

Minutes of Board Meeting, November 8, 2008, San Antonio Texas

The meeting was called to order at 0835. In the absence of Chairman Alfred "Ace" Bowman due to illness, Vice-Chairman Carl Wyrick conducted the meeting. Present were President Hector Leyva, Secretary Sam McGowan, Treasurer Ralph Bemis and board members Bobby Gassiott, Andy Vaquera and Jim Esbeck. The minutes of the February 2, 2008 board meeting were read by Sam McGowan.

The first order of business was a recommendation by Carl Wyrick that we set a goal for each member to recruit three new members. The recommendation was put into a motion and seconded by Ralph Bemis. The motion passed unanimously. Sam McGowan brought up the compilation and dispatching of news article promoting the Association to various magazines and newspapers including The Air Force Times. Sam McGowan pointed out that the terms of five board members; Bobby Gassiott, Jim Esbeck, Chick Anderson and Craig Clifton were for only one year and were due to expire. Carl Wyrick made a motion that we nominate all five to continue in their positions for three-year terms. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The next item for discussion was the frequency of Association conventions. Carl Wyrick commented that due to the proliferation of military reunions, TCTAA conventions should be held biennially rather than annually. The recommendation was put to a motion; the motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands.

Hector Leyva recommended that the Association make the late Charlie Shaub an honorary member. Carl Wyrick recommended the late Warren "Huey" Long. The late Charles W. Howe was also recommended as a person that should be given special honor. There were was some discussion as to how there men and others should be honored, including posting special web pages in their honor and accepting contributions in their name. The recommendation was put into the form of a motion, seconded and passed by a show of hands.

The location of the next convention was brought up for discussion. In view of Ralph Bemis having commented that he is currently unable to devote the time necessary to put things together, we recognized that having our next convention in Little Rock is presently out of the question. The board recognized that lessons learned from the San Antonio convention and the two previous troop carrier/tactical airlift homecomings in Galveston are that it is imperative to have someone locally to put things together. Hector commented that he had raised \$3,000 locally in San Antonio that greatly reduced the costs to the individual members for the event. The board agreed that future conventions should be held either in conjunction with an air show or at a place where a military or aviation museum is located since we are a military aviation organization.

It was agreed that we would try to have our next convention in conjunction with an air show. Andy commented that there had been an air show in San Antonio the previous weekend. Sam McGowan brought up the annual Wings Over Houston which is held at Ellington Field and suggested that the next convention could be in Galveston. We agreed that Hector would look into the San Antonio air show and Sam McGowan would look into Wings Over Houston. Hector and Andy reported that they have formed a chapter of the Professional Loadmasters Association in San Antonio and will be hosting the 2010 PLA "Gathering of Loads" and suggested the possibility of having the TCTAA convention concurrently We all agreed that it is an option to consider.

Ralph Bemis gave the treasurer's report and reported that prior to setting expenses for the convention; we have \$6,637.00 in our account.

We adjourned for a break before the members meeting to follow.

Sam McGowan

Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by President Hector Leyva at 1030. There was no old business to discuss so, after Ralph Bemis' reading of the treasurer's report, the discussion went right to new business. Thanks were given to Hector Leyva and Andy Vaguera for putting together the convention. Everyone agreed they had done an excellent job.

Reelection of board members whose terms were due to expire to a new term by acclimation was presented and passed with no opposition.

The suggestion to make Association conventions biennial events was presented to the membership. A motion was made to accept it, it was seconded and passed. The recommendation to have future events in conjunction with an event or location related to military aviation was presented. A motion was made to accept it; it was seconded and passed. The members were advised that the San Antonio and Houston air shows had been suggested, but that the board was open to suggestions from the membership as to location of the next event, which will be in 2010.

The members were advised of the plan to set up a memorial page, with Col. Charles W. Howe, Major Warren "Huey" Long and TSgt Charles Shaub as the first to be memorialized.

The floor was opened up to suggestions and comments from the membership.

Member Bobbie Dawson recommended that steps be taken to have some kind of events for the women who came to future events. The board agreed to take it under advisement.

There was no other new business.

A motion was made to adjourn; it was accepted and passed.

After the meeting, the membership was treated to a presentation by San Antonio resident retired CMSgt Bob Laymon on his experiences as a T-39 crew chief in the "Scatback" VIP transportation and courier squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1971-1972

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