

**MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 1400 hours

CALL TO ORDER (Viterna)

ATTENDANCE (Mrozek)

Doug Slocum, Ed Kaminski, Steve Mrozek, Paul Pochmara, Mike Viterna, Roger Krings, John Hogan, Steve Krajnik, Jim Gompers

AGENDA APPROVAL (All) SM, DS, approved

OCTOBER MINUTES AND DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL (All) RK, EK, approved

REPORTS

MAGHA/Air Museum Finance Report - Steve Mrozek provided a summary of the financial income/expenses for January 1 through February 8, 2022 . Currently in the checkbook is a balance of \$144,195.33. The CD Freestar is \$59,771.71, savings just under \$100, total cash in hand, \$210,046.62. Recent excess equipment sales included \$9,000 for the F4 simulator. An additional excess equipment from hi lo sales and other equipment, sold a lot in the last two months. Donations for AEC for this period were \$1,500.00. Network for good (Facebook fundraisers) also shown at \$2,235.00. In the previous month a volunteer donated \$15,000. The Coast Guard gave the museum two vehicles (mule and gator) to help the museum. We have about \$500 invested in parts for both vehicles to make them usable, so we incurred some expenses for them. Have additional excess equipment to sell, which will generate additional funds.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Air Park Improvement projects status
 - a. Aviation Education Center – Roger Krings – The total cost for the AEC center is \$151,473.90. The current loan of \$95,000 leaves a balance of \$49,000 to fund the rest of the construction. Prices have been locked in where possible. The cement work was completed in early fall and is paid in full (cost \$57,120.00). The AEC hangar cost is \$80,470.98 and a deposit of \$20,118.00 has been made, with a balance due of \$60,352.98. Additional construction/estimates to

finish the hangar include: doors (\$10,000), HVAC (\$7,500), Electrical wiring (\$2500), Insulation/labor (\$11,875 + \$14,250). OPEN- Roger Krings

- b. Corsair Restoration – Roger Krings – continuing final efforts and getting ready for painting. OPEN – Roger Krings
2. Operations report – Steve Mrozek – lots of volunteers are continuing to work on the Corsair. We now have a portable paint booth for painting parts. The parts for the structure will arrive around late June, building will start in late July/early August. The team knows the timeline for the new hangar. Need to have the Corsair ready by September 1st.
3. Annual Event Schedule – Steve Mrozek – Ed Kaminski - Motor City Packard Club will be here on May 25th – (Packard started the development of the grounds), they will be bringing all types of Packards, one day event, expect about 25 cars. There is no fee being charged but we will have a donation box available plus charge them admission fees to visit the museum.
 - a. Air show – Ed Kaminski - our booth will be at the Hush house – recommend MAGHA membership booth in addition to a sales table – will be labor intensive. Planning to work on a new sales system to have remote sales and use it in the museum in place of our old equipment. OPEN – Ed Kaminski
 - b. Sept 20th – annual Base community council mtg will be held at the museum – Ed recommended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new hangar at this meeting. The attendees would include Mark Hackel and Candice Miller. Steve Krajnik asked about moving the C-130 so give more space near the hangar. OPEN – Ed Kaminski
4. New Logo – Steve Mrozek – a new stitching logo was passed around which included straightening out the line/name. CLOSED
5. Loan status – Steve Mrozek - Dec 9, 2021 – approved loan at last board meeting. Submitted documents the following day, signed the loan agreement, and the loan was deposited in our account on Jan 3rd. Feb 3rd made our first payment (\$1,800).
6. Museum exhibits update – Steve Mrozek
 - a. Steve wanted to move the Nike missiles while the ground is frozen, but they are settled and frozen into the ground. Wants to move them up front as soon as weather permits.

- b. Steve is redoing the museum, to progress through a timeline. In the back corner will be an annual changing exhibit. Mike asked if we will include QR codes for each exhibit, something Steve will work on. It was recommended that each exhibit have a QR code with the history of the exhibit. OPEN – Steve Mrozek
7. Web site update – Steve Mrozek – Doug Dely from Mania Interactive updated our website as of late January 2022. John Kopczyk is our new webmaster, new volunteer at the museum. New member access is being provided on our website.
8. Public access – Doug Slocum – Prepared draft flyer, so if there are any updates, let Doug know as soon as possible. Cost estimate is \$3.5 Million, many options. Cost is higher than originally anticipated. Funding sources – private, MEDC (Economic Development), DSIP (County), State. The first draft of our new video advertising is ready and being reviewed. Should be ready soon. Mort Crim is going to do the final voiceover for the video. Publicity plan is moving forward. OPEN – Doug Slocum
9. AFA sponsored trip to the Air Force Museum – Doug Slocum – departing out of the church parking lot. Offered to open up the A-10 to the group in a special early access time. Sponsor covered \$10,000 so attendee cost is low. Lots of people interested, only about 25 people signed up at the current time. OPEN – Doug Slocum

NEW BUSINESS

1. P-39 RECOVERY – Steve Mrozek – A P-39 aircraft took off from Selfridge during WWII, had engine trouble and sank into the North Channel in the St. Clair River. Plane disintegrated upon impact. Someone donated the plane stabilizer to the museum, and exhaust stack. Working to get a dive team together. Underwater film shows a gun with a bent barrel which was already recovered, maybe they will come back later. Fred Duffy - long time diver in the SCR, he has one of the propeller blades. Harsens Island Ferry has a barge with a crane, can use for one day. Recover what we can on one day. June timeframe – map out what is left. Recovery later in July. This is a rear engine fighter plane, so we can present it's history in the AEC. Working with Roop Raj on channel 2 to do a special on the recovery.
OPEN – Steve Mrozek

2. Aviation Adventure Auction 2022 – Ed Kaminski - Second annual aviation auction is planning is underway. Last year we netted just over \$25,000. F-100 owner wants to participate again. Have another P-51, working on the Goodyear Blimp again. Won't be doing an ad in the EAA magazine, too expensive, no one bid from out of the tri-county area so only doing local advertising. **OPEN – Ed Kaminski**
3. Master Plan update – Steve Krajnik suggested that we ask the base for a new master plan. Can include current updates and cover the next 5 years or more. Suggested contacting Tom Kumer, Steve will make initial contact with him. **OPEN – Steve Krajnik**
4. Capital campaign – need recognition system for donations. Various levels would be Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond levels, etc. Recommend we come up with a display area to show the various levels in the museum. Maybe relate it to our assets. Motion made by Paul Pochmara , seconded by Ed Kaminski, and approved. **OPEN – Steve Mrozek**
5. Air crew recognition displays – haven't figure out how to do it. Each aircraft would have a plaque, and with a donation, could have their name put on the plane. Would be logical to put a QR code and include some history on the aircraft. **OPEN – Steve Mrozek**
6. RV - raised the rates, question raised what about life memberships by Paul Pochmara. RV storage membership category. Could have new members pay the annual rate of \$50 a year, or \$250 annual membership fee for RV rental. Paul makes a motion to eliminate the two lower lifetime memberships, and only have one life membership level of \$1,000. Ed seconded, grandfathered those existing life members. Send letter to encourage them to get to \$1,000. Motion passed. **CLOSED**
7. RV storage – new renters would require the annual membership rate or lifetime membership rate. Change the wording from life membership to any membership. **CLOSED**
8. Doug motion to end 3:20 PM

Upcoming meetings in 2022: April 13; June 8; August 10; and November 9.