



## **Minutes of the March 11, 2010 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, March 11, 2010, 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, Mr. Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Lt Col Leon by Ms. Nuttall

Members excused were: Lt Col Crawford, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, and Maj Hogan

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

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

### **REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Mr. Krings to approve the minutes of the November 12, 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 13 January 2010. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are \$121, 253.09, current known liabilities are \$1,224.51 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$120,028.58. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 10 March 2010 are \$7,377.90. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by MG Bartholomew 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 CMSgt Viterna and seconded by LTC Veara 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 13 Jan 10 is 659, an increase of 32 from the 627 member count reported on 12 Nov 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. The mass mailing to the over 1,200 former members of the MI ANG who have opted not to join MAGHA was complete in mid-February 2010 and attempts to reach those whose invitation to join was returned due to a bad address is ongoing. Over 30 former members of the MI ANG have responded positively to the invitation. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by MG Bartholomew 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 CMSgt Viterna and seconded by MG Bartholomew 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): 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 Lt Col Ward (the Base Civil Engineer) are examining the option of fencing the Museum area such that it is garrisoned "outside" the Base. **OPEN** (Nigro/Crawford)

**A-10/C-130E for Air Park** (Nigro): The contract to move the 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's A-10 from Battle Creek to Selfridge has been awarded. The C-130E move from the West Ramp to the Air Park awaits the resolution of issues relating to moving it across a small portion of unpaved ground. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**2010 Golf Outing** (Pochmara): No discussion. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

**Funds Transfer from Checking Account to CD** (Nigro): Due to the unknowns remaining in our 2010 budget, most notably our future management of the 700-Area Boat Storage Area, Lt Col Nigro requested that this item be tabled until the unknowns can be resolved. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by BG Rudolph to approve Lt Col Nigro's request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro).

## NEW BUSINESS

**Results of 2009 Financial Review** (Hogan): Maj Hogan has completed his annual review of MAGHA's financial processes for 2009 with no discrepancies noted. A copy will be sent to all Board members when it becomes available. A motion was made by MG Bartholomew and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to approve Maj Hogan's financial review report. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**Review and Approval of the 2010 Budget** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro presented the Board members present with an analysis of the 2009 MAGHA/Air Museum budget/Expense spreadsheet and the proposed 2010 MAGHA/Air Museum. After discussion of some of the items in the proposed budget, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by MG Bartholomew to approve the proposed 2010 MAGHA/Air Museum budget as presented and to task LTC Nigro and the Strategic Plan subcommittee to develop a short and long range project list for MAGHA to reduce the unencumbered checkbook and CD balance without compromising MAGHA's financial viability. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**Chartering Organization for Selfridge Boy Scout Troop 209** (Nigro): Boy Scout Troops are required to have a "chartering organization". The Selfridge Troop's Chartering Organization used to be SANGB until that was no longer allowed by the military so they created a chartering organization of just a parent or two and called it "Friends of Troop 209". That is not an ideal, traditional, non-profit organization sponsor so Troop leadership (POC: Ms Sue Davis, 586-468-3520, email sueqdav@aol.com) has asked that MAGHA, dba the Selfridge Military Air Museum, act as Troop 209's chartering organization. Technically, "each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project." While the Troop plans to continue meeting at the Selfridge Chapel, the multi-purpose room at the Museum could be used for such meetings if such use was coordinated in advance with the Executive Director. Additional adult volunteer leadership provided by MAGHA and the Museum would not be required as the Troop has sufficient adult volunteer leaders from Scout's parents. LTC Veara volunteered to act as the Chartering Organization Representative and be kept "in the loop" on activities and fund raising options for the Troop, providing input and/or approval as necessary, and to establish a dialogue with the Troop regarding issues raised at this meeting. They have further requested that their troop trailer be parked on Museum property and that a storage area for Troop flags and records, currently stored at leaders/parents homes, be designated. After discussion, a motion was made by BG Rudolph and seconded by LTC Veara to task LTC Nigro and Mr. Krings to determine the storage space required to insure that such space will not interfere with Museum operations, and to task LTC Veara with establishing a dialogue with Troop 209 leadership to address issues and to report back to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting on the advisability of MAGHA dba the Selfridge Military Air Museum acting as the chartering organization for Selfridge Boy Scout 209. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Veara)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by LTC Veara to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Louis J. Nigro, Executive Director

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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