



Minutes of the 9 August 2017 MAGHA Board of Directors **Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Wednesday, 9 August 2017, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Lt Col Nigro called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Mr. Gompers, Maj Hogan, Col Krajnik, Mr. Krings, Lt Col Nigro, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Mr. Handleman, Maj Gen Pochmara, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara & Judge Yokich

Guests present were: Ms Leilani Bowles

AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF 10 MAY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Krajnik to approve the minutes of the 10 May 2017 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 8 Aug 17. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$93,377.77, current known liabilities are \$2,373.95 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$91,003.92. Our checking account balance is \$35,728.81. A motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. Maj Hogan will develop a one-page "dashboard" showing key financial performance indicators for use at future meetings.

MAGHA Membership (Nigro): LTC Nigro briefed the Board that MAGHA membership as of 8 August 2017 is 684 which is a decrease of 6 from the 690 figure reported on 10 May 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Col Krajnik to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Membership Roster (February & August only): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with a current and complete MAGHA Membership Roster.

Lapsed Membership (February & August only): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with a current and complete roster of lapsed MAGHA members.

Adopt-A-Plane Program (February & August only): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with a current and complete roster of Adopt-A-Plane program sponsors.

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects (February & August only): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with a current and complete list of active Museum and Air Park improvement projects.

OLD BUSINESS

T-6 "Texan" Restoration (Krings): NO CHANGE. 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 approved by Base Safety, painted and awaits installation on concrete pads. The T-6 will be put on display at the SANGB Centennial Open House. **OPEN** (Krings)

Membership Increases (Hogan): Maj Gen Pochmara requested that a committee of Board members be formed to explore methods of expanding and sustaining MAGHA membership. Maj Hogan 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. The committee met after the Board meeting and Committee members were provided with the suggestions made at the meeting for review and final discussion/approval at the 9 August 2017 Board meeting. Suggestions included hiring a telemarketing professional, calling select lapsed members, approaching the Base Community Council for membership support, encouraging Legacy Life members to become Life members, developing a recurring special event focus to our activities for members, conducting a raffle to include MAGHA membership, lock in RVS rates with status upgrades, increase Life membership threshold incrementally, holding one big event per year with the cost to include membership, and approaching all MI National Guard units, all Selfridge military units, the CAP, and civilian aviation organizations for membership support. Maj Hogan will attempt to heighten awareness of our organization at service clubs (e.g., Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimist, Lions, Yankee Air Museum, AOPA, EAA, VFW, VVA, and the American Legion) and on social media (including our Facebook page). Further, he will examine the possibility of establishing a Pay Pal account to facilitate membership donations. Maj Gen Pochmara recommended that the MAGHA membership application be changed as shown on the attached and to eliminate the "Legacy Life" membership category as of 1 January 2018. **OPEN** (Hogan)

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 at the earliest opportunity 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): NO CHANGE 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. Portions of the FG-1D "Corsair" will be put on display at the SANGB Centennial Open House. **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.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Col Krajnik to table this item until the need to increase dues become necessary and at that time to raise the yearly dues by \$5.00 to \$30.00 per year and to make no changes to the Life, Sustaining, and Patron membership thresholds. Lt Col Nigro will send a special letter to “Legacy Life” members asking them to consider donating additional funds to bring them up to the current Life membership donation threshold no later than 15 August 2017. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Air Park Master Plan Including Possible Expansion (Krings): NO CHANGE 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 a future meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Krings/Nigro)

Museum Displays at SANGB 2017 Open House and at the Detroit Historical Museum (Krings): NO CHANGE The Museum plans to display the SPAD, the T-6, the FG-1D, the UH-1, an M-151A2 “Jeep”, the 2.5 ton military truck and MAGHA solicitation letters at the SANGB 2017 Open House. Proposed displays for the Detroit Historical Museum are evolving. **OPEN** (Krings).

New RVS Parking Area (Nigro): NO CHANGE Use of the new RVS parking lot on the east side of Doolittle Avenue south of C Street awaits formal approval by the Facilities Utilization Board (FUB), development of a parking plan, completion of underground cable line construction, and consideration of a fence around the area once the Main Gate is moved south allowing unrestricted access to the Museum. A security fence around the new RVS parking area was deemed not necessary as the new area will be inside the confines of the secure SANGB perimeter. Lt Col Nigro was tasked to confirm that the area has, in fact, been approved by the FUB and have Civil Engineering modify the parking plan to address the underground cable line issue. **OPEN** (Nigro)

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of new MAGHA Membership Application (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with a proposed new MAGHA membership application that was staffed thru all Board members. Recommended additions, deletions and changes have been incorporated. After discussion, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Mr. Gompers to approve the new MAGHA Membership Application. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

Fund Raiser (Bowles): A flier for a proposed fund raiser was developed by Museum Volunteer Leilani Bowles. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve the fund raiser for a December 2018 target date with Leilani Bowles authorized to continue planning the event. Ayes: All. Nay: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Maj Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 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, 8 November 2017, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room