



Aircraft Armament Chiefs Association (AACA)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
22 July 2016 / 1200 EST

Location: Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Yorktown, Virginia

Participants:

Bob Sherrill	Lou Fields
Darell Brewer	Lou Johnson
Dick Vancil	Mike Lucchesi
Bob Davis	Mike Reed
Evan Godwin	Mike Turcotte
Jason Davis	Norm Evans
Jeff Hamburg	Pete Romeo
Jim McMahan	Mike Tompkins

Purpose: Quarterly General Membership Meeting during 2016 Reunion

Open Discussion / New Business:

1) Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 1210 EST / 22 Jul 16. We had 16 members in attendance including Mike Tompkins via telecom. We did not have the necessary number of attendees for a quorum; therefore any voting was postponed for web voting as required.

2) President's Comments: Mike Lucchesi welcomed all members and expressed his gratitude for all who could make it to the reunion and the meeting, in person, or telecom. He remarked with the cancelling of the Weapons Worldwide conference, many members who'd intended to attend were unable but it was a very good turnout nonetheless. He will provide slides outlining the AACA (who we are, what we do...how we make a difference and why active duty and AFRES/ANG should join) for presentation by the CFM, Jason Davis, at the Worldwide Senior Munitions Managers Conference.

3) Treasurer's Report: Joel Paxton (Treasurer) was unable to attend due to TDY; however, the president briefed the financial status in his absence.

4) Secretary's Report:

- Current Membership: 102 (-2 from last GM meeting)
- 7 New Members in 2016 (3 Life; 4 Annual)
- 66 Life Members
- 35 Annual Members
- 1 Honorary (Lou)
- Thank you Jeff Hamburg for the Gift to New Members!

- Dues Collection Initiative
24 members overdue in Mar 16
Sent email to all with overdue amounts with Life member option
2 cancelled membership
16 No payment – (13 no response; 3 indicated they’ll be paying)
3 Annual Renewal (1 partial due to PayPal error—awaiting balance)
3 Life Member Elections
End Result: 17 still overdue (6 - 0-1 yr; 6 – 1-2 yrs; 5 – 2-3 yrs)
- New Member Sign-up/Dues Payment Process (on-line AACA website)
1-4 years or Life Member Payment Options via PayPal
Membership form automatically populates member roster
Automatic message sent to Webmaster, President, Treasurer, Secretary
PLEASE REFER NEW MEMBERS TO WEBSITE TO REGISTER
- Existing Member Update Request sent via email Mar 16
On-line Form automatically populated roster -- Thanks Bob!
45 members updated
57 Members still require update

A discussion was held to determine consequences for inactive status: members cannot vote on association matters unless in good standing (dues paid). The AACA Membership roster will be updated to reflect status (Active or Inactive) so members are aware if they’re overdue. Membership in the association will never be revoked unless requested by the member. The Secretary will send an email to annual dues paying members the last quarter of each year to remind them annual dues are due every January.

AI: (Godwin) For those in the rears; following authentication of member contact info, contact each delinquent member via personal letter to confirm status and request payment.

AI: (Godwin) Add notice to website to remind members to update his/her contact info via the new process (with link) and to request new members to sign up using the same process/form

AI: (Godwin) Send list of members who have not responded to roster update request to members who have responded; they in turn will contact those whom they know if possible. Any who do not update by 1 Oct, secretary will send a personal letter to last known address.

AI: (J. Davis) Request 462/2W1 (active and retired) contact roster through CFM channels if permissible. Pass to Secretary to extract current contact info for AACA members only.

AI: (Brewer) Need policy and procedures for inactive status members (words need to cover paying delinquent dues)

5) Website: Bob Sherrill (AACA Webmaster) gave everyone a lesson on accessing the website, including: Dues/Raffle payment options, membership forms, formal docs, etc. Additionally, he briefed all on the availability of Facebook and encouraged its use to host reunion pics, job advertisements for fellow 462/2W1s, reunion and Kebil Scholarship news, etc. Jeff Hamburg requested a “hot link/button” be placed on the website to facilitate easy navigation for members wishing to pay on-line; Bob indicated he could accommodate easily.

AI: (Sherrill) Add “ Dues Payment hot link/button” to home page in a very conspicuous place.

