



MINUTES
Wednesday, 11 November 2020 MAGHA
Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Wednesday, 11 November 2020, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Gen Pochmara called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Jim Gompers, Wayne Fetty, Maj Gen Paul Pochmara, Mike Viterna, Philip Handlemann, Mr. Roger Krings, John Hogan, Pam Horner.

Members represented were: none.

Members excused were: none

Guests present were: none

AGENDA

A motion was made by John Hogan and seconded by Mike Viterna to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Viterna and seconded by Roger Krings to approve the minutes from the August 2020 Board meeting. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

REPORTS

MAGHA/Air Museum Finance Report (Hogan): John Hogan noted that the current financials were passed out. Checking account is off by \$2500 to \$5000

because of a missing deposit. Gift shop deposits are not reconciled so that needs to be updated. Wayne and John went to credit union and do not have on-line access to determine the actual balance of the CD investment – this needs to be adjusted once we get the accurate amount. On the Fifth Third Bank - there are 4 names on the account, on the Freestar Credit Union there are two currently on the account and want to add two more.

The current financial stations are now listing the new hanger restricted funds on the balance sheet. We are \$17,000 to the good.

A motion was made by Roger Krings and seconded by Mike Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

MAGHA membership : Wayne provided a summary of the current membership as of 1 November 2020 - 686 total members. Regular members – 85 - \$25/year (\$2,125.00 total income). All other member categories are as follows: patron (\$1,000) - 62, sustaining (\$500) - 44, lifetime (\$250) – 444, legacy 44, charter – 3, corporate – 1, other - 3. Will send letter after the calendar response to raise additional funds for the new hanger. Should reach out to the legacy members to upgrade their membership to those who did not donate.

Wayne Fetty briefed the Board that MAGHA membership as of 11/1/2020 is 686 an increase of 3 from the figure reported at the last Board meeting. A motion was made by John Hogan and seconded by Mike Viterna to accept the report as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Calendar fundraising update** – Wayne Fetty reported that we have had 162 donations made towards the calendar fundraising. There was a total of \$8,180.00 income and expenses included printing was \$2,200 and postage \$421.32 for a net income of \$5,558.58. Mailed out 683 and return 163. Had a couple larger donations, 117 donations at \$100. Most donations were from life members. Talked about raising dues for regular members many years ago. Let's include that on as an agenda item at the next meeting. If you lose half of the members, no financial loss.

2. Air Park Improvement Project Status:

a. New hanger status – Wayne Fetty – Pat Koytek resigned and will be sending in a letter of resignation. Roger was looking into getting bids for the foundation. Wayne got some quotes for the new hanger. Need to provide access to the air park once this hanger goes up. Wayne reported that the new hanger will need openings at both ends to bring A/C in and out of the park. Openings will have to be three doors with removable mulans (ends 10' H x 8' W, middle 16' H x 32' W). Looking at three companies with various options.

- Steel Master – 24 ft arch (50 x 80) with 3 door configuration in the front– first bid \$54,800. Second - \$48,600 – only a wall in the back, front open -- (includes 40 year warranty; heavier gauge metal;
- Durospand – height is only 22 ft – 2 ft too short – front/back open – no doors: bid is \$25,000;
- Metal Master – Wayne felt their bid was too high and was not considering it;
- Do we want doors on front and back to allow for access to the park? Everyone concurred with planning on access on both front and back of building. Steel master \$60,000 Duro \$40,000 for raw materials. Go back and get new quotes for doors at both ends.
- We may need the 24' arch from Steel Master to get the door width we need. The Corsair requires 16.5 ft height, recommended door at 17 ft at a minimum.
- Jim Gompers asked about moving other equipment through this building – so it would not be restrictive. The SPAD for the most part with a wing span of 26.6 ft.
- These prices do not include construction of the building or the utilities. Do we want HVAC or a cold storage type bldg.
- Foundation costs were estimated at about \$8.50 per square foot plus footings are \$55 - \$60 a foot, \$45,000 cost estimate for the foundation. Original cost estimate was \$32,000 so looking at whether we can get a reduce price estimate.
- John Hogan asked if we get more space with a similar storage like the SPAD hanger (the SPAD hangar cost \$54,000 and

included doors, but not the foundation). Roger researched before and believes it would be more.

- The cost estimate for this new hanger is probably going to be \$100,000.
- Frank Forlon from the Base Community Council has a door business and is interested in assisting with doors.

