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Minutes Board of Governor's Meeting
30 October 2014, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Present:

Sigmund (Alex) Alexander; President
Don Cassiday; Vice President
Dick Curran; Secretary/Treasurer
Dick Purdum/Membership Chairman
Mike Habermehl; Newsletter Editor
Gus Letto; Member Board of Governors
Bob Griffiths; Member Board of Governors

1. The Meeting convened at 1300 hrs.
2. The Minutes of the 1 November 2012, Board of Governor's (BoG) Meeting held in Tucson, AZ were approved unanimously.
3. Dick Curran briefed that all plans for the 2014 reunion had been progressing smoothly. He stated we have received terrific support from The Reunion Brat, and the Ramada Hotel.
4. The location for the 2016 (20th Anniversary) Reunion was discussed. The two proposed locations were Washington, D.C., and Omaha NE. Washington, D.C. was selected by a majority vote for 2016. Dick Curran will be the Project Officer.
5. Don Cassiday made a recommendation for permanent endowment of the B-47 Stratojet Association Web Site. Dick Curran informed the BoG he had several discussions with Dan Diamond who is currently maintaining the Association Web Site. Dan is more than capable and willing to maintain the Web site, and Dick Curran advised him all bills will be paid by the Treasurer once he receives them. He agreed to this arrangement. A motion was made and seconded to make Dan Diamond an Honorary Life Member of the Association. It passed unanimously. A second motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously to make Dan Diamond a member of the BoG.
6. Don Cassiday made a recommendation that Alex Alexander and Gus Letto act as technical advisors for the Association Web site, especially in answering technical questions in reference to B-47 operations, and maintenance.
7. A motion was made and seconded to send \$500.00 to Pete Troesch, in care of the Chanute Air Museum for restoration of the XB-47. It passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made and seconded to send \$500.00 to the Strategic Air and Space Museum to have a Brick made to honor Alex Alexander as the "FOUNDING PRESIDENT". It passed unanimously.
9. A discussion was held on the issue on whether or not to develop a new Association Lapel Pin, or to create a 20th Anniversary "Challenge Coin". The "Challenge Coin" motion was seconded passed unanimously, with Dick Curran tasked to work with Symbol Arts to develop the new coin using an existing version of the coin.
10. The BoG unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws, dated October 30, 2014.
11. A recommendation for adding two (2) members to the BoG was presented. Lester (Bud) Brakowiecki, and Errol Hoberman were approved unanimously. Andy Labosky was unanimously re-appointed to the BoG for a 2 year term.

12. Dick Purdum presented the Association Membership Report as of October 15, 2014. We have a total of 781 Members, 559 are Life Members, 211 are Yearly Dues Paying Members, and 11 are Honorary Members. Our net change since the 2012 Reunion was -1 member. New members joining have offset those who either pass away or did not renew.
13. Dick Curran presented the Association Financial report. As of October 15, 2014 we have \$72,029.79 in the Bank, of which \$60, 989.57 is in a Certificate of Deposit, and the Balance is in the checking account. Our Certificate of Deposit will be renewed on March 15, 2015 for 1 year.
14. Dick Curran asked the BoG to approve a permanent change of address for the Stratojet Newsletter, from Brenham, TX to Dandridge, TN, which will enable Dick Curran to maintain the Membership Data Base in a timely manner. The new address and the Post Office return instructions are as follows:

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

The Newsletter will continue to be sent Bulk Rate (Standard Mail) with a USPS guarantee of 3 to 9 days delivery within the Continental 48 States. This change is effective immediately. The cost of returned items will average 40 cents each. This proposal was approved unanimously.

15. Dick Purdum presented a status report on the EB-47E at the Strategic Air and Space Museum, Omaha, NE. Work is continuing on the Navigator Station as well as repairing aged parts on the exterior fuselage. The two display cases purchased by the Association are being positioned near the aircraft, and are being filled with artifacts related to the airplanes operation. Dick Purdum advised we have 19 Memorial Bricks in the Museum Garden as of July 2014.
16. The question of whether or not to hold a BoG meeting in September 2015 was discussed, with the decision to be made later if the need arises.
17. Alex Alexander notified the BoG he was stepping down as President effective the end of this BoG Meeting.
18. Nominations for Officers was held. The election results are;
Don Cassidy was elected President.
Bob Griffiths, was elected Vice President.
Dick Curran, was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.
Dick Purdum was re-elected Membership Chairman.
Mike Habermehl was re-elected as Newsletter Editor.
Alex Alexander was appointed as Ex Officio President to the Board of Governors.
Mike Habermehl was reappointed as Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Curran, Secretary/Treasurer