



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) Public Charity preserving Army Warrant Officer History
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ANNUAL MEETING COVERING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2011 TO DATE FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Called to order: by teleconference at 1507 hours on February 2, 2012 by Chairman Markle, along with a moment of silence in memory of all our fallen Warrant Officer Comrades.

Quorum: the teleconference was validated by attendance of the following:

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board
Donald (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board
David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder
Thomas Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director
Ronald J. Whalen, CW4, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
Harry C. McCurdy, CW4, USA Ret, Director
Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director
Don Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Historian Emeritus and Advisor (ExOfficio Member without vote)
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5 USA Ret, Web Editor and Public Relations (Member without vote)

President's Report: President Dave Welsh reported that the launch of the new PenFed website and move of USAWOA Online, USAWOA Scholarship Foundation, and Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation websites to a new public web server scheduled for this weekend has been postponed and is projected to switch over o/a Sunday, February 12th. He called the Boards attention to the Foundation Donor Honor Roll sent as an informational read-ahead and remarked donations are down across the board for all non-profits. We liken that to the bad economy. He also called the attention of the Board members to the GuideStar article that was furnished as a read ahead. GuideStar is a valuable no-cost resource to the Foundation. It is one of three non-profits that places certified copies of non-profit IRS documents on their website for public view. Dave will update the Board on projects and make motions related to various projects under New Business.

Treasurers Report: Provided to the Board electronically by Treasurer Whalen. Chairman Markle requested clarification on the account in which donations were placed, which Treasurer Whalen provided. Treasurer Whalen also remarked that we will roll over the Certificate of Deposit until the year 2015 when we will determine how we will fund the 100 year anniversary of the Warrant Officer Corps display at the Army Museum. A motion was made by Director Gottfried to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woodruff and unanimously approved by the Board. Treasurer Whalen has prepared and forwarded the 2012 budget to President Welsh for review and comment. Chairman Markle requested that once there is a consensus on the budget, forward it to the Board electronically for consideration and approval.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Piatti provided a read-ahead of the motions and voting results since the last Annual Meeting. Those motions and voting results are restated below:

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April 14, 2011, motion by President Welsh to share one third of the cost (\$167.00) with the USAWOA and USAWOASF for an ad in the P.F.C.U. Foundation Gala Program. Treasurer Whalen seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

August 17, 2011, proposal by President Welsh to proceed with a concept plan to redesign the WO Memorial Bench with potential placement and to expend one-half of the bid price for the WO Memorial Benches to avoid a price increase. This proposal was seconded by Vice Chairman Woodruff and unanimously approved by the Board. The concept plan was presented at the USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members by Don Hess.

December 29, 2011, motion by President Welsh to change the official address of the WOHF to Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation, c/o Bay Life Consulting Group, LLC, 6743-1 Maddox Blvd, PO Box 438, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336-0438. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woodruff and unanimously approved by the Board.

January 19, 2012, motion by President Welsh to approve the minutes the 2010 Annual BOD Meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Whalen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Old Business:

President Welsh reported that he has nine (9) "WO HERITAGE SUPPORTER" Flag Streamers with embroidered Eagle Rising insignia on hand to be presented to organizations making major contributions to the 100th WO Birthday Historical Exhibit fund raising campaign.

Director Gottfried reported that he has 35 specially designed coins to present to individuals who make a major donation to the 100th WO Birthday Historical Exhibit fund raising campaign. This is a sufficient amount for projected donations this year.

Address Change. President Welsh reported that the records of the WOHF have been moved to the new location and the Virginia State Commission has acknowledged the address change. The address change will soon be reported to the IRS. Ron Whalen assisted President Welsh by submitting a change package to the Consumer Affairs Division, Commonwealth of Virginia. They may be contacting us for a financial report. Don Hess stated the address change will be published in the February edition of the USAWOA Newsliner. President Welsh further stated that the address for donations will remain Herndon, VA, so the USAWOA Accountant can process credit card or check donations and deposit them in our P.F.C.U. account. Finally, President Welsh will forward the masthead to the Board for correspondence.

New Business:

President Welsh discussed and motioned to register the Warrant Officer Heritage and Warrant Officer History "dot org" domains to prevent hi-jacking or spoofing for a three-year period at a cost not to exceed \$170.00. Seconded by Director McCurdy and unanimously approved by the Board.

President Welsh requested the Board's concurrence to continue his negotiation with P.F.C.U. to establish a stand-a-lone website for the Foundation. His request was made into a motion, seconded by Director Gottfried and unanimously approved by the Board.

President Welsh motioned for the Board to authorize him to initiate inquiries and get quotes on publishing a Warrant Officer History Book in 2018. Seconded by Director McCurdy and unanimously approved by the Board.

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President Welsh motioned that we contract with Pocomoke Monument Company to purchase materials and construct a memorial bench as specified in their bid at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00. And upon completion, the Board should discuss and select a location to display the bench. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woodruff and unanimously approved.

Session Recessed: A motion to remain in session by electronic means was made by Vice Chairman Woodruff, seconded by Director Gottfried, and approved. Date and time will be at the call of the Chairman or at the request of the President. Meeting concluded at 1613 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

Richard C. Markle
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Chairman of the Board

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