

Board of Directors Meeting- Friday May 24, 2017

2017 Oklahoma Reunion- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- Meeting called to Order by Roy Scott 1:24pm
 - Remarks: Roy commented on Oklahoma
 - Election announcement to be made tomorrow at the general meeting
- Chaplain Marquez
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Roll Call and we have a Quorum
- Roy Scott announced two Memoranda of Understanding
 - Relating to Reunions
 - SkySoldier ads for the Memorial Foundation
- Terry Aubrey introduced a guest speaker Peyton Ligon to provide a briefing on faces on the wall
- VP report (attached)
 - Tommy made a motion to accept the report
 - It was seconded and passed.
- Treasurer Report
 - Activity Report
 - Financial Report
 - Tommy made a motion to accept the financial report and seconded by Sam Maslowski
- Tommy made a motion the Executive committee resolve the issue of the 501(c)(19)

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- Discussion of the need for National to provide umbrella coverage to the chapters. Jerry L. Cooper told how the Special Forces Association had run into trouble with the IRS about Tax Exempt status.
- A suggestion was made to consult a Tax Attorney and to act upon the advice.
- The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Joe Carmody made a motion to accept the minutes as read.
 - It passed
- Hitchcock gave the Foundation report.
 - Emphasizes suicide prevention program
 - A motion was made to accept the verbal report of Eric Hitchcock.
 - Seconded and passed, unanimously
- A discussion began regarding Sky Soldier magazine with comments regarding timeliness of publication and submission standards.
 - Several members commented publication might have influenced the election and the reunion by being late.
 - The Secretary objected to those comments by reminding the board of directors the publication of the ballot in the Spring issue saved the Association thousands of dollars by not having a separate printing and mailing of ballots while resulting in a 300 percent increase of mail in ballots over the prior election! The Secretary also reminded the board that the previous administration was habitually three months late publishing the last Spring issue in July and the Summer issue went to the press September 13, 2016!

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- Members tried to comment regarding the timeliness of the current Spring issue until Bryan Bowley, president, Chapter 25, testified that he had received copies of the magazine at a regular chapter meeting held April 15, 2017.
- Comments were made that perhaps the editorial policy regarding submissions were too strict. One member brought up a decision regarding a fuzzy picture and the secretary's reluctance to use it. The secretary displayed the picture in question and the complaining board member walked out throwing his credentials on the floor!
- A complaint was raised regarding an article submitted after a Foundation Golf outing that was not accepted because, in the opinion of the secretary, it was inappropriate.
- Again the article in question was displayed and it didn't mention the tournament or the outcome.
- The decision was made to move the meeting to the signing of the charters for the chapters and afterwards the meeting adjourned.