



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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WO Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, May 12, 2006

Call to order at 1538 by Chairman Dick Markle. All board members attended.

Minutes of October 28, 2005, were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: The Board was in receipt of Ron Whalen's financial report dated May 2006. Ben asked about the money received from CW4 John Timm. Ron stated it was a donation. Ben asked if we had a mechanism to contact life members for donation. The Board agreed to address this topic later. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit.

Old Business

Warrant Officer History Book – Turner Publishing is behind on publishing the book. An 8-12 week publishing projection is planned. Dave will update (via email) those who have purchased the book and have inquired about the mailing date. The May USAWOA NEWSLINER will contain information on the publishing delay and a new estimated release date (September 2006). Approaching the US Coast Guard Warrant Officer and Chief Warrant Officer Association for mailing lists is delayed until we get closer to publication.

Army Historical Association – Projecting a 2011 opening. Dick will contact them for an information update. This information will be emailed to the Board.

New Business:

Life Member Notification - To follow-up on Ben's earlier question, "Are Life Members notified about current Historical Foundation initiatives and are we soliciting donations from them?" It was discussed that the USAWOA prepares a periodic memo to Life Members providing them with information on current programs, which includes the ability for them to donate to those programs. Woody asked, "Does the USAWOA processes credit card donations for us?" Ron replied "yes" and the deposits are made directly into our account. Woody asked if it would be worthwhile to go to Life Members with a solicitation letter, because it is obvious they are committed to the Corps by virtue of being Life Members.

Dave stated that it would cost approximately \$250.00 in postage (\$.39 times 650). Ron stated that timing is important because on-going raffles increase the workload of the USAWOA staff. Dave further stated that we would have to approach the EXCOM to use the staff or do it ourselves. At this point, Ron volunteered to write the letter, obtain the envelopes and mail them rather than involving the USAWOA Staff.

Woody made a motion for the Foundation to draft a letter to the Life Members of the USAWOA seeking their support. Ron seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The projected release would be around September 2006. Several Board members agreed to work on a letter and forward it electronically for review and approval. The date of June 9th has been set as a date to get the draft memo to the BOD. Later in the discussion, Woody donated \$100.00 dollars to the Foundation. Ben trumped Woody by donating \$101.00 to the Foundation.

Session Closed: A motion to remain in session by electronic means was made by Ron and seconded by Dave. Meeting concluded at 1628. Annual BOD will be held in October 2006. Date and place will be coordinated and announced.

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Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

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