- b. Beechcraft sale – Wayne reported the updated on the potential sale of one of the Twin Beach aircraft to raise funds for the new hanger. Cost estimate came in at \$7,000 so not agreeing to that price. Landing gear costs \$7,000; engines are not ceased up – can sell the engines for about \$4,000 each; the parts would total \$17,000 if we sell them, then sell the remaining body for scrap. Gen Pochmara said West Smith is looking for a helicopter; but would take any aircraft. Can't give military property to a civilian but still looking into. Offered giving him a tour of the museum, maybe we can get him to join as a sustaining member. Do we want to consider selling him a Beechcraft airplane? Roger has a lead on helicopters. Wayne said we can also ask Grosse Isle if they are interested in the Beechcraft. If we can't sell it to part it out then scrap the rest.
 - c. Corsair Status – Wayne Fetty updated the board on the status of the Corsair renovations. The volunteers have been working hard, and prepared a report which will be included with the minutes. There were about 6 heads that were stuck, got several off. Roger – progress continues, quality work. Trying to be involved with the base paint shop and recommend abandoning that and start painting with our volunteers. Still about a year or 1.5 years to be completed.
3. **Fundraising Symposium** – Ed Kaminski – would like to have Christina Olds talk about The Life and Times of Brigadier General Robin Olds (her father) to present at Zuccaro's 20 April 7pm also will give a brief talk at the BCC lunch meeting same day. We would charge to attend the evening event to raise funds to support the museum. We plan to share cost with BCC – they are bringing in the speaker (air travel and hotel, probably \$1,000) so our cost will be about \$500.
4. **Utilities issue** (John Hogan) – John Hogan reported on the update of meter rates charged from the base. Waiting for clarification on the calculation and meter from the base. Steve Krajnik should be involved because he knows the people. Wayne thinks it's only metering building 1011. It may

be more cost effective to pay to have all the building metered because the occupancy rate in our buildings is low.

5. **Operations Report** – Wayne and Roger provided an updated Operations Report. Got some cadets and sheriffs out to help clean up the area for the new hanger. Also going through equipment to find things not in use, and sell any excess or scrap them. There was a suggestion to get a large storage unit to store lawn equipment during the winter, cost estimate is \$1,800 to \$2,000. Also looking at whether there are any that are excessed on base. Do we want to consider this as a purchase? Mike Viterna asked if the base permits this storage unit. John Hogan will ask Steve Krajnik about it.
6. **Insurance** – looking for values for existing aircraft and will send to Jim Gompers and Jim will try to evaluate. Mike Viterna – not sure how we got the current values.
7. **Museum sponsored tour to England** – Steve Mrozek - July 2021 – Wayne reported that Steve Mrozek is handling the tour - going to the flying legends air show – largest war bird air show in Europe – anniversary on the Battle of Britain; Smithsonian did tours and using their contacts/vendors. The date would be a weekend around July 10th. So far has about 14 people interest, cost if about \$5,000 a person. In depth military tour for one week– July – probably needs to make a decision soon on whether to follow up. Minimum number is 20 and 35 max. Steve’s cost would be covered in the cost. Thought he could make about \$20,000 for the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Personnel:** The following new personnel are working at the museum: Jim Galvin, Paul Werner. In addition, Wayne Fetty proposed two new positions: Wayne wants to advertise for a Mechanic to focus on equipment – should improve maintenance if preventing problems and an Office Manager to help with billing. The board agreed with the new positions.
2. **2021 50th Air Guard Anniversary** - Ed Kaminski – Wayne noted that Ed has scheduled this in July for 3 days. Try to get the base to open up over the 4th of July to commemorate the 50th ANG and work with the BCC.

3. **Changes to RV Storage Agreement** – a revised operating plan was distributed, and included two changes: 1. allowing two items on one spot within the total length of the current spot (see revised Operations Plan) and 2. delete the 6-month option. The board agreed with the changes.
4. **Volunteer Dinner in April** – Wayne Fetty – thinks we should plan an outdoor function for the volunteers before the museum open. Gen Pochmara agreed and suggested we come up with a date.
5. **Discount for volunteers (gift store)** – Wayne Fetty – there was a suggestion for discount in the store, perhaps 20% discount, for current volunteer staff. Board said it is within Wayne’s authority to do so
6. **MAGHA board members** – recommend adding one person to the board from the Base Community Council – they are very supportive of the museum and should have input. General Pochmara agreed that was a good idea and recommend that Wayne proceed.
7. **Accounts** – John Hogan - Would like to move the accounts from Fifth Third to the credit union so that all accounts are in one location. Current fees are about \$1,200 a year from Fifth Third. The fees at the credit union are minimal if maintain \$5,000 in one account. Want board approval to make these changes. There was a motion made by Roger Krings to move the Fifth Third Bank account to the Freestar Credit Union, it was seconded by Mike Viterna. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.
8. **Motion to adjourn** – Phil Handleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mike Viterna. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

Meetings are quarterly: Nov, Feb, May, Aug - second Wed of the month.