



## **Minutes of the January 8, 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, January 8, 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: Mrs. Errington, Maj Hogan, Mr. Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Maj Gen Bartholomew, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Handleman, Maj Leon, and Maj Gen Pochmara

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

Lt Col Nigro requested that an analysis of our 2008 budgeted income/expenses versus actual income/expenses plus a review of our proposed 2009 budget be added as items of new business. A motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

Lt Col Nigro had three corrections to the published November 13, 2008 meeting minutes: **Lt** Crawford should have been noted as **Lt Col** Crawford, **Maj** Ward should have been noted as **Lt Col** Ward, and Maj Leon should have been shown as excused. A motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by Lt Col Veara to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 as corrected. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REPORTS**

**SPAD Project** (Krings): As of 8 January 2009, Mr. Krings reported that construction of the SPAD is approximately 96% complete. To date, LTC Nigro has processed \$18,751.09 in donations to the project and expended \$67,425.16 towards completion of the SPAD and the SPAD Hangar leaving a negative balance of \$48,673.26. The SPAD Hangar building was completed in December 2007, the doors and the HVAC system were installed in April 2008, and the SPAD was moved from Bldg 1008 to the new SPAD hangar in May 2008. Appropriate and cost-effective display security measures are under discussion. Once the SPAD is complete and security measures are in place, the area can be opened up for viewing by guests. The SPAD will be formally dedicated at the 2009 Selfridge Air Show. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Maj Hogan 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 7 January 2009. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are \$92,572.69, current known liabilities are \$1,282.56 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$91,290.13. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 7 January 2009 are \$7,133.56. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Maj Hogan 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. 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 January 7, 2009 is 624, an increase of four from the 620 member count reported on November 13, 2008. 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. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Mrs. Errington 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. 2008 thank you letters and requests for a 2009 commitment were mailed to all current sponsors on 29 December 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by Maj Hogan 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)

**Analysis of MAGHA Income from Boat and RV Storage Programs** (Veara): Lt Col Veara attended a non-profit workshop to determine if, in fact, income from the Boat and RV Storage programs is taxable as an “unrelated business income.” Due to two IRS exceptions to reporting “unrelated business income”, programs that are managed by uncompensated volunteers and programs established for the convenience of the organization’s membership, his analysis of the issue is that income from the Boat and RV Storage programs are not considered sources of unrelated business incomes. **CLOSED**

**2009 Golf Outing** (Pochmara): The MAGHA 2009 golf outing will be on Friday 26 June. There will be a 10:00 am shotgun start and the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing has agreed to be a co-sponsor. Our goal will be to get 23 teams of 4 (18 holes +5 double ups on par 5's). We will give out at least three team awards for the lowest scores and awards for closest to the pin, longest and straightest drive. Our goal is to make rules that give all/most teams a chance to win one of the awards. We will give stroke reductions based on age and gender. In the past there have been complaints about teams made up of non military "ringers". We could make additional handicaps for non-military teams. In order to encourage hole-sponsorship, we will give a stroke off for their sponsoring a hole. We need to over communicate to the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing, Team Selfridge and our membership. A proposed flier for the event was distributed to the members present and Board members were requested to provide any recommended additions, deletions, or changes to Lt Col Nigro no later than 31 January 2009. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

**2009 Public Relations/Marketing Plan** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro is addressing the suggestions in the 2009 Public Relations/Marketing Plan developed by Museum volunteer Tom Bell and will report back to the Board if their assistance is necessary to implement the suggestions. **CLOSED**

**Security Concerns** (Nigro): The 127<sup>th</sup> Selfridge Security Forces Squadron has concerns about security issues 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 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 "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. This inspection/meeting is scheduled for May 2009. **OPEN** (Nigro/Crawford)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A-10 for Air Park** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro was approached by the 110 OG Commander regarding an A-10 static display at the Battle Creek ANG Base that is now excess to their needs. Lt Col Nigro contacted the Air Force Museum and found out that an A-10 is on the Selfridge Air Museum approved wish list. Quotes were obtained from two commercial companies to accommodate the complete move (disassembly, loading, transportation, unloading, and reassembly) and both quotes are outside of the Museum's ability to fund without significantly detracting from the Museum's fund balance. Discussion ensued with Battle Creek and Selfridge officials regarding providing all the services necessary using in-house resources and both units could not commit to the project due to a number of issues. After extensive discussion, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Lt Col Veara to wait for an A-10 static display until the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing declares one excess that could be towed from the flight line to the Air Park for display. **CLOSED**

**2008 Budgeted Income/Expenses versus Actual Income/Expenses** (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented the Board members present with a spreadsheet showing 2008 budgeted income/expenses versus the actual 2008 income/expenses. The reasons for any deltas were explained in the remarks section of the spreadsheet. After discussion, a motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by Maj Hogan to accept the report as presented. **CLOSED**

**2009 Budget** (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented the Board members present with the spreadsheet showing the proposed 2009 budget showing both projected income and expenses. Significant departures from the average 2001 to 2008 income and expenses were explained in the remarks section of the spreadsheet. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by Lt Col Veara to accept the 2009 budget as presented. **CLOSED**

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

Respectfully submitted  
Alice Errington, Secretary

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, March 12, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, May 14, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, July 9, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room