



Minutes of the September 10, 2009 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Brig Gen Rudolph called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Maj Gen Bartholomew, Lt Col Crawford, Mrs Errington, Mr Gompers, Maj Hogan, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Mr. Handleman, Mr. Krings, Mr. Handleman, Lt Col Leon and Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

A motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF JULY 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Chief Viterna to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REPORTS

SPAD Project (Krings): Construction of the SPAD is complete, the aircraft is on display inside the SPAD Hangar, and the display was formally dedicated on Friday evening, 21 August 2009, at the 2009 Air Show Launch Party. To date, LTC Nigro has processed \$21,084.35 in donations to the project and expended \$70,897.73 towards completion of the project leaving a negative balance of \$49, 813.38. Lt Col Nigro recommended that due to the status of the SPAD project, we delete this item as a recurring report. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Maj Gen Pochmara to receive and accept the report as presented and to accept Lt Col Nigro's recommendation to delete discussion of the SPAD Project as a recurring report. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

MAGHA/Air Museum Financial Report (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented and explained the current financial reports for MAGHA and the Air Museum, current as of 9 September 2009. Although checkbook plus CD assets available ("liquid assets") are \$123,253.95, current known liabilities are \$1,807.69 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$121,446.26. If MAGHA is not permitted to operate the 700-Area Marina in 2010, a significant reduction in income is anticipated. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 9 September 2009 are \$7,183.22. A motion was made by Mrs. Errington 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 Veara and seconded by Mr. Gompers 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 9 September 2009 is 631, an increase of two from the 629 member count reported on 9 July 2009. 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 and work is underway to send a mass mailing to the approximately 850 former members of the MI ANG who are earning a State Retirement check but who have opted not to join MAGHA. If MAGHA is not permitted to operate the 700-Area Marina in 2010, approximately 50 people who are MAGHA members as a consequence of using the Board Storage Area will probably let their membership lapse. A motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Maj Gen Pochmara 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 as a separate handout. The names highlighted in yellow have not, to date, fulfilled the requirement to wash their aircraft once a year. Letters have been sent to the non-compliant organization with a suspense date of 22 September. Organizations not responding by that date will be dropped as an Adopt-A-Plane sponsor and organizations on the waiting list will be approached to fill the gap. A motion was made by Chief Viterna and seconded by Mrs. Errington 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 is now to move just the Research Library to Bldg 1008. **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. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Handleman, and approved by the Board to task Lt Col Nigro to begin the development of this plan for presentation to and input from the Board of Directors at a future meeting. 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 and can only be accomplished when time and other tasks will allow. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Security Concerns (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** The 127th Selfridge Security Forces Squadron has concerns about security issues expressed by Vulnerability Assessment Inspection inspectors as it relates to the Museum and the operations of the Michigan Transit Museum (MTM). The Wing Commander shares these concerns and, at a special meeting on 13 November 2008, the following was decided: (1) the MTM will not be allowed recurring access to the Base during their November/December Polar Express event but Security will open the west train gate for the initial departure and final return. This is not an issue for the Museum as they do not stop at the Museum for this event. (2) Security Forces will examine the

possibility of the MTM and the Museum cost-sharing a Security Officer to vet train passengers before boarding, accompany the train during its operation on and off base, and open/close the west Train Gate for their normal summer schedule. (3) Security Forces will review the MOA between the MTM and the 127th Wing for required changes. (4) Lt Col Crawford and Lt Col Ward (the Base Civil Engineer) will be examining the option of fencing the Museum area such that it is “outside” the Base. If the MTM can no longer operate their June thru October train rides to the Museum, we anticipate a 20% reduction in the number of guests that visit the Museum and the consequent loss of income from those guests. If the Museum can be sequestered from the Base, we anticipate an increase in the number of guests. Lt Col Nigro has requested a meeting with the Vulnerability Assessment inspectors to discuss options to allow the MTM operation to continue. This inspection/meeting has been scheduled for October 2009. The MTM will not be permitted to bring guests to the Museum during their 2009 season and if the security issues cannot be resolved at the October meeting, MTM operations to the Museum will cease. **OPEN** (Nigro/Crawford)

A-10/C-130E for Air Park (Nigro): Moving the 110th Fighter Wing’s A-10 from Battle Creek to Selfridge is on hold pending resolution of disassembly and transportation issues. The 127th Wing is examining contractual moving of the A-10. A C-130E arrived at Selfridge on 27 August and demilitarization/”save list” issues are being worked. We anticipate having the C-130E on display inside the Air Park by the end of 2009. **OPEN** (Nigro)

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Golf Outing: A comparison of Golf Outing financials was presented to the Board members present and after extensive discussion, consensus was to have a 2010 Golf Outing. Maj Gen Pochmara will act as the POC for the event and Saturday, 21 August 2010, with a start time of 1:00 pm has been reserved at the Selfridge Golf Course for this outing.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Chief Viterna and seconded by Maj Hogan to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Alice Errington, Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, November 12, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, January 14, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, March 11, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, May 13, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, July 8, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, September 9, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, November 11, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room