



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL AUGUST 21, 2013

Called to order: at 2:02 p.m. by Vice Chairman Nisker.

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

Gary Nisker, 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
Donald (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Don Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Vice President and Director
Al Curving, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director

Absent:

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board
Ida Tyree-Hyche, CW5, USA Ret, Director

Status of the July 11th BOD Meeting:

Due to the lack of a quorum on July 11th, Director Meeks motioned to adjust this meeting to an Ad hoc teleconference, seconded by Treasurer Woodruff and unanimously approved. The discussion was recorded as follows:

- a. Discussed the current of the issues previously covered in the June conference call. The consensus was that the WOHF should closely monitor the progress on the construction of the planned National Museum of the U. S. Army. We may have to plan for an alternate site for display of the 100th Birthday Historical Exhibit in the event that further delays in the construction and opening of the Museum occur. Other ongoing projects and /or plans were also discussed.
- b. Discussed the reasons for submission of an amended Schedule O (Supplemental Information to Form 990-EZ) and IRS Form 994, for tax year 2012, that were provided electronically to the Board. It was discussed that the WOHF should soon see the first check from the USAWOA distributing funds from the sale of 100th Anniversary memorabilia.
- c. Discussed memorabilia for sale by the 100th Anniversary of the Warrant Officer Joint Committee, which presently offers a 100th Warrant Officers Anniversary Coin and Embroidered Shirt. Consensus was to suggest that President Welsh and Director Gottfried, the WOHF representatives to the Committee, recommend adding a short sleeve or polo shirt to the items being sold.

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d. Discussed changing the name of our organization from the Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation to the Warrant Officer Historical Foundation. President Welsh cited several instances in which the term Heritage has caused confusion. The cost for filing would be approximately \$100.00.

Restatement of the Electronic motions and voting results:

a. On July 29, 2013, Director McCurdy tendered his resignation, but as a final act nominated CW5 Al Curving to fill the Director position he would be vacating. Seconded by President Welsh and unanimously approved by the BOD. On August 7, 2013, Chairman Markle closed nominations, called for a vote and CW5 Curving's nomination was unanimously approved by the Board on August 11th.

b. Motion by President Welsh on July 30, 2013, to change the name of the Warrant Officer Heritage Foundation to the Warrant Officer Historical Foundation. Seconded by Director Tyree-Hyche and unanimously approved by the Board on July 31, 2013.

August 21st Meeting

Treasurers Report: President Welsh noted that the report reflects the WOHF had received a check for \$800.00 from the USAWOA that was used at seed money for 100th Anniversary memorabilia. President Welsh motioned to accept the electronically submitted Treasurer's report for the month of July subject to audit, seconded by Director Hess and approved by the Board.

Secretary's Report: There was no Secretary's report since the July BOD was changed to an Ad hoc meeting.

Vice Chairman Nisker noted an updated WOHF Directors and Corporate Officers Contact List was emailed on August 12, 2013, and requested changes be reported to President Welsh who maintains the list and website.

President Welsh provided the BOD on the WOHF update for the USAWOA EXCOM on Saturday, August 17th.

President Welsh discussed that he and Director Tyree-Hyche determined there was a large number of organizations that must be notified of the WOHF name change.

Vice Chairman Nisker and President Welsh discussed the National Museum of the US Army Money Challenge and Brick Paver Program. Several members of the BOD stated they have already purchased a brick. It was noted that the WOHF purchased four bricks, three for WO Medal of Honor recipients (Ferguson, Novosel and Rocco) and Astronaut Tom Hannon. President Welsh stated that only Ferguson and Hannon are living and he would do research to get the Dedication Certificates to the deceased Next of Kin. President Welsh discussed the creation of a Rotating Warrant Officer Display that could be exhibited at the National Museum and other Museums or events.

President Welsh motioned to send a lump sum of \$300.00 to the National Museum of the US Army to support their fund raising efforts, seconded by Director Meeks and unanimously approved by the Board.

The WOHF Logo emailed to the Board was discussed. After discussion, President Welsh motioned the logo designed by Director Meeks be approved, seconded by Treasurer Woodruff and unanimously approved by the Board.

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President Welsh discussed the donations from the European Region, Eagle Rising Supporter donation by South of the Alps Chapter and Rheinland-Pfalz Silver Chapter.

President Welsh motioned to recognize former Director McCurdy as an Eagle Riser Supporter, seconded by Director Gottfried and unanimously approved by the Board. Director Gottfried asked to personally present the certificate and streamer to CW4 McCurdy and will coordinate presentation with Director Curving.

President Welsh provided a progress report on Historical Exhibit panels and the publishing of the 100th Anniversary History Book. He stated several companies conduct marketing as part of the agreement in publications such as Stars and Stripes. Don Hess will follow-up with a writer, who is currently on a book signing tour to, for guidance on publishing. It was also suggested the book be published in paperback, hardcover and electronic versions.

The authority designation of the Fort Monroe Casement Museum (Center of Military History vs. the Fort Monroe Foundation, a VA state agency) is still pending. It is hopeful that this issue will be resolved so the WOHF may donate a WO Bench to that site.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Hess, and approved by the Board. Next teleconference will be held on September 26th at 2:00 p.m. Meeting concluded at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

Gary Nisker
CW5, AV, USA Retired
Acting Chairman of the Board

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