



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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WO Heritage Foundation (WOHF) Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference, February 25, 2005

Call to order at 1500 by President Dave Welsh. All Board members participated through teleconference.

Minutes of October 15, 2004 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Board was in receipt of Ron Whalen's financial report dated February 2005. Discussion began over the income of the Certificate of Deposit (CD) and the accounting of the USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members donations. Ron Whalen confirmed that ownership of the CD was changed by Pentagon Federal Credit Union (PFCU) from the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA) to the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation (WOHF). Ron also noted that the USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM) donations and all other WOHF donations are tallied by the USAWOA accountant and deposited in to the PFCU WOHF account to ensure our balance is never under \$500.00 (so we do not pay fees). Then, Ron transfers the amount over \$500.00 to an interest bearing PFCU WOHF account. Additionally, donations of \$100.00 or greater receive recognition. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit.

Old business

Dave Welsh gave a progress report on the Warrant Officer History Book, Volume . His concern was that the publisher had received a large number of individual histories, but only 68 books had been sold to date. Due to high OPTEMPO and deployments, the window of submission will be extended from April 15 to July 15 2005. In addition, a new USAWOA address list was used to do a second mailing to add those USAWOA members not previously notified.

New Business:

On March 1, Dave Welsh will attend a Delaware Army National Guard Warrant Officer function and present USAWHF materials.

Dave sought new ideas to promote the WO History Book. He stated the Command Chief Warrant Officers of the USAR and ARNG are promoting the book during their periodic meetings.

It was suggested by the Board membership to advertise the History Book in the Army Times. Dave Welsh will contact the Army Times to determine the cost for an ad.

Tom Piatti asked if biographical information and photos could be sent to the publisher electronically, and if PayPal could be used as a means for payment for the book. This would ease the method of submission, especially for those deployed. Dave Welsh stated he would check with the publisher and report back to the Board.

Dave Welsh will send the Board members the current WOHF PowerPoint presentation.

Dick Markle will pursue setting up a meeting with the Army Museum Foundation Staff and Oscar Patterson, Office of the Program Manager for the Army Museum, at Fort Belvoir. Dave Welsh suggested the WOHF pursue an organizational membership with the Army Museum Foundation to establish a partnership.

Dave Welsh recommended we pursue an audit of the financial records in June, July or by Fiscal Year to match the IRS Form 990. Dave stated this the Form 990 is required for the WOHF to obtain permanent non-profit status. Ron Whalen suggested an independent audit by a finance NCO for a \$25.00 stipend.

For the Annual Meeting of the WOHF BOD in October, the Chairman needs to appoint a nominations committee. We should consider expanding the Board to seven members to separate the Executive Board from Operating Officials. Dave will summarize his thoughts and get them out to us in a separate email.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Whalen and seconded by Al Cox. Meeting adjourned at 1600. Next meeting will be a teleconference in on April 15, 2005.

Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret.
Secretary and Director

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