

17 SEPTEMBER 2012

AFCC 13 AUGUST 2012 BOD MEETING MINUTES

Prepared by: COL(MA) Dean Saluti, Secretary

ATTENDEES:

MG(MA) Robert Davenport, BG(MA) William Hurley, COL Thomas Finn, COL Richard Matlak, COL(MA) Dean Saluti, COL(MA) John Silva, COL(MA) Len Wolfe, LTC Brett Conaway, MAJ Tonia Costa, CW3 Edwin Stedman, CSM Bill Davidson, John O'Brien, Craig Brown, Arthur Burt

NOT PRESENT:

MG Joseph Carter, BG John Hammond, COL Robert Soldani, COL William Wood, LTC Lawrence DiNardo, MAJ Bryan Pillai, CPT Christopher Cunningham, 1LT Laura Lakin, CSM Brian Branley, Paul Mendonca, Charles Fazio, Ron Brennan, Dr. John Christoforo

MEETING REPORT:

Opening:

The AFCC Board Meeting opened at the Museum at 