ATTENDING (via Zoom):
   Russ Stephenson, President
   Steve Miller, Vice President
   Rich Nelson, Treasurer
   Clif Banner, Secretary
   Dave White, Webmaster
   Jim Bradley, Membership
   Tommy Towery, Newsletter Editor
   Steve Amato, Member (Memorials)
   Douglass Seward (Member)
   Bob Harder, Member (Scholarships)
   Steve Brown, Member

Not Present:
   James Hooppaw, President Emeritus
   Tim Hurst, Member

AGENDA/Secretary’s Minutes:

   See Attachment 1 for the 10 October BoD Meeting Agenda. (Note: The
   Armed Forces Reunions representative, Charley Dey, was scheduled to speak to the BoD
   at the beginning of the meeting, but was unable to appear at this time. See New Business,
   item 1.)

   Russ Stephenson brought the meeting to order at 1500 EDT via Zoom. The
   previous meeting minutes (8 Sep 2022) were not yet published, but will be
   filed shortly with the BoD membership.

FINANCIAL STATUS/Treasurer’s Report:

Rich Nelson reported on the association’s accounts.
All bills are paid. Rich Nelson said there are some outstanding transactions,
with probably $1,000 to add. The Association is not yet settled with Trish at
Reunion Brat. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.
OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2022 Rendezvous Review**

   Russ reviewed the Rendezvous presentation of Vietnam Commemoration pins presented to about 40 veterans and surviving spouses. During the presentations, Steve Miller read the citations and Russ Stephenson presented the pins to individual recipients.

   Russ and others offered some key remarks about the 2022 Rendezvous, to include the excellent Boston tour guide, the trip to the USS Constitution and our ability to “coin” the skipper of the USS Constitution, the nice remarks about the Rendezvous and the venue from Mr. Thibideau, and universal appreciation for the fine presentations made by Col (ret.) Warren Ward, as well as the work by Steve Amato to acquaint members with the Dayton B-52 Memorial.

   Attendees received a new B-52 coin and a B-52 pin with the Rendezvous package. These should also be sent out to non-attendees and various portions of the meeting came back to the topic of how to mail out coins and pins, as the pins create problems with post office machines and, thus, increased cost for shipping. *(see discussion on Newsletter)*

2. **Memorial Update – Bench Status (Steve Amato)**

   Steve Amato and others discussed the very nice setup in the Memorial Park at Dayton, as well as the need to include descriptions/meanings of the images and engravings on the monument and the 4 benches. Douglass Seward suggested this information should be included in the self-paced narration for viewers to hear when they are walking around the museum and the Memorial Park. Doug will assemble the history and other information and forward to Steve Amato.

   Douglass generously donated costs of the benches. The BoD would want to compensate this nearly $4K donation. Rick Nelson made a motion, seconded by Bob Harder, to examine this situation.

3. **Association Funds and Grants Program Update**

   Bob Harder, Grants Chairman, discussed the Castle Museum grant and identified Joe Pruzo as the point of contact. There is additional archival material being donated by Elaine (Name?) to be folded into the materials
already donated by the Association. was not present, but the BoD went ahead on some related items.

4. New Website and Retail Sales Update

Web sales continue to bring in funds. The BoD discussed ways to increase the Association’s advertising and awareness footprint through such channels as the AF Times, other Service and AF newspapers and journals.

5. WEBMASTER

Dave White will add a clarification for the Last Flight portion of the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Anticipated Pitch by Charley Dey, National Account Executive for Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

This part of the agenda did not occur, as the Armed Forces Reunions could not coordinate a mutual time for meeting with the B-52 Stratofortress Association (the “Association”) Board of Directors.

The intended purpose of the meeting was to become aware of alternative means to organize and run future Association Rendezvous.

2. Association Coins / B-52 Challenge Coins

Russ Stephenson suggested additional purchasers of the Association B-52 coins would be Barksdale, Omaha, and Minot, with potential sales point also being the Castle Museum. (Have we thought of selling these at the USAF Museum in Dayton?) Brig Gen (ret.) Robert Gass, Boeing SVP Strategy & Investment, is our POC for the coins.

Those who have purchased coins (but not paid) are asked to send a check ($4.00/coin) to Rich Nelson. A motion to send coins to new members and to members of our Association who did not attend the Rendezvous, using the membership list as of 1 Oct and New Members are proposed by Rich Nelson, seconded by Dave White. This includes sending Association Certificates of Membership (a 6x9 card to be used with standard mailing envelopes. Russ Stephenson will take up the certificate wording/design as a project.
3. **NEWSLETTER:**

The Newsletter goes to about 1400 members. Tommy discussed the increased costs, to include use of glossy paper for photographs. Cost of mailing and printing is ~$320 vs. sending digital newsletters. In addition, the printed newsletters go to about 40 Minot and Barksdale addresses (via the squadron commanders), plus copies to the Dallas Library—in total, about 56 printed and USPS-mailed copies.

4. **Membership Chairman Retirement**

Jim Bradley will be retiring and a replacement is required. Lots of discussion on splitting the job into various parts (e.g., Tim Hurst, Peter Zorensky, and Ron Bartlett have volunteered to handle various parts of the job). Jim Bradley explained that there is some SQL database management knowledge required for the current data, but this could be converted to a popular membership tool using Wind Apricot database designed for membership organizations (also, it is used in registering for the Rendezvous signups). Other functions include publicity (e.g., something Ron Bartlett would like to do) while Bob Harder prepares a lot of the news releases. Dave White uses the membership data for the website “blasts” that go out on a regular basis.

**NEXT BoD MEETING:**

A November 2022 BoD meeting is not anticipated. The next BoD meeting is Saturday, December 3rd 2022, at 1400 CST

**ADJOURNMENT:** The BoD meeting ended at 1630 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

//Signed//

Clif Banner
Secretary, B-52 Stratofortress Association