

FIREBIRD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes of the 2014 Reunion General Membership Meeting (April 6, 2014) Biloxi, MS.

Dick Dodge, President, opened the meeting at 11:11 hours.

Minutes: Warren Miller read the minutes of the Galveston April 24, 2012 reunion. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by J. C. Arrington:

Total after the 2012 Reunion:	\$12, 467.50
Received Dues and Fees:	\$ 6,865.00
Before Reunion Balance:	\$18,180.50
Projected Reunion Payout:	\$6,000.00
Projected After Reunion Balance:	\$12, 180.50

The IRS Form 990-N was filed on Mar 4,2014 and was accepted by the IRS on Mar 4,2014. The Treasurer's Report was approved as given.

Old Business:

A/C 57-493: In the 2014 reunion, Jerry Livingston announced that he had been trying to get the skis put back on 493. Note: A/C 57-493 has been in the Reunion Minutes since our 2000 reunion. The A/C has been moved to a display spot but the skis have been lying next to the aircraft since before the 2006 reunion. Eric Wiener stated that the DM web site shows the skis are still lying beside the aircraft. It was recommend that the Firebird Association send a \$100 check to show that we are interested in the project. Felix Maguire stated he would check on the project. It was also recommended that we write a letter stating that we were interested in getting the skis put back on the aircraft and having the Firebird symbol put back on the aircraft. This was made into a motion and passed.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Dick Dodge stated that we need two Officers for the next board. We need an Officer to be the next VP. We also need two at large board members, one to replace John Parker who will be made an Honorary Member at Large, and a member to replace Tom Noel, the 109th Representative. Dick stated that Ken Priblyla had volunteered to be the new Vice President and that Eric Wiener had volunteered to be the 109th Representative. We still need someone to be a member at large to fill John Parkers' slot. Ron Farrell volunteered to take that slot. A motion was made and seconded to add these three persons to the board. The motion was voted on and passed.

The 2014 - 2016 Firebird of Directors

President: Bob Mattingly
Vice President: Ken Pribyla
Secretary: Warren Miller
Treasurer: J. C. Arrington
Historian and Website: Nolan Bailey
Newsletter: J. C. Arrington
Past Three Presidents: Dick Dodge
Jay Walker
Alan Anderson

Board Members at Large: Sid Marcus
Gene Ramsay
Ray Reaves
Ron Farrell
Eric Weiner (109th AW NYANG)

Honorary Board Member: John Parker

Next Reunion:

It was mentioned that the weather was not all that great for this reunion and that maybe we should consider having the reunion at a different time such as fall. It was discussed that fall was also hurricane season. Those that were familiar with hurricane seasons, stated that this should not be a reason to not have it in the Fall. Locations were discussed. Tucson was recommended, but Sal Salazar stated that the only time the rates were reasonable were in the very hot summer time. A straw vote indicated that several members would not attend one in Tucson as the distant required for travel was too great. Fredicksburg, TX was brought up again as a good place to have the reunion. The problems of the golf course being closed on Monday and Tuesday had been resolved. They were lots of things to do in the area and that the hotel had a nice room available and we could serve our on booze. Nashville was also recommended as well as the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson, Dayton, Ohio. Alan Anderson stated that four years ago the Air Force Museum would let you have the banquet under the wing of the B-52 in the hanger. One problem would be the vast walking required to visit the museum. A hotel nearby had all that was needed for a good reunion. The Planning Committee will make a decision on when and where. Honi Garven, Bernnie Warren and Bud Hall wanted to be included on the Planning Meeting.

Other Comments:

Several members complained that the information on our web site was not current. Dick Dodge stated that there being no further business to be brought before the Board,

he would entertain a motion to close the meeting. A motion was made and seconded and voted on. The meeting was closed at 11:55 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Miller

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Secretary