



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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WO Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting, Friday, August 20, 2004

Call to order: at 1105 by President Dave Welsh. All Board members participated in this teleconference

Minutes of August 20, 2004: There was no previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report: The Board was in receipt of Ron Whalen's financial report dated July 11, 2004. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit. Dave informed the Board that the USAWOA bookkeeper, Brenda Clough, resigned her position on August 13th for personal reasons.

Old business

The BOD, through e-mail, had previously addressed the topic of accepting the WO History Book project from the USAWOA. This is the second edition of the Book published in the early 90s. Additional information was sought and received, and led to the following:

Motion: Ron Whalen made a motion to accept the WO History Book Project. Al Cox seconded the motion.

Discussion: In the late 1980s, the USAWOA embarked on a project to capture the History of the Warrant Officer Corps and information on individual warrant officers. A bound book was created by Turner Publishing Company that initially sold for \$65.00. That edition now sells for \$39.95. This Book sold 4 times the number originally requested. This year, USAWOA conducted a survey in which 48 people responded favorably towards an updated Book. The EXCOM approved a second edition, but does not have the resources to administer the project; hence they asked the Heritage Foundation to administer the project.

The Board discussion on accepting this project was very positive. The new Book should include a condensed version of the history of the WO Corps taken from the original edition and updated. It should include a "Hall of Heroes" with a bio and photo of our fallen comrades. Don Stivers would be approached for his approval to use his painting "Let it Go" for the cover. Assembling input for the Book would be performed by volunteers; three people have already volunteered. USAWOA would receive a 5% royalty through Book sales.

After discussion a vote on the project was taken. The Board unanimously voted to accept the History Book Project.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1230. Next meeting will be held in October during the AAM.

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

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Secretary