



## **Minutes of the May 8, 2008 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, BGen Rudolph called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members present were: MGen Bartholomew, Mr. Dopp, Mrs. Errington, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Mr. Krings, LTC Nigro, MGen Pochmara, BGen Rudolph, Col Theisen, LTC Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Maj Hogan, Maj Leon, and Judge Yokich

Members absent were: LTC Bankstahl, LTC Crawford, and Mr. Guldemond

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Dopp and seconded by LTC Veara to approve the agenda as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

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

A motion was made by MGen Bartholomew and seconded by MGen Pochmara to receive and accept the March 13, 2008 minutes as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REPORTS**

**SPAD Project** (Krings): As of 8 May 2008, Mr. Krings reported that construction of the SPAD is approximately 90% complete. To date, LTC Nigro has processed \$16,457.00 in donations to the project and expended \$59,968.00 towards completion of the SPAD and the SPAD Hangar leaving a negative balance of \$43,511.00. Projected future expenses are \$7,370.00 as follows:

- \$900.00 for the HVAC system final hookup
- \$3,470.00 for the security system
- \$3,000.00 for additional material to construct the SPAD.

The original estimate from 18 months ago was \$44,500.00. Total SPAD project expenses (current and projected) are now estimated at \$67,738.00. The building was completed in December 2007, the doors and the HVAC system were installed in early April 2008, and the SPAD was moved from Bldg 1008 to the new SPAD hangar in early May 2008. The final hookup of the HVAC system is scheduled for late May 2008 and installation of the security system is scheduled for the summer of 2008. Once the final HVAC hookup and installation of the security system are complete, the area can be opened up for viewing by guests. A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by MGen Pochmara 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 May 2008. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are approximately \$76,652.00, current known liabilities are approximately \$12,249.00 (including routine and SPAD expenses), giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of approximately \$64,403.00. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 7 May 8, 2008 are approximately \$6,958.00. A motion was made by MGen Bartholomew and seconded by LTC Veara 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 Mr. Handleman and seconded by Mr. Dopp 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 May 7, 2008 is 615, an increase of eight from the 607 member count reported on March 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 Mr. Dopp 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. The sponsor of our F-106 Delta Dart has withdrawn their support and the top organization on our waiting list has been approached for possible sponsorship. The spring cleaning effort is proceeding well; 16 aircraft have been washed, nine are scheduled to be washed, and six remain to be scheduled. A motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Col Theisen to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Facilities Plan** (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** The work request forwarded to Base Civil Engineering on 11 May 06 for review and approval of the proposed modifications to the interior of Bldg 1008 has been approved. A Fire Department load capacity will be done when modifications are complete. A marketing package for the Reception Center/SPAD hangar, including artist sketches, which can be used for presentation to military and civilian authorities to solicit their support, has been developed by Museum volunteer Dick Soules. A Work Request was sent to Civil Engineering in September 2006 to provide a materials cost estimate to modify the interior of Bldg 1008 and construct the covered walkway. Base Civil Engineering has conducted a site visit and is working on this estimate. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**Strategic Plan** (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** At the 8 March 2007 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)

**Marina Liability Insurance** (Gompers) Mr. Gompers presented the Board with the cost of securing Marina liability insurance (approximately \$1,000.00 per year regardless of the number of slips occupied) at a previous meeting. Lt Col Nigro recommended that due to (1) the anticipated revenue versus expense equation involved in the Marina operation and (2) the probable short-term management of the Marina by MAGHA, if the Board feels that obtaining this insurance is necessary, the cost of the insurance not be factored into the Marina usage charge. CMSgt Viterna discussed a sample policy provided to him by Mr. Gompers and noted that this policy was not tailored to our needs nor was the extent of coverage adequately outlined. CMSgt Viterna, LTC Veara, and MGen Pochmara agreed to look at the issue in more detail. They are examining other options and will report back to the Board when their analysis is complete. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Dopp and seconded by MGen Bartholomew to purchase the policy recommended by Mr. Gompers at \$938.00 per year while CMSgt Viterna, LTC Veara, and General Pochmara continue their analysis. Ayes: All (Mr. Gompers abstaining). Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Viterna)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed By-Laws Change** (Nigro): LTC Nigro recommended that Article III, Section 3 of our By-Laws be changed from “To maintain membership, an active member of the Board of Directors (or their designated representative) must attend no less than 50% of the scheduled meetings each year” to “To maintain membership, an active member of the Board of Directors must attend, be represented at, or be excused from at least 50% of the scheduled meetings each year.” After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that as excused members cannot provide input into the decision-making process, there was no need to change the By-Laws. LTC Nigro withdrew his proposal. **CLOSED**

**Board Attendance Review** (Errington): LTC Nigro provided an attendance report for the last two years and after a review of the information presented, a motion was made by BGen Rudolph and seconded by MGen Pochmara to remove the single Board member identified. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**2008 Golf Outing/Reunion** (Rudolph): The two dates reserved at the Selfridge Golf Course are Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The organizing committee will select a date and advise LTC Nigro so the Golf/Outing Reunion flier can be developed and distributed. **OPEN** (Rudolph)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Gompers and seconded by Mr. Dopp to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted  
*Alice Errington*, Secretary

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, July 10, 2008, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room  
Thursday, September 11, 2008, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room  
Thursday, November 13, 2008, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room  
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Thursday, January 8, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room  
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