AI: (Sherrill) Add current Constitution and By-laws to website.

6) AACA General Store:

- Annual Sales prior to reunion: \$76.00 (excluding King Suite raffle)
- Quarterly raffle initiated to increase revenue
 - 1st quarter – 50/50.....was a bust...\$0 raised.
 - 2nd quarter – King Suite.....\$400.00 (thank you Bob! Hamburg won!)
 - 3rd Quarter – 2W1/462 Reaper Flag – tickets going on sale shortly
 - 4th Quarter – Etched whiskey decanter (in-work by Tom Fields)

Discussion was held concerning current AACA shirt style being obsolete. Since very few funds are raised via shirt sales (excluding reunion shirts), all members present agreed it would be prudent to pay for our logo to be available at Lands End on-line store (and perhaps others) to allow members to purchase the apparel they desire. Doing so also allows the storekeeper an opportunity to take advantage of special sales and promotions when purchasing various clothing items for store inventory (fleece, jacket, etc.) . Store inventory includes: 1. Coins, 2, Shirts (few remaining), 3. Pins, 4. Pens. Darell Brewer has ordered license plates and will be available for purchase shortly.

AI: (Godwin) Send picture of flag and raffle instructions to Webmaster to add to website.

7) Constitution and Charter Changes Report: Mike Lucchesi discussed the constitution and charter and indicated the final revisions still require approval and posting on the AACA website.

AI: (Lucchesi) Distribute documents for final approval. Completed.

AI: (Sherrill) Add to website docs link when approved.

8) Recognition Program Report: Mike Cannon was unable to make the meeting, Mike Lucchesi led a discussion concerning the recognition program in his absence. All members are very pleased with the current program and want to pursue possibility of including ANG and AFRES commands in the program.

AI: (Jason Davis) Contact ANG and Reserve commands to determine whether or not they would like to participate, and if so, establish POCs.

9) Kebil Scholarship Report: It was determined the Kebil scholarship is in fact a 501C charity and should be advertised on Facebook and the AACA website as such. Doing so may encourage more personnel to contribute annually as tax incentives while supporting this noble cause.

AI: (Sherrill) Add 501c info to Kebil Scholarship info on Facebook and website.

10) Strategic Plan: Mike Lucchesi provided his vision of items to be included in Strategic Planning by the BOD including: long and short term goals require further details regarding career development as part of the organization; defining positions, roles and responsibilities for member understanding when considering positions and completing assigned duties; more

communication between members—how goes it, job opportunities, networking, resume reviews, etc., and best means (Linked In, Member Roster for Graybeard Volunteers, etc.). Pete Romeo volunteered to consider possible means to support communication efforts (FACT sheet) and present to the BOD—**volunteers needed to assist in this effort ...please contact Pete directly.**

AI: (Romeo) Spearhead Graybeard panel efforts, present to BOD.

11) Beverly fisher is being nominated for a honorary membership. Please note CFM informed us Bev is being moved to another position outside of 2W1 training and will be sorely missed. We need to determine what give we would like to present her on behalf of the AACA.

AI: (Lucchesi) Draft honorary member nomination package to voted on via electronic means to ensure a quorum is represented.

AI: (Jason Davis) Determine funding requirement for gift for Bev (leaving) and pass to BOD for approval consideration.

13) There was lots of discussion regarding reunion location, timing, attendance, etc. Jeff Hamburg requested the next reunion have events open to all 462's, with the exception of the general membership meeting. Those attending who are not association members would have to make their own lodging plans, etc., and not take lodging set aside for member attendees. Pete Romeo and Norm Evans indicated they'd research opportunities to advertise the reunion to maximize participation (Airman Magazine, VFW, Sergeants Magazine, etc.) The next reunion will likely be in Florida in the fall of 2018, in conjunction with AMMO's reunion. Stay tuned!!

AI: (Norm and Pete) Research best means to disseminate Reunion Info.

14) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430 EST.

The next General Membership meeting will be held by telecom in Fall 2016. Until then stay involved, visit the website, and address your AACA BoD with any concerns, ideas, complaints, or just comments in general.

//Signed/ewg/13 Nov 16//
EVAN W. GODWIN
AACA Secretary

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MICHAEL LUCCHESI
AACA President

