B-52 STRATOFORTRESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING &
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
8 September 2022
1530-1700 EDT

ATTENDING (In person or via Zoom):
Russ Stephenson, President
Steve Miller, Vice President
Dave White, Webmaster
Tim Hurst, Member
Douglass Seward (Member)
Clif Banner, Secretary
Rich Nelson, Treasurer
Bob Harder, Member (Scholarships)
Steve Amato, Member (Memorials)
Steve Brown, Member

Not Present:
James Hooppaw, President Emeritus
Jim Bradley, Membership
Tommy Towery, Newsletter Editor

AGENDA/Secretary’s Minutes:
See Attachment 1 for the 8 September BoD Meeting Agenda. Russ Stephenson brought the meeting to order at 1530 EDT at the 2022 Rendezvous site in Warwick, RI. The previous meeting minutes (6 Aug 2022) were published with no changes suggested. Clif Banner moved to accept; seconded by Tommy Towery. The July 2022 BoD Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATUS/Treasurer’s Report:
Rich Nelson reported on the association’s accounts. Contact Rich for Details.

Dave White moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Tommy Towery seconded; the report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Memorial Bench Update – Bench Status (Steve Amato)
Steve Amato reported the status of the B-52 Memorial and the Memorial Benches at the AF Museum in Dayton, OH. He posted a series of photos and drawings in the hotel meeting space (Hospitality Room) for members to see and discuss throughout the Rendezvous. Steve spent some time talking about the Cold War
Bench and the Southwest Asia Bench. These are about to be fabricated and installed as part of the USAF’s 75th Anniversary.

2. **2022 Rendezvous Update (Sept 8-11, 2022):**

Russ reviewed the status of the Rendezvous final agenda, including excursions to the submarine museum, the Boston Freedom Trail outing, and the Newport mansions tour. Each attendee will receive a B-52 Stratofortress Association coin as part of the registration package. There were 3 large prints of the B-52 posted in the Hospitality Room, and these will be part of the raffle on Saturday.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

1. **Association Coins / B-52 Challenge Coins**

A coin will be put into each reservation package and may end up inserted into the badge envelope as each registrant signs in. Boeing is cooperating in the purchase of some 500-1000 coins. These will not have the “member” designation for the Association, as many will be given to various Boeing customers, many of whom are not members of the Association. We hope for wide distribution of these challenge coins.

2. **Association Sales:**

Dave Telli, Marketing Manager, introduced himself and described how members may purchase items through the Association website.

3. **Last Flight Recognition:**

Russ Stevenson discussed the purpose of the Last Flight section on the Association website. Dave White will add a clarification for the Last Flight portion of the website.

4. **Membership:**

Jim Bradley discussed membership. There are 1462 members, but 44% are not active, but will remain as historical data on the Association membership database and the Association website.

Original B-52 Stratofortress Coins will be auctioned off on Saturday night, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

5. **Early Thoughts on the 2024 Rendezvous venues:**
Russ Stephenson and others discussed potential 2024 Rendezvous options. These included Seattle, Tinker AFB, Branson MO, Barksdale, and Minot, among others with Tinker, Branson as better possibilities.

Members asked about the “high bay” facility at/near Tinker and what was happening there. The current thinking is that Kelly (San Antonio TX) may be the site for B-52 engines.

Regarding the 2024 Rendezvous, there is much to decide, but there was expressed interest in both Tinker and Branson from members of the Association.

NEXT BoD MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10th 2022, 1500-1600 EDT / 1400-1500 CDT via Zoom. (Next BoD meeting originally planned for 8 Oct at 1400 CDT.)

ADJOURNMENT: The BoD meeting ended at 1552 EDT in preparation for the General Membership Meeting, which started at 1600 EDT. Notes for the General Membership Meeting are included in the above discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clif Banner
Secretary, B-52 Stratofortress Association
Attachment 1 – Agenda for 8-September-2022 Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda
B-52 Stratofortress Association
2022 Rendezvous
Thursday September 8, 2022

1530 – 1600  Board of Directors Meeting (As required)
Require Quorum (or via Zoom)
No specific agenda – General Discussions

1600 – 1700  B-52 Stratofortress Membership Meeting

1. General update
   a. Treasurer Report
   b. Secretary Report
   c. Memorial Bench update
   d. “Last Flight” postings
   e. Increase membership Check your flying buddies

2. Web Store sales – new items
   a. Memorial coins, lapel/hat pins on sale
   b. Suggest new items

3. Need volunteers to assist in Membership

4. 50-50 raffle
   a. 3 paintings (Plus 2 coins per drawing)
   b. Grand Prize 50% of the pot
   c. $5 per ticket or 3 for $10 or 6 for $20

5. 2024 Rendezvous
   a. Seattle (Boeing/Museum of Flight)
   b. Tinker AFB
   c. Branson
   d. Barksdale AFB
   e. Minot AFB
   f. Castle AFB

6. The next BoD meeting is Thursday, October 10th 2022, at 1400 CDT