

CWB # 2 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board – 13 October 2012, MoF, Seattle

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 PM

Present: Clark, Rombauer, Smyth, Desmon, Jackson, Kopp, Youman, Williams, Hill, Nadeau

Absent: Morrell, Anders, Almstead, Owens, Caruso

Upon M/S, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

It wasn't exactly a free-for-all, but certainly free-form. The following occurred over the course of the meeting:

Fred mentioned the changes IRT EAA's B-17 program, i.e. scheduling, maintenance, commission earned, etc. Dave mentioned last winter's hail damage and the huge repair cost. He suggested the squadron donate as much as \$5,000 toward the repair and challenge other squadrons to donate. The amount and methodology were debated. Finally, the board directed CO Morrell (in absentia) to open a dialog with B-17 Program Manager M Viola (or other suitable individual), inform him that we are considering a significant donation toward the repair cost, but first want to know how our concerns will be addressed; e.g. pricing as compared to competitors, scheduling as related to competitors, commission rate, etc.

Michael Kopp forwarded from HFF their concern that CWB's attendance at VAW cost more (rooms and dinners) than CWB's contribution (\$3,000). He said HFF was hoping that the 2013 contribution would be greater in order that more of the costs would be covered. There were some questions posed about what other attendees may have donated and how those costs were covered.

Crash Williams stated the importance of financially supporting NWOC when it returns to Seattle in February. It is important enough, he said, that he will contribute one-half of the Elite Level sponsorship (it is \$2,500) if the squadron will pay the other half. M/S to accept from Crash Williams \$1,250 toward NWOC Elite Level sponsorship and fund the difference. Debate ensued, including our prior sponsorship. M/S to table the topic until November.

Paul Youman requested authority to create a squadron shoulder patch specifically for marshallers. He presented a proposed design and stated there would be no cost to the squadron as an earlier anonymous donation would cover the cost. The patch would be issued by the Head Marshaller to those who were certified CWB marshallers. M/S to approve the request. Much debate followed IRT (1) the actual design, and (2) the necessity of having a separate patch. The topic was tabled until November. Paul will have the design reworked in the interim.

The question of a 2013 Warbird calendar was raised. Michael will check with HFF and report..

Discussion of the 2012 flying season occurred. A comment was made that it seemed attendance by owners was down compared to earlier years. After further discussion, with many guesses offered regarding such a decline, Dave Desmon will formulate a questionnaire seeking answers that will be emailed to our owners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

For the Squadron

Fred C Smyth

Adjutant