B-52 STRATOFORTRESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
2 July 2022
1400-1500 CDT

ATTENDING:
Russ Stephenson, President
Dave White, Webmaster
Tommy Towery, Newsletter Editor
Tim Hurst, Member
Bob Harder, Member (Scholarships)
Steve Amato, Member (Memorials) (phone only, no contact)
Steve Miller, Vice President
Douglass Seward (Member)
Clif Banner, Secretary
Rich Nelson, Treasurer
Jim Bradley, Membership
Steve Brown, Member

Not Present:
James Hooppaw, President Emeritus

AGENDA/Secretary’s Minutes:
See Attachment 1 for the 2 July BoD Meeting Agenda. Russ Stephenson brought the meeting to order at 1403 CDT. The previous meeting minutes (4 June 2022, amended on 30 June) were read with no changes suggested. Rich Nelson moved to accept; seconded by Jim Bradley. The June 2022 BoD Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATUS/Treasurer’s Report:
Rich Nelson reported on the association’s accounts and all bills have been paid. Contact Rich for additional detail.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Memorial Update – Bench Status (Steve Amato)
   To minimize Steve Amato’s time online, Russ Stephenson moved this topic to the head of the agenda. Steve reported the Memorial status the same as in June. The Historical Section in charge Heraldry and Memorials and similar matters at Maxwell AFB (Air University) is still working on the B-52 matters.

   We suspect the 75th Anniversary of the USAF is taking precedence and slowing the processing of our memorial request. Russ thanked Steve for his good work, and we will await final adjudication on our memorial plans.
2. **2022 Rendezvous Update (Sept 8-11, 2022):**

   Russ reviewed the status of the Rendezvous registration. During this event, the Association will present Vietnam 50\textsuperscript{th} Commenorative pins to eligible veterans. He noted there is a special pin for Vietnam POWs, as we are expecting one or more to attend. He will make the appropriate applications for the special POW pins in time to receive the pins and accompanying certificates.

3. **Possible future use of Association Funds Update**

   Bob Harder discussed the potential scholarship or other use of Association funds. He has been convinced our direction may want to look at non-scholarship options—grants—such as support of air museums and, perhaps, preservation of static display aircraft.

   There was good discussion, and while many thought use of Association funds for aircraft presentation would be a drop in the bucket compared to needed funds to preserve or display an aircraft, Bob will consider to work on the ideas and discuss it some more at future BoD meetings.

4. **New Website and Retail Sales Update**

   Sales have been good. We are averaging $284 per month which reflects 20\% of online sales. The Image Mark team will deliver pre-ordered merchandise to the Rendezvous, so we should be encouraging pre-orders to attendees.

5. **WEBMASTER:**

   No business to discuss

6. **NEWSLETTER:**

   Tommy Towery said the next edition of the Newsletter will be after the Rendezvous in mid- to late-September.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **LAST FLIGHT:**

   There was more discussion on the “Last Flight” notices honoring B-52-associated individuals who have passed away. Since there is no requirement for a deceased member to have been a member of the Association, Dave White said he would delete the membership affiliation from the Last Flight database.

2. **B-52 Model Donation:**

   For USAF SSgt has donated a 1/72\textsuperscript{nd} scale model B-52 which could be displayed at the biennial Rendezvous meetings. There is an individual, Andy Bloom, at the
Barksdale AFB Museum who would be willing to build, ship, and, perhaps, provide a stand/mount for the model for about $450 for time and materials. He said shipping would be safe for this fragile model if the vertical stabilizer were removed and laid flat with the rest of the model.

3. Gunners’ Association and Crew Chiefs’ Association:

Douglass Seward brought up the subject of combining forces with groups like the Gunners’ and Crew Chiefs’ organizations and, perhaps, gaining attendees at the Rendezvous. He will be attending some upcoming meetings of organizations like these and also knows many of the principals in these groups. He’ll continue to keep us advised.

NEXT BoD MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 6th 2022, 1400-1500 CDT / 1500-1600 EDT

ADJOURNMENT: The BoD meeting ended at 1602 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clif Banner
Secretary, B-52 Stratofortress Association
B-52 Stratofortress Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday, July 2, 2022
2 to 3 PM CDT, Zoom Call

1. Call to order, quorum present
2. Previous Meeting Minutes (Clif Banner)
3. Treasurer Report (Rich Nelson)

4. Old Business Updated
   a. Status, 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program (CPP)
   b. Update Fundraising through increased sales (Russ Stephenson) Advertising challenge
   c. Scholarship Plans (Bob Harder)
   d. Update Memorial (Steve Amato)
   e. Last Flight Review and Approval
   f. Pre-order B-52 Apparel for pick-up at the Rendezvous (saves shipping charges).
   g. 2022 Rendezvous Providence RI (Russ Stephenson)

   Thursday: Business Meeting, Cocktails, Buffet dinner, and Speaker

   Friday: Breakfast, Boston tour, lunch, USS Constitution, dinner on your own

   Saturday: Breakfast, Submarine Museum New London/Groton, lunch, “The Breakers”,

   Sunday: Breakfast, RTB

5. New Business:
   a. B-52 Model (1/72 scale) Donation and build (Russ)

   b. Newsletter next issue (Tommy Towery)

6. Proposed next BoD meeting is Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 2 pm CDT via Zoom

7. Adjourn