



Minutes of the January 13, 2011 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, BG Rudolph called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Lt Col Crawford, Mr Gompers, Col Kowalski, Mr Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Lt Col Leon by MSgt Childs

Members excused were: Maj Hogan and Ms Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 11, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2010 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 12 January 2011. Although checkbook plus CD assets available ("liquid assets") are \$129,257.44, current known liabilities are \$3,716.92 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$125,540.52. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 12 January 2011 are \$5,644.29. A thermal imaging camera is not available from Civil Engineering and Lt Col Nigro will be soliciting bids for new windows to replace the existing energy inefficient windows in our buildings this month. A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Lt Col Crawford to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Project Status (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented the current active Museum and Air Park improvement project status report. A motion was made by Lt Col Crawford and seconded by Mr Krings 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 January 12, 2011 is 661, an increase of 1 from the 660 member count reported on November 11, 2010. A graph of the membership history and a complete list of current and expired MAGHA members were presented to the Board members present. President Rudolph will send a personal letter to select members encouraging them to upgrade their membership category. The recent change in the cumulative membership donation policy has, for the most part, been received favorably and Lt Col Nigro will explore methods to increase membership through venues such as the Prevailing Wind, Jet Stream Journal, Commanders Call, and pre-UTA meetings. A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Adopt-A-Plane Program (Nigro): The program's current sponsor list was provided to the Board members present. All our Air Park displays received at least one washing in 2010 from their sponsors and work will begin shortly on establishing a 2011 schedule. A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by Lt Col Crawford to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities Plan (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** Due to the costs involved and the safety of weekend docents, the plan to turn Bldg 1008 into a Visitor's Center, Gift Shop, and Research Library has been significantly changed. To create more space within Bldg 1011 for displays, the plan has evolved to moving the Research Library to Bldg 1008. The Research Library has completed that move, the space created is being finished, and the new space created will be used to display the three cockpit trainers we display (LINK, A-7, and F-16). The C-130 engine will be displayed in the area previously occupied by the A-7 and F-16 cockpit trainers. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Strategic Plan (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** At a previous Board meeting, Mr. Handleman requested that a strategic plan for MAGHA and the Selfridge Military Air Museum be developed to insure the organizations codify how they plan to acquire, develop, and allocate their resources (human, financial, and physical) in a way that advances their mission and sustains their financial viability. Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with the American Association of Museum's expectations regarding institutional planning, noting this is a very comprehensive and detailed process. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by MG Bartholomew and seconded by BG Rudolph to form a subcommittee consisting of LTC Veara, CMSgt Viterna, Mr. Handleman, and Mr. Krings to begin the development of this plan for presentation to and input/approval from the Board of Directors at a future meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Veara).

Security Concerns (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** Lt Col Crawford and the Base Civil Engineer are examining the option of fencing the Museum area such that it is garrisoned "outside" the Base. **OPEN** (Nigro/Crawford)

Management of the 700-Area Boat Storage and RV Storage Areas (Nigro): Management of the 700-Area Boat Storage facility was transferred to the Army effective 18 May 2010. The financial settlement with the Army was per the Board's direction (2010 income less 2010 expenses less 50% of the capital assets expenses in 2008 and 2009) and amounted to \$10,834.26. Our license for the RV Storage Area (which is part of our total license package) doesn't expire until May 2011 and Lt Col Crawford has recommended that we remain status quo for the present time. Base officials have requested renewal of the existing package in its current form. We may have to request a Corps of Engineers analysis of the fair market value of the RV Storage Area and negotiate a percentage of our income to "rent" this area. Two landfill areas in the southwest corner of the Base were examined as possible sites but development would be cost prohibitive due to environmental requirements. **OPEN** (Crawford)

Board of Director's Membership (Nigro): Lt Col Crawford was requested to approach the new Selfridge Base Civil Engineer on his willingness to serve as an active member of the Board to better represent MAGHA and the Air Museum to Selfridge Civil Engineering. There has been no response to numerous requests to gauge his interest. A motion was made by Lt Col Crawford and seconded by Mr Krings to nominate and elect retired Col J. Steven Krajnik to be a member of our Board of Directors. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

