



Sky Soldiers Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting – November 17, 2019 (Amended Jan. 3, 2020)

The meeting was conducted as a teleconference.

Those in attendance were:

President – Ray Saikus

Treasurer – David Williams

Secretary – John Barthelemy

Board Member – Bill Vose

Board Member – Tom Hummell

Board Member – Terry Aubrey

Board Member – Eric Hitchcock

1. Meeting Minutes:

The meeting opened with a discussion of the minutes from the previous meeting. Eric Hitchcock made a motion to accept the minutes, this was seconded by Bill Vose. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Financial Report:

- a. David Williams led a brief discussion of our finances which included the status of the CFC banners being shipped to Italy.
- b. Eric Hitchcock asked about totals for each restricted fund. David answered that this was included in the email he had sent.
- c. Bill Vose made a motion to accept the report and this was seconded by Tom Hummell.
- d. The motion was accepted unanimously.

3. Scholarship Fund Report and Discussion

- a. Bill Vose and Tom Hummell discussed a motion that had been made to amend a previous motion to ensure funds go into college accounts. It was felt this was too restrictive. The comment was made that doing this would increase the difficulty in administering the scholarship funds. The last sentence of the first motion stated this:
 - i. Awards will be paid to the account of the applicant at the educational institution identified in the application form.
 - ii. The second motion made by Terry Aubrey was to remove this sentence from the original motion.
 - iii. The motion was accepted unanimously.
- b. Motion to amend Article 14 of Scholarship Fund made by Bill Vose.

Move to amend paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Scholarship Fund from the present wording to the following:

 - i. Scholarship fund: This fund reaches out across the generations of Sky Soldiers and delivers our gratitude and financial assistance to active duty, KIA, or separated living Sky Soldiers themselves, and to their immediate families. All

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applicants must be post high school and accepted into or enrolled in an institution of post high school education. All applicants who are qualified must be a regular member in good standing of the association or sponsored by a regular member in good standing. An application is only valid when the fully completed application is received by the foundation in a singled PDF file accompanied by the applicants most recent transcript and a photo of the applicant.

This motion was seconded and voted to be accepted unanimously by the board.

4. Gold Star Report:
 - a. Ray Saikus began the discussion by thanking Wayne Bowers, representing Chapter 30, for the \$1500 donation they made to last years Gold Star dinner. He also thanks Doris Brazzale and her two daughters for the time and effort they spent making the dinner a success.
 - b. Ray also mentioned that the chapter presidents were invited to the dinner and that next years Gold Star lunch had been moved to Saturday.
 - c. Eric Hitchcock volunteered to take on fund raising responsibilities for the Gold Star program. After a discussion this was tabled.
 - d. Terry Aubrey discussed that various chapter presidents had stated they have been disappointed with the Foundations responsiveness to some Sky Soldiers needs. After a discussion no action was taken.
5. Sky Soldier Magazine:
 - a. Terry discussed the cost of sending 200 copies of the magazine to Italy. The Foundation will provide funding for this effort.
 - b. The summer and fall issues of the magazine have been printed and are ready to mail.
 - c. Tom Hummell asked what the cost of printing one issue of the magazine is. Terry answered that it is around \$4000 to \$5000 an issue.
 - d. No actions were taken or pending
6. Emails to membership.
 - a. Discussion led by Ray in John's absence.
 - b. Requested access to the Association database to download membership information.
 - c. Terry Aubrey will contact Ryan Shipley and John Barthelemy regarding this.
7. Fundraising by Chapters
 - a. Discussed the confusion that exists with chapters fundraising activities and problems that could occur using the Foundation's name in its fund raising. Monies raised by fundraising activities cannot be co-mingled with fundraising for other purposes and uses other than the Foundation. This is especially true when using, or in, the Foundations name. This restriction exists because of current IRS regulations. The Association JAG will be consulted regarding the best, and legal, way to do this correctly.



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8. Annual Board Meeting and Elections

- a. It is documented that there should be two meetings a year. One will be the Annual Meeting which will be conducted at the Mid-Winter conference and the other will be held at the reunion.
- b. Bill Vose stated that he and Tom, the election committee, are waiting to receive names of those wanting to be considered for election. Elections are held in even numbered years and this year the president and treasurer are up for re-election.
- c. No actions necessary

9. Wild Apricot's AffiniPay process

- a. There was a discussion of the changes coming next year to Wild Apricot's billing process. Bill Vose made a motion to accept AffiniPay as our new payment process. This was seconded by Terry.
- b. Vote to accept was unanimous.

10. Tom Hummell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Terry and voted on unanimously.