



## **Minutes of the 9 November 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, 9 November 2016, 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: Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, TSgt Heaton, Maj Hogan, Mr. Krings, 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 Lt Col Veara and seconded by Maj Gen Pochmara to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REVIEW OF 11 MAY 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Brig Gen Rudolph to approve the minutes of the 11 May 2016 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 November 2016. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$93,530.78, current known liabilities are \$581.71 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$92,949.07. Our checking account balance is \$36,306.57. A motion was made by Mr. Handleman 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 8 Nov 16 is 689 which is an increase of 6 from the 683 figure reported on 11 May 2016. Additional members gained as a consequence of a recent VP-93 Alumni Association membership solicitation are awaiting processing. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Lt Col Veara to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**Membership Roster** (February only)

**Lapsed Membership** (February & August only)

**Adopt-A-Plane Program** (February & August only)

**Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Projects** (February & August only)

**Utilities Briefing:** (February only)

**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. A “viewing platform” has been approved by Base Safety and awaits painting and 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. **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 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. 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 was requested to develop 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. 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):** The Museum plans to display the SPAD, the T-6, the FG-1D, the UH-1, and the 2.5 ton military truck at the SANGB 2017 Open House. The Board requested that Mr. Krings brief the Board on plans for the Detroit Historical Museum display before they will consider the request. **OPEN** (Krings).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Names on Aircraft (Nigro):** Display aircraft on loan from the NMUSAF require strict adherence to the guidelines shown on the attached if we wish to put a name on one of their aircraft. If these requirements are not logistically feasible and to eliminate the need for such approval, Lt Col Nigro suggested placing a sign on the post in front of the aircraft stating “This display is dedicated to the memory of \_\_\_\_\_” if appropriate and with Board of Directors approval. The guidelines shown on the attached apply **only** to displays on loan from the NMUSAF. Current displays that fall into this category include the F-16, F-86, A-26, C-131, C-130E, and F-100D. Aircraft with names on them that do not fall under this guidance include the S-2, F-89, and T-6. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve Lt Col Nigro’s suggestion and to change the Museum Operating Instruction that pertains to this subject. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**Water Rate Increase (Nigro):** Reimbursable water usage rates increased on 1 Jul 16 from \$22.54 per thousand cubic feet to \$30.82 per thousand cubic feet. This is a minor expense and easily absorbed. **CLOSED**

**Change in POC for Membership Increase Committee (Nigro):** Maj Hogan volunteered to chair the Membership Increase Committee. **CLOSED**

**New RVS Parking Area** (Nigro): 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, development of a parking plan, completion of construction, and consideration of a fence around the area once the Main Gate is moved south allowing unrestricted access to the area. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**Possible Change in Vetting Requirements for General Public Visitors** (Nigro): Currently guests that arrive during our General Public hours are vetted real-time by Security. Due to staffing, the Security Forces Commander has broached the possibility that Security may require 72-hours advance notice using the Selfridge ANGB Pre-Authorization Access Request List. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**Proposed Increase in Minimum Charge for By-Appointment Tours** (Nigro): We presently charge \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children with a minimum charge of \$25.00 whichever is more for by appointment tours. Lt Col Nigro suggested we increase that charge to \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children with a minimum charge of \$40.00 whichever is more for all by appointment tours. After discussion, a motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Mr. Gompers to approve Lt Col Nigro's suggestion and to change Museum literature to reflect that change. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 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 February 2017, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room**

**Wednesday, 10 May 2017, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room**

**Wednesday, 9 August 2017, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room**

**Wednesday, 8 November 2017, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room**