2016 for possible Government funding. If such funding is not available, the Board will reconsider the proposal at a later date. **CLOSED**

Air Park Master Plan Including Possible Expansion (Krings): Lt Col Nigro made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krings to table this item until Lt Col Nigro and Mr. Krings can meet off-line to analyze and focus on the Master Plan (which will include the relocation of large Air Park assets to east of Doolittle Avenue) and present their recommendations at a future Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings/Nigro)

Relocation of Large Air Park Assets East of Doolittle Avenue (Nigro): This item will be included as part of the Air Park Master Plan being developed by Lt Col Nigro and Mr. Krings. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Maj Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

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Alice L. Errington

Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 February 2016, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, 11 May 2016, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, 10 August 2016, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, 9 November 2016, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room