



## **Minutes of the November 12, 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, November 12, 2009, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Lt Col Nigro called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members present were: Maj Gen Bartholomew, Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Mr. Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Lt Col Leon by Mrs. Chris Nuttall

Members excused were: Lt Col Crawford, Maj Hogan, Brig Gen Rudolph, and Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

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

### **REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Mrs. Errington to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 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 11 November 2009. Although checkbook plus CD assets available ("liquid assets") are \$126,910.67, current known liabilities are \$5,672.38 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$121,238.29. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 11 November 2009 are \$7,302.90. A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Mr. Krings 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 Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Maj Gen Bartholomew 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 11 Nov 09 is 627, a decrease of 4 from the 631 member count reported on 10 Sep 09. 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. 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. A motion was made by Mr. Handleman and seconded by Mr. Krings 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 garrisoned "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. The Vulnerability Assessment was conducted during the last week in October 2009 and despite repeated requests to the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander, Vice-Commander, Security Forces, and Anti-Terrorism Officer to

meet with the inspectors, no such meeting took place and we were unable to attend the out-briefing due to the classified nature of that briefing. It is assumed that the MTM's license will not be renewed in the Spring of 2010 and MTM operations to the Museum will no longer be permitted. This will result in a 20% reduction in the number of guests that visit the Museum and the consequent loss of income from those guests. **OPEN (FOR MUSEUM GARRISONING ONLY)** (Nigro/Crawford)

**A-10/C-130E for Air Park** (Nigro): Moving the 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's A-10 from Battle Creek to Selfridge is on hold pending resolution of disassembly and transportation issues. The 127<sup>th</sup> Wing is examining contractual moving of the A-10. A C-130E arrived at Selfridge on 27 August, demilitarization/"save list" issues are being worked, and the aircraft is scheduled to be moved into the Air Park on Tuesday, 17 November 2009. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**2010 Golf Outing** (Pochmara): A comparison of Golf Outing financials was presented to the Board members present at the 10 September 2009 Board Meeting and, after extensive discussion, consensus was to have a 2010 Golf Outing. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Funds Transfer from Checking Account to CD** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro request this item be tabled until the January 2010 Board meeting to give him time to analyze the effect that modifications to Bldg 1007 and the loss of MTM income has on the 2010 budget. A motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve Lt Col Nigro's request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro).

**Policy on "Junk" Mail Received at Museum for Board Members** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro noted that "junk" mail addressed to Board members is being received at the Museum. He surmises that this is as a consequence of Board member's names being listed on the national registry of Non-Profit Organizations (Guide Star). Lt Col Nigro recommended that he be authorized to discard this "junk" mail rather than forwarding them to the Board member's home. A motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve Lt Col Nigro's recommendation. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board and after a moment of silence to remember recently deceased Board member Mr. Bill Dopp, a motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Maj Gen Pochmara to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Alice Errington, Secretary

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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