

MINUTES OF THE 2017 WINTER BOD MEETING – Monday, 09 January, 2017
Holiday Inn Express DFW North

Attendance:

Melanie Jarvi -	President	Roger Hill -	Membership Chairman
Bob Hoch -	Secretary/President (elect)	Dale Johnson -	Webmaster
Pete Eschhausier -	1st VP	Vicki McGowen -	GE Event planner
JC Farrell -	2 nd VP	Jock Bethune -	Scribe
Gary Yudell -	Secretary (elect)	Ray Seymour -	Invited guest
Ed Cook -	NE AD	Bill Rose -	Invited guest
Joe Perito -	Western AD	Steve Fryer -	Presentation
Stephanie Cook -	Southeast AD DDR	John Jirschele -	Presentation
Bruce Ott -	Southern Area representative	Tom Allen -	Presentation

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The Winter BOD meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Melanie Jarvi followed immediately by the Pledge of Allegiance. (75-07:45)

Secretary Bob Hoch confirmed that there was a quorum present for both the Executive Board and the full BOD. (75-08:30)

Bob then read the names of those members that have passed away since the New Orleans convention. (09:00)

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the fall board meeting at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans after one minor question was raised. (75-12:00)

Presidents Report -

Melanie thanked everyone for their cooperation during this difficult time and for their willingness to volunteer their services. (75-13:50)

Area Director appointments were held over until the president could talk to Miles Warlick who is taking over for Richard Maurer as the South East Area Director. 2nd VP JC Farrell offered to talk to Miles after he got back to Florida from the meeting. (75-14:45)

First VP Eschhausier talked about his plan to have a cruise convention in 2018. A cruise to Cuba is one of the possibilities. (75-17:30)

Executive Board Member vacancies were next. There was discussion about the circumstances of the presidential vacancy, who should have taken over, the Bylaws and how that fits into the choosing of a new president in the event of a death at that position.

MOTION: By First VP Pete Eschhausier that Bob Hoch be nominated as the 2017 President of the Grey Eagles. Seconded and with no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved. (75-23:30)

MOTION: By Bob Hoch to elect Gary Yudell as Secretary of the Grey Eagles to fill the vacancy created when he was elected President. (75-23:45) The motion was seconded and after a short discussion about

the length of the term of office the motion was unanimously approved (after another motion by Pete Eschausier and seconded) (75-26:00)

The rest of this meeting was chaired by President Bob Hoch.

Due to time constraints, the agenda was moved and Steve Fryer spoke about the Foundation. There are now just two Grey Eagle widows receiving funds from the Foundation. Funds are sufficient for about 9 years and both widows are in their late 80's. (75-33:15)

Steve continued with a discussion of the APA BRAB (Benefit, Review and Appeals Board) and Sup. Med. Insurance. He advised that as of 01/01/2017, the Sup. Med. Insurance had switched the prescription drug administrator from WellDyneRX to Benecard Services, Inc. (75-40:50)

MOTION: By Bob Hoch to have Steve Fryer, John Wilkes and Frank Walley continue as the Grey Eagle representatives to the APA Sup. Med. Committee. Seconded and with no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously. (75-40:45)

Secretary's Report -

Bob Hoch reviewed the membership totals and breakdown of new members, members over 80 and his attempts to determine the status of widows that we have been unable to contact. There was discussion of USAir reunions vs our conventions and membership dues for TWA and USAir. The report was accepted with no further questions. (75-54:00)

Treasurers Report -

Discussion centered around some convention information in the report vs. information from Vicki McGowan's accounting of the convention. Without Steve Brooks' presence at the meeting, it was unanimously decided to forgo acceptance of the report until a later time.

AD Reports -

NE Area - Ed Cook reported on the retirement dinners expenses vs cost, the USAir pilots from PHL and next year's dinner. He also reported on the NY Christmas/Holiday dinner held in December and run by JC Farrell. There was discussion about plans to get the AD's, deputies and state coordinators together to share information. (76 - all) (77-16:00)

There was discussion (again) about changing the bylaws to reflect the fact that we no longer have 5 major bases and AD's should be designated for these new major bases (PHL, CLT, PHX). (77-22:50)

MOTION: By JC Farrell to have Ed Cooke investigate a system to improve/establish governance guidance for the AD's, deputies and city/state coordinators and develop a more cohesive system that is inclusive of all of these positions. The motion was seconded and with no further discussion was passed unanimously. (77-29:20)

Western Area - Joe Perito had considerable input about how to change and improve communication and exposure of the Grey Eagles and possibly how to update the web site. (77-44.00)

