



## **Minutes of the July 8, 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, July 8, 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, Lt Col Crawford, Mrs. Errington, Mr Handleman, Mr Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Brig Gen Rudolph, Lt Col Veara, CMSgt Viterna, and Judge Tracey Yokich

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Maj Hogan & Maj Gen Pochmara

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Judge Yokich and seconded by Mr Krings to approve the agenda for this meeting as published. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REVIEW OF MAY 13, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Brig Gen Rudolph to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2010 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 7 July 2010. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are \$116,274.83, current known liabilities are \$1,860.85 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$114, 413.98. The decrease in unencumbered funds was due to a delay in the receipt and processing of Selfridge reimbursable bills for the months of November 2009 thru April 2010. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 7 July 2010 are \$6,843.76. Lt Col Nigro included a chart of our 2009 utility and work order reimbursements to the Base. A motion was made by Mr Krings and seconded by Maj Gen Bartholomew to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. To possibly reduce our reimbursable gas costs, Lt Col Nigro was asked to obtain an energy audit for all our buildings and to obtain a price to install more efficient gas furnaces in Buildings 1010 and 1011.

**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 Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Lt Col 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 7 July 2010 is 660, a decrease of 5 from the 665 member count reported on May 13, 2010. This membership loss was directly attributable to the loss of our management of the 700-Area Boat Storage operation. 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 Judge Yokich and seconded by Lt Col Veara 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 Chief Viterna and seconded by Lt Col Crawford 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. The Research Library has completed their move into Bldg 1008 and Lt Col Nigro is analyzing the options available for the newly created space including expanding display space, expanding the Multi-Purpose Room, and creating a mini-theatre. **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. 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 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): Both the A-10 from Battle Creek and C-130E are in the Air Park! **CLOSED.**

**2010 Golf Outing** (Pochmara): No Board member feedback on the flier for the 2010 Golf Outing presented at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided so distribution of the flier began on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Receipts to date are \$780.00 (\$320.00 for one foursome, \$25.00 for one dinner only, \$35.00 for one donation, and \$400.00 for four hole sponsorships). **OPEN** (Pochmara)

**Funds Transfer from Checking Account to CD** (Nigro): Lt Col Nigro recommended that due to the large reimbursable bill recently received and the unknowns remaining regarding future management of the RV Storage Areas, we cancel discussion of transferring funds from our checking account to our CD. After discussion, a motion was made by Judge Yokich and seconded by Maj Gen Bartholomew to approve Lt Col Nigro's request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**Status of “Independent Contractors” As It Relates to Michigan Workmen’s Comp** (Nigro/Gompers): Lt Col Veara has researched the issue and determined Workmen’s Comp insurance is not required as we do not meet the requirement thresholds established by the statute. After discussion, a motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Chief Viterna to close this item. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**Management of the 700-Area Boat Storage and RV Storage Areas** (Nigro): Management of the 700-Area Boat Storage facility was transferred to the Army effective 18 May 2010. The financial settlement with the Army was per the Board’s direction (2010 income less 2010 expenses less 50% of the capital assets expenses in 2008 and 2009) and amounted to \$10,834.26. A motion was made by Judge Yokich and seconded by Maj Gen Bartholomew to close further discussion on the 700-Area Boat Storage Area. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**. Our license for the RV Storage Area (which is part of our total license package) doesn’t expire until May 2011 and Lt Col Crawford has recommended that we remain status quo for the present time. We have requested renewal of that total license and information about the RV Storage Area will not be part of that renewal package. Lt Col Crawford was requested to do further research into the cost for a Corps of Engineers analysis of the fair market value of the RV Storage Area and the percentage of income that may be demanded by the USAF to “rent” this area. **OPEN** (Crawford)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board of Director’s Membership Feedback** (Nigro): At the May 13, 2010 Board meeting, Lt Col Nigro presented the yearly attendance report required by Article III, Section 3 of our By-Laws. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Lt Col Veara to make our Historical Property Custodian (Lt Col Holzhei) an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors and for Lt Col Nigro to approach select Board members on their willingness/ability to continue functioning as a Board member and to report back to the Board at the 8 July meeting on the results of that inquiry. Lt Col Nigro made contact with the select Board members identified and recommended that there be no changes made to the existing Board members. Lt Col Crawford was requested to approach the new Selfridge Base Civil Engineer on their willingness to serve as an active member of the Board to better represent MAGHA and the Air Museum to Selfridge Civil Engineering. **OPEN** (Crawford)

**Expanded RV Storage** (Crawford): After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Lt Col Crawford to leave this as an open item until it has been determined that we will continue to manage an RV Storage Area beyond the May 2011 expiration of our current license. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Crawford)

**RV Storage Rate Review** (Rudolph): After discussion, a motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph and seconded by Lt Col Crawford to leave this as an open item and not change the rates until it has been determined that we will continue to manage an RV Storage Area beyond the May 2011 expiration of our current license. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Crawford/Rudolph)

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

Respectfully submitted  
Alice Errington, Secretary