

129th ALUMNI & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

Board Minutes: Business Meeting October 24, 2003

Members Present: Ed Boddington, Jay Craddock, Don Delucchi, Cindy Kepple, Ken Moore, and John Ruppel.

Members Absent: Col. Tommy Williams, 129th RQW/CC, CCMSgt Lillian Ramos 129TH RQW/CCC

Approval of Minutes: President Jay Craddock opened the meeting and asked approval of the mailed minutes for the Regular Meeting September 3, 2003. On a motion by Ken Moore seconded by Cindy Kepple the minutes were approved.

Communications: None

Sub Committee Reports:

- **Community Relations - Jay Craddock**
Jay Craddock reported initiating a project authorizing Veterans Hospitals authority to issue retired member identification card. Recent base closures and the projected closing of further military facilities limits retired member's access to identification card issuing services. The Moffett facility requires an appointment and there is a three-week wait. Currently VA Hospitals can issue ID cards in emergency situation. The proposal would authorize VA facilities to issue cards on a fulltime basis and request Congress to provide any needed funding.
- **Heritage Committee - Jay Craddock**
Jay Craddock reported the proposed new Association aircraft and unit collage was progressing. Jay indicated that reproduction cost necessitated utilizing an 11" by 14" size. The collage will focus primarily on Unit aircraft with some written historical information. Board consensus was to proceed with the 11' by 14" collage and have copies available for sale at the March 2004 Oldtimers Lunch.
- **Newsletter Committee - Ken Moore**
Ken Moore indicated the next Newsletter would be published December 3rd. The cut off for submitting material was November 15. Ed Boddington will have material for the Space A column and a column on the Berlin Airlift conference.

Newsletter (Cont)

Ken Moore requests the Board approve purchasing Adobe Acrobat Professional 6 to be used in publishing the Oldtimers Newsletter. The software will allow the Newsletter to be distributed via the Internet, development of online forms and provide advance graphic capabilities. Ken reports the Wing does not possess the software and Adobe Systems declined to provide a donated copy. Ken moves the Board authorize an expenditure of \$350 for software purchase; seconded by Don Delucchi and unanimously adopted.

- Membership Committee - Ed Boddington
Ed Boddington distributed an email message from Col Edwin W. Lewis Jr. Col Lewis objected to the policy listing delinquent members' names in the Newsletter. Ed noted delinquent members receive two written notices, phone contact and in some cases an email notice. The Board discussed the current policy and reviewed several alternatives. Board consensus is to continue the present policy. The chair asks for a voice vote on continuing the current delinquency policy all directors respond affirmatively.

A draft response to Col Lewis was circulated. After discussion Ken Moore moved the Board approve the draft and instruct the Secretary Treasurer to email the Board response; seconded by Ed Boddington and unanimously adopted.

Ed Boddington noted a number of Unit members are retiring. He suggested providing a membership to retiring unit members or one year free dues for individuals already Association members. Over the next four months Lt Cols Edmonds, Rodekoher, Maj Rogers and SMSgt Rosellini are scheduled to retire. Ed Boddington moved the Board authorize granting retiring Unit members a one year gift membership or one year free dues for individuals who are already Association members. Seconded by Ken Moore and unanimously adopted. The Board will be provided the recipients names yearly.

- Scholarship Program – Cindy Kepple
Cindy Kepple reported receiving four applications and anticipates receiving an additional application. If all applicants are qualified and recommended the awards would total \$1500. Jay Craddock indicated the MOAA would provide a matching \$200 per scholarship award.

John Ruppel indicated receiving a \$750 donation and estimated the Scholarship Fund contained \$4000. The November Board Agenda will contain a detailed Fund report.

Old Business:

- Jacket Program – Don Delucchi.
Don Delucchi reported continuing difficulty in locating jackets. Ed Boddington and Lynda Fawcett were requested to check their local Wal-Mart stores.

Don reported there were about a half dozen polo shirts available. He plans placing a polo shirts order for sale at the March 2004 Oldtimers lunch. There is a sufficient supply of the new ball caps. Orders information for the polo shirts and ball caps will appear in the December Newsletter.

- 129th RQW Web Page – John Ruppel.
John Ruppel reported Brigadier General Al Santos was the first profile completed and placed on the Association web page Profile Section. Brigadier General Charles Koenig's profile was nearing completion and would be placed on the page once a picture was obtained. Webmaster Jim Badgrow is seeking assistance in developing a profile of Colonel John Breeden.

- Moffett Air Show – Ken Moore – John Ruppel
John Ruppel presented the Air Show Financial Report for Board review and approval. The total amount generated from tips and commission was 1310.01. The OYA's portion was \$153.50 in tips and \$376.76 in commissions yielding a \$530.26 total. The Association's portion was \$174.65 in tips and \$605.10 in commissions yielding a \$779.75 total. The Board discussed several housekeeping items. Ed Boddington moved the Financial Report approval and authorization for the Secretary Treasurer to issue the OAY a \$520.26 check. Seconded by Cindy Kepple and unanimously approved.

- 2003 Golf Tournament – Jim Rommelfanger
The Board meeting was scheduled to commence after the Golf Tournament participants teed off. Twenty-one players participated.

New Business:

- Financial Report
The Board reviewed the Financial Report mailed with the Agenda. John Ruppel reported on the Washington Mutual Bank Account Statement. Ken Moore moved the Financial Report and Washington Mutual Bank Checking Account reconciliation be approved. Seconded by Don Delucchi and unanimously adopted.

- **Board Meeting Schedule – Jay Craddock**
Jay Craddock announced the November 20, 2003 the Board would be cancelled and the Board would next convene Thursday December 11, 2003 at the regular time and meeting location.

The Board adjourned at 1:30 PM

Meeting Notice: The Next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2003 at 10:30 AM in the 129th Communications Flight Conference Room.

cc: MG Hall
Jim Badgrow
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AGENDA BUSINESS MEETING

December 11, 2003

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of October 24, 2003

III. Communications:

IV. Subcommittee Reports:

- Heritage Committee - Jay Craddock
- Community Relations - Jay Craddock
- Newsletter - Ken Moore
- Membership - Ed Boddington
- Scholarship program – Cindy Kepple

V. Old Business:

- Jacket Program - Don Delucchi
- 129th RQW Web Page - John Ruppel
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- Golf Tournament – Jim Rommelfanger

VI. New Business:

- 2004 Officer Election Procedures - John Ruppel
- Financial Report* - John Ruppel
*Report Provided with Agenda

VII. Adjourn:

Meeting Notice: The Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2004 at 10:30 AM in the 129th Wing Commanders Conference Room.