Expanded RV Storage (Crawford): NO CHANGE: This will remain an open item until it has been determined that we will continue to manage an RV Storage Area beyond the May 2011 expiration of our current license. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Crawford)

RV Storage Rate Review (Rudolph): NO CHANGE: This will remain an open item until it has been determined that we will continue to manage an RV Storage Area beyond the May 2011 expiration of our current license with rates remaining the same in the interim. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Crawford/Rudolph)

MAGHA & Museum Logos (Handleman): NO CHANGE: At a previous meeting, Mr. Handleman noted that the MAGHA and the Museum logos are too generic and do not convey what we do. After an off-line discussion between Mr Handleman and Lt Col Nigro regarding the Museum logo, Mr Handleman understood the significance of what is in that logo and felt that it adequately conveyed what we do. Mr Handleman developed conceptual ideas which have been referred to a Museum volunteer and retired graphics artist, Mr Dick Soules, to develop conceptual ideas for a new MAGHA logo for presentation at an appropriate Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Maj Hogan to allow Mr Soules to continue with his development efforts. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Facilities Charge for Special Events (Nigro): NO CHANGE: Lt Col Nigro noted that the Air Museum continues to get requests to host special events such as birthday parties, retirement ceremonies, memorial services, wedding related activities, and graduation photo shoots. These events have heretofore been accommodated without charge to the requestor with the Museum absorbing any costs associated the events. Lt Col Nigro proposed that we establish a request form for special events and charge requestors for the use of our facilities for such events. A draft request form has been developed and was provided to the Board members present for their consideration and feedback to Lt Col Nigro on the adequacy of the request form and proposed charges. No input was received from Board members so Lt Col Nigro forwarded all documentation to MAGHA member Maj John Young who has agreed to combine all the input and make a recommendation as to the final document. A motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Mr. Krings to allow Maj Young to continue with his development efforts. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

MAGHA Membership Rate Increase (Nigro): Our current MAGHA membership rates are \$25.00 for a Regular yearly membership, \$250.00 for a Life membership, \$500.00 for a Sustaining membership, and \$1,000.00 for a Patron membership with all membership donations being cumulative. Of our current membership of 661, 35% are Yearly members, 52% are Life members, 5% are Sustaining members, and 8% are Patron Members. Because membership donations are cumulative, 28 yearly members will become Life members within two years and, because of current policies, 57 Life Members have not met the \$250.00 threshold. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Maj Hogan to rescind the cumulative donation policy and to table discussion of raisings membership rates and requiring Life membership for RVS users until the next Board meeting. After considerable discussion, Lt Col Crawford made a motion that was seconded by CMSgt Viterna to **not** require Life membership for RVS users and to table discussion of raising membership rate until the next Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro)

F-89 “Scorpion” and AT-6 “Texan” Acquisition (Kring): Mr. Krings has located two vintage aircraft flown by the Michigan ANG for our Air Park, a complete but unassembled F-89 “Scorpion” at the Western Museum of Flight in Torrance CA and an AT-6 “Texan” at various locations throughout the United States. The cost for the F-89 is approximately \$25,000.00 + approximately \$37,000.00 to ship it here for on-site assembly by Museum volunteers. The asking price for an AT-6 is approximately \$50,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph seconded by Lt Col Veara to authorize Mr. Krings to continue actions to acquire the F-89 “Scorpion and to task Col Kowalski with exploring ways to reduce the shipping costs. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Kring/Kowalski)

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Offer for MAGHA Members (Gompers): A MAGHA member has suggested that we offer a Life Insurance option to our members as a membership incentive. After discussion of the cost/benefit ratio and the administrative time/overhead requirements, a motion was made by Mr Gompers and seconded by Lt Col Crawford to not pursue the life insurance program as MAGHA is a relatively small organization and it doesn’t have the critical mass or the in-house staff to make such a program viable. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Mr. Gompers to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Lt Col Louis J. Nigro, Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, May 12, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, July 14, 2011, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, September 8, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, November 10, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room