

October 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes, Tucson, Arizona

Meeting held in conference room at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton at the Tucson International Airport. All board members present except for Don Hessenflow and Tom Wark, who were absent due to health reasons. Member Ray Snedegar was also present. After fiddling with the projector for several minutes, the meeting was called to order by President Mike Welch. Chairman George Dockery then took the floor and made an opening statement. Several suggestions were then made:

1. The need to develop successors to the current officers and board members.
2. Recruiting new members who will participate.
3. Hector Leyva suggest that the name of the organization be changed at some time in the future to attract new members.
4. Hector suggested that the association advertize.
5. Someone suggest that goals should be set.

After Chairman's opening remarks and discussion about how suggestions should be met, Secretary Sam McGowan read the minutes of the Warner Robins meeting. Bill Kehler made motion to approve, seconded by Jim Esbeck. Treasurer's report submitted by Treasurer Ralph Bemis. Jim Esbeck presented the income/expense report for the reunion/members meeting. Association membership was discussed. The floor was opened for new business. Ray Snedegar discussed the situation at the US Air Force Museum.

1. George Dockery recommended that the 2016 reunion be held in Little Rock. After some discussion, Sam McGowan seconded the motion and the recommendation passed.
2. There was some discussion of the possibility of placing a memorial at the US Air Force Musuem in Dayton, Ohio. There seemed to be a general agreement that we should place a memorial rather than a bench.
3. The upcoming election was discussed. Board member Bobby Gassiott stated that he would like to be replaced in the next election rather than waiting until the end of his term due to health issues.
4. Hector Leyva discussed the possiblity of an effort to have the Air Force Cross awarded to the late TSgt Charles L. Shaub upgraded to a Medal of Honor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sam McGowan

Secretary