



Minutes of the 12 January 2012 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, 12 January 2012, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Col Kowalski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Mrs Errington, Mr Gompers, Col Krajnik, Maj Gen Pochmara, and Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF 10 NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by Brig Gen Rudolph to approve the minutes of the 10 November 2011 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 10 January 2012. Although checkbook plus CD assets available are \$148,918.61, current known liabilities are \$794.00 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$148, 124.61. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 10 January 2012 are \$6,045.67. A motion was made by Col Kowalski and seconded by Lt Col Veara to receive/accept the report as presented. LTC Leon is exploring transfer options from the checkbook to another CD or a Money Market account. 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 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 10 January 2012 is 642, a decrease of 8 from the 650 member count reported on 10 November 2011. A graph of the membership history and a complete list of current and expired MAGHA members were presented to the Board members present. Lt Col Nigro is attempting to partner with Students Consulting for Non-Profit Organizations (SCNO) out of Michigan State University to provide us with pro-bono assistance to more effectively approach our primary target audience of current and former members of the Michigan Air National Guard. A motion was made by Mr Handleman 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. A motion was made by Mr Handleman and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Strategic Plan** (Nigro): A subcommittee consisting of LTC Veara, CMSgt Viterna, Mr. Handleman, and Mr. Krings has begun the development of a strategic plan for MAGHA and the Selfridge Military Air Museum 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. This plan will be presented to for input/approval from the Board of Directors at a future meeting. **OPEN** (Veara).
2. **Security Concerns** (Nigro): Col Crawford recommended that we remain status quo until the impact of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan evolves. Col Crawford was tasked to provide engineering data and a cost estimate to the Board at our 8 March 2012 meeting to sequester the Museum from the rest of the Base to allow guests access without having to process thru the Main Gate. **OPEN** (Crawford)
3. **F-89 "Scorpion" and AT-6 "Texan" Acquisition** (Krings): Mr. Krings has obtained estimates from commercial companies for shipping and reassembly of the F-89. Lt Col Leon has determined that Federal funds cannot be used to offset the costs of acquisition and/or transportation. Mr Krings has gotten a commitment from the F-89 owner to store the F-89 at their location rent-free for six months. The estimated cost to purchase the F-89 is \$25,000.00, the estimated cost to ship the F-89 to our Museum is \$22,000.00, and the estimated cost to obtain an AT-6 is \$27,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Mr Handleman to purchase and ship the F-89 and to defer a decision on the AT-6 until DC-3/C-47/R4D and Base access issues are resolved. **OPEN** (Krings)

4. **“Heritage Center” Proposal** (Nigro) Lt Col Nigro is exploring the possibility of getting our Air Museum certified by the USAF and the NGB as a “Heritage Center” to avail ourselves of certain benefits associated with such certification. Information on how to establish a “Heritage Center” was provided to the Board Members present. This will be a complex process due to the number and complexity of the Plans that must accompany the request. Work has begun to assemble the documents necessary to requesting Heritage Center certification from the NGB. CMSgt Viterna has done extensive research on the subject and an analysis of his findings was included with the 8 September 2011 meeting minutes. It is the opinion of both Chief Viterna and Lt Col Nigro that the costs to the Museum far outweigh the benefits and they both recommend that we close this item with no further action to be taken. After discussion, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Lt Col Veara to close this item with no further action to be taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

5. **Recent Offer by the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM)** (Nigro): On 20 July 2011, the NNAM responded favorably to an FAA-initiated request to transfer a flyable FAA DC-3 from the FAA to the NNAM noting in their response that the immediate disposition of this aircraft would be to the Selfridge Military Air Museum for static display purposes. The estimated cost to acquire this aircraft, which may have to be repainted as a Navy R4D, is between \$6,000.00 and \$9,000.00. NNAM approval would have to be obtained to repaint the aircraft as a Michigan ANG C-47. As of 11 October 2011, the FAA has not responded to the NNAM 20 July letter and the NNAM advised us to “hang in there as it looks like this is going to take some time.” Further, a decision on the NNAM appears to be at least six months away due to the recent resignation of the decision maker at the FAA. Lt Col Nigro recommended that we close this item until decisions are made by the FAA and then revisit the issue once those decisions are made. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr Handleman and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve Lt Col Nigro’s recommendation and for him to maintain a dialogue with the NNAM to insure they are aware of our interest. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

6. **2012 Golf Outing** (All): After discussion, a motion was made by Col Crawford and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to have Col Kowalski begin a dialogue with the Selfridge Base Community Council for a possible partnership between MAGHA and the Council for a 2012 Golf Outing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Kowalski)

NEW BUSINESS

None

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Col Crawford and seconded by Mr Krings to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Louis J. Nigro, Executive Director

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 March 2012, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 10 May 2012, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 12 July 2012, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 13 September 2012, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, 8 November 2012, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room