



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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WO Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting, October 28, 2005

Call to order at 1535 by President Dave Welsh. Board members Dave Welsh, Dick Markle, Tom Piatti, and Ron Whalen participated through teleconference. Al Cox was absent.

Minutes of 30 September 2005 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: The Board was in receipt of Ron Whalen's financial report dated February 2005. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit.

Old Business

USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members - Dave discussed the annual Heritage Foundation update provided to the USAWOA AMM, which outlined the progress of our goals. Dave will post the annual report to our public web site.

History Book – The manuscript was mailed to Turner Publishing on October 12th. With a submission cut off of November 15th, we are promised a blue line the last week of November. Additionally, we are asking the US Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Association for their mailing list to go out to their population. The cover for the history book has yet to be decided.

Combined Federal Campaign Participation - Discussion began concerning the cost versus the return. Dave Welsh recommended our participation be tabled for three reasons. First, you must have a CPA audit to meet CFC requirements at a cost of approximately \$2500.00. Second, a registration for each participant state must be acquired at a cost of \$25.00 per state, similar to the United Way, and you must register in several states. Third, the Foundation must be bonded. Dick made a motion to continue to table this item until more information on cost effectiveness can be obtained. The motion was seconded by Ron and unanimously approved.

Crossland Air Gun – A fund raising initiative was proposed by Crossland, which consisted of engraving the Eagle Rising on the stock of an air rifle and selling it to the membership. Crossland would perform manufacturing, order processing and shipping tasks. The cost of a buyer would be \$160.00 and a donation would be made to the Foundation. The Board discussed the low potential revenue of this endeavor. Tom made a motion to reject Crossland's offer. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

Army Historical Association Membership– Dave made a motion for the Foundation to set aside \$50.00 to allow the Chairman/President to have an individual membership rather than an organizational membership of \$1500.00. The motion was seconded by Ron and unanimously approved. The Chairman/President will join and then present an invoice to Ron for payment.

New Business:

The BOD entertained a motion to reelect all Directors. Motion made by Dick, seconded by Ron and unanimously passed.

The BOD entertained a motion to reelect the Foundation President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Motion made by Dick, seconded by Tom and unanimously passed.

The BOD entertained a motion to elect a Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Motion made by Ron to elect Dick, seconded by Tom and unanimously passed.

The BOD entertained a motion to elect a Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Motion made by Ron to elect Al, seconded by Tom and unanimously passed.

The BOD entertained a motion to add two additional Directors positions to the BOD, for the purpose of giving four Directors, who do not hold Foundation Corporate offices oversight of the three officers of the Association. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Dick and unanimously passed.

Chairman Markle appointed the BOD as a search committee to nominate two additional Directors within 30 to 45 days. We discussed Don Woodruff and Ben Gottfried as potential candidates.

The BOD entertained a motion to remain in session via electronic means. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Dave and unanimously passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ron and seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 1624.

David P. Welsh, CW5, AUS Ret.
President and Chairman of the Board

Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret.
Secretary

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board
Alfred E. Cox , CW3, USA Ret., Vice Chairman
David P. Welsh, CW5, AUS Ret, Director and President
Thomas Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Director and Secretary
Ronald J. Whalen, CW4, USA Ret, Director and Treasurer.