



Minutes of the July 9, 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, July 9, 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, Mr. Dopp, Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Maj Hogan, Mr. Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, & CMSgt Viterna

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

Members excused were: Maj Gen Pochmara and Judge Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF MAY 14, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Mr. Krings to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2009 as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REPORTS

SPAD Project (Krings): Construction of the SPAD is complete and the aircraft is on display inside the SPAD Hangar. To date, LTC Nigro has processed \$20,219.35 in donations to the project and expended \$69,950.91 towards completion of the project leaving a negative balance of \$49, 731.56. The SPAD will be formally dedicated at the 2009 Selfridge Air Show. A motion was made by Lt Col Crawford and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. 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 8 July 2009. Although checkbook plus CD assets available ("liquid assets") are \$116,038.43, current known liabilities are \$3,305.77 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$112,732.66. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 8 July 2009 are \$7,183.22. A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Maj Gen 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 Maj Hogan 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 8 July 2009 is 629, an increase of five from the 624 member count reported on 14 May 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. A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Maj Gen 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. A motion was made by Lt Col Crawford and seconded by CMSgt Viterna 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)

2009 Golf Outing (Pochmara): Feedback from the 2009 Golf Outing POC:

1. The time of the summer was good. The day of the week may not have been the best. The Friday was set by the 127th (our co-sponsor) in hopes that they could get better participation on that day rather than on a Saturday. It was hoped that the 127th and Team Selfridge would field at least 5 teams.
2. Had we not done several notifications and made numerous personal phone calls and follow up emails we would have had at least four less teams. I had 13 people committed to fielding at least one team, 5 from the 127, plus the usual suspects which should have yielded 20+ teams.
3. Our rules that at least two team members be guard types may have lost us one team. This rule was nice in theory but in practice not necessary.
4. The later tee time was better than an earlier time.
5. The question for next year is, do we sponsor another golf outing? If we do, how do we get better participation? Or, do we just accept the smaller interest that we are getting.
6. The beer keg worked well and helped get a team.

The Board members present were presented with a chart showing Golf Outing profits for the last seven years. **CLOSED**

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 is scheduled to arrive at Selfridge in late August 2009. Once the C-130E has arrived, demilitarization and “save list” actions will be provided by a combination of Museum volunteers, retired members of the MI ANG, and the 191st Maintenance Squadron. **OPEN** (Nigro)

Membership Report (Nigro): Per Board direction at the 14 May 2009 meeting, Lt Col Nigro approached select Board members on their willingness/ability to continue functioning as a Board member. The results of that survey will be included with the list of current Board members provided the Board members with the minutes of this meeting. **CLOSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Mr. Krings to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 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