



Minutes of the 10 February 2016 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Lt Col Nigro called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Mr. Handleman, TSgt Heaton, Maj Hogan, Col Krajnik, Mr. Krings, Col Miller, Lt Col Nigro, BG Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, MG Pochmara, Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF 13 NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Krajnik and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve the minutes of the 13 November 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 9 February 2016. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$91,202.10, current known liabilities are \$2,577.30 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$88,624.80. Our checking account balance is \$34,401.78. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Miller 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 February 2016 is 667 which is an increase of 37 from the 630 figure reported on 13 November 2015. A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Col Miller to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Membership Roster (February only) (Nigro): Tabled until May 2016 meeting.

Lapsed Membership (February & August only) (Nigro): Tabled until May 2016 meeting.

Adopt-A-Plane Program (February & August only) (Nigro): Tabled until May 2016 meeting.

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects (February & August only) (Nigro): Tabled until May 2016 meeting.

Utilities Briefing: (February only) (Nigro): Tabled until May 2016 meeting.

Display “Wish List” Report: (November only) Our current NMUSAF Display “Wish List” 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. The “viewing platform” project has been cancelled due to safety and aesthetic considerations but Col Miller and Mr. Krings agreed to look at other options and report back to the Board. A video of the T-6 cockpit for use inside the Museum is under discussion. **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)

Liability Insurance for Volunteers (Gompers): Mr. Gompers advises us that Volunteers are covered by our Liability Insurance policies and although medical coverage is primarily a volunteer responsibility, an additional \$10,000.00 of medical coverage may be available under provisions of our Liability policies. **CLOSED**

Air Park Master Plan Including Possible Expansion (Krings): Col Krajnik presented a draft of the Master Plan. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by Mr. Handleman for Col Krajnik, Lt Col Nigro, and Mr. Krings to continue the planning efforts to see this plan thru to fruition including a priority list of near and long term projects for discussion at the next meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings/Nigro)

NEW BUSINESS

Solicitation Letter Mass Mailing Results (Nigro): We spent approximately \$7,000.00 for the 2016 Solicitation Letter Mailing project. Approximately 12,500 letters were sent and approximately 2,000 letters were rejected after the initial USPS software screening. Approximately 1,000 letters were returned for a variety of reasons. Those who were “temporarily away” or had a new address on the returned envelope were sent another solicitation letter. To date, 37 new members have been acquired and \$4,100.00 in dues have been received. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Col Miller and seconded by Maj Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 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, 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