Southeast Area - Stephanie Cook, acting as the DDR for Richard Maurer, reported on the Miami retirement dinner. Cost of the dinner, attendance at the dinner and Grey Eagle membership were again topics of conversation. (77-48:40)

There was a discussion about funding, AD's that are working for the APA and the AA retirement dinner. (77-1:01:00)

Southern Area – Bruce Ott reporting for the area. He discussed the Christmas luncheon, requests for Grey eagle database information. (77-1:07:50)

Pam Torell, APA Secretary/Treasurer and Grey Eagle # 4456, arrived for the meeting. (77-1:09:00)
Various subjects and offers for assistance were discussed. (77-1:50:00)

There was a break for lunch and meeting reconvened at 1:22 pm

Webmaster Report –

Dale Johnson reported. There was a discussion about advertising on the web site. (77-2:19:15)

Scribe's Report –

Jock Bethune reporting. There was a discussion about the short 2016 newsletter because he did not receive input from AD's or the events were too close to his deadline. It was decided that as a national officer, he should submit an expense report for his travels to attend events that he has attended [Ref. PM 4.16 (6)].

There was a discussion about budgets and a timetable for the newsletter. April 15th was established as an "out the door" date, March 31st as a "work complete" date for this year. Moving forward, an "out the door" date of the end of February was suggested. A suspense date of two weeks after an event to submit pictures and a written report to the scribe and webmaster was suggested as part of the AD's duties in the PM. (77-2:39:00)

Aux. Member Coordinator Report –

Connie Brooks was not present and Bob Hoch reviewed some of the items she is working on. (77-2:40:30)

Store Report – Fred Landbeck was not present but sent an inventory list to Bob Hoch. (77-2:41:30)

Convention Reports –

Vicki McGowen began with the 2016 New Orleans convention loss, then moved on to the San Diego convention. (77-2:44:56) (78-10:28) (79-36:00)

Item of note: Keeping one day room reservation if cancelling within 60 days (or 30 days) (79-36:00)

Convention 2018 is planned to be a cruise. (79-42:30)

Possible destinations are Cuba or the Caribbean. Contract before the cruise is released to the public (18 months prior). (79-1:04:00)

BRAB report –

Bruce Ott reported briefly on the BRAB, APA Sup. Med and AA travel benefits. (79-1:11:00)

Next was a presentation by John Jirschele and James Allen; Are retired pilots running out of money? What you can or should do to change that. (79-1:13:00) (79-1:29:55) (80-38:00)

Old Business –

There was no old business discussed.

New Business –

The president appointed Steve Fryer as an “at large” member of the nominating committee and will name the second person at a later date. He stated that all committee chairman had agreed to stay in their positions (AMC coordinator, membership, webmaster, storekeeper). The scribe was asked to continue serving at an earlier point in the meeting and agreed to do that. The two members of the site selection committee will be named at a later time.

MOTION: By 1st VP Pete Eschusier to approve the committee chairmen nominated by the president. The motion was seconded and with no further discussion was approved unanimously. (80-40:30)

Other new business was a discussion about the creation of a “hospitality coordinator” position, including a duties and responsibilities section in the PM. 2nd VP JC Farrell agreed to work on this and present it as a PM change at the next meeting. (80-41:00)

There was a discussion about a logo change initiated by Vicki McGowen in response to membership comments at the convention. (80-45:00)

The next agenda item was the executive board approval of expenses for the invited guests to the meeting.

Motion: By Secretary Gary Yudell to approve the expense reimbursement by the Grey Eagles for those guests invited to the winter BOD meeting by then president Melanie Jarvi. The motion was seconded and with no further discussion was approved unanimously. (80-50:20)

The last item discussed was the CRED (Committee to Re-Evaluate Retirement Dinners) committee meeting, held on Sunday, 01/08/2017 at the Holiday Inn DFW North. In attendance for that meeting were: Stephanie Cook, Gary Yudell, Melanie Jarvi, Bob Hoch and JC Farrell. The report from the meeting was submitted with many of the topics previously discussed at this BOD meeting.

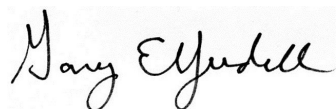
There was further discussion about how to approach funding requests from the APA. (80-57:51)

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and after a short discussion about a potential spring board meeting in SAN in May, was unanimously approved.

The following items from this meeting were either continued or require presidential or board action:

1. Area Director appointments – President
2. The naming of a second “at large” member to the nominating committee – President
3. The naming of the two site selection committee members – President
4. Creation of a Hospitality Coordinator position (PM change) – JC Farrell
5. Possible change to the official Grey Eagle logo – BOD
6. CRED committee proposals may require PM changes – JC Farrell

Respectfully submitted,



Gary E. Yudell
Secretary