



Minutes of the May 13, 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, May 13, 2010, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, Lt Col Nigro called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present were: Maj Gen Bartholomew, Lt Col Crawford, Mrs. Errington, Maj Hogan, Mr Krings, Lt Col Nigro, Maj Gen Pochmara, Lt Col Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: None

Members excused were: Mr. Gompers, Mr. Handleman, Brig Gen Rudolph, and Ms Yokich

Guests present were: None

AGENDA

Lt Col Nigro requested that the yearly Board of Directors Meeting Attendance Report be presented and discussed as an item of new business. A motion was made by Maj Gen Bartholomew and seconded by Mrs. Errington to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

REVIEW OF MARCH 11, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Maj Gen Pochmara to approve the minutes of the March 11, 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 12 May 2010. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are \$134,961.61, current known liabilities are \$2,111.69 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of \$132,849.92. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 12 May 2010 are \$7,491.04. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna 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 Gen Pochmara 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 12 May 2010 is 665, an increase of 6 from the 659 member count reported on 11 March 2010. 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 Lt Col Crawford and seconded by Maj Hogan 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 Krings 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. Library volunteers are currently moving furniture and files into 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. 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 Lt Col Ward (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 110th Fighter Wing's A-10 from Battle Creek and C-130E are on station awaiting suitable ground conditions to move them into the Air Park. **OPEN** (Nigro)

2010 Golf Outing (Pochmara): The Board members present were provided with a copy of the 2010 Golf Outing flier and asked to provide any recommended additions, changes, or deletions to Lt Col Nigro no later than Friday, May 14th. If no recommended additions, changes, or deletions are requested, Lt Col Nigro will begin distribution of the flier thru all available venues on Monday, May 17, 2010. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

Funds Transfer from Checking Account to CD (Nigro): Due to the unknowns remaining in our 2010 budget, most notably our future management of the 700-Area Boat Storage and the RV Storage Areas, Lt Col Nigro received Board approval to table this item until the unknowns can be resolved. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro).

NEW BUSINESS

Chartering Organization for Selfridge Boy Scout Troop 209 (Nigro): Boy Scout Troops are required to have a "chartering organization". The Selfridge Troop's Chartering Organization used to be SANGB until that was no longer allowed by the military so they created a chartering organization of just a parent or two and called it "Friends of Troop 209". That is not an ideal, traditional, non-profit organization sponsor so Troop leadership (POC: Ms Sue Davis, 586-468-3520, email sueqdav@aol.com) has asked that MAGHA, dba the Selfridge Military Air Museum, act as Troop 209's chartering organization. Technically, "each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project." While the Troop plans to continue meeting at the Selfridge Chapel, the multi-purpose room at the Museum could be used for such meetings if such use was coordinated in advance with the Executive Director. Additional adult volunteer leadership provided by MAGHA and the Museum would not be required as the Troop has sufficient adult volunteer leaders from Scout's parents. LTC Veara volunteered to act as the Chartering Organization Representative and be kept "in the loop" on activities and fund raising options for the Troop, providing input and/or approval as necessary, and to establish a dialogue with the Troop regarding issues raised at this meeting. They have further requested that their troop trailer be parked on Museum property and that a storage area for Troop flags and records, currently stored at leaders/parents homes, be designated. After discussion, a motion was made by BG Rudolph and seconded by LTC Veara to task LTC Nigro and Mr. Krings to determine the storage space required to insure that such space will not interfere with Museum operations, and to task LTC Veara with establishing a dialogue with Troop 209 leadership to address issues and to report back to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting on the advisability of MAGHA dba the Selfridge Military Air Museum acting as the chartering organization for Selfridge Boy Scout 209. After an extensive discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Maj Gen Bartholomew to decline the offer to act as the Chartering Organization for Boy Scout Troop 209, to have Lt Col Veara so advise Troop leadership of the Board's decision, and for Lt Col Nigro to discuss moving the Troop Trailer presently stored on Museum property. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

NEW BUSINESS

Status of "Independent Contractors" As It Relates to Michigan Workmen's Comp (Nigro/Gompers): Lt Col Nigro requested that this item be tabled until Lt Col Veara and CMSgt Viterna examine the issues involved. After discussion, a motion was made by Lt Col Veara and seconded by Maj Hogan to approve Lt Col Nigro's request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Veara/Viterna)

Management of the 700-Area Boat Storage and RV Storage Areas (Nigro): At the direction of the National Guard Bureau, our management of the 700-Area Boat Storage Area has ended. The Area will probably be under the management of the US Army. Lt Col Nigro, in discussion with Army officials, has suggested that 2010 expenses be deducted from 2010 income and the remainder remitted to the US Army making MAGHA's income vs expenses for 2010 be zero. We are awaiting Army action for a date certain for the transfer and Lt Col Crawford is strongly encouraging Army officials to make an early decision. 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. The Board's consensus was that the financial settlement with the Army be 2010 income less 2010 expenses less 50% of the capital assets expenses in 2008 and 2009. **OPEN** [RV Storage Area] (Nigro/Crawford), **CLOSED** [Boat Storage Area]

Request for Approval of Capital Improvements to Buildings 1007 and 1008 (Nigro/Krings): To preserve the historic artifacts stored in Buildings 1007 and 1008, Lt Col Nigro requested Board approval to expend \$7,200.00 for an HVAC system for both buildings, \$3,050.00 for Bldg 1007 and \$4,150.00 for Bldg 1008. After discussion, a motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Maj Hogan to approve Lt Col Nigro's request. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

Annual Board of Director's Meeting Attendance Report (Nigro): 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. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **OPEN** (Nigro).

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Maj Gen Pochmara and seconded by Lt Col Veara to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Alice Errington, Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS

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
Thursday, January 13, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, March 10, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, May 12, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, July 14, 2011, 2010, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, September 8, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, November 10, 2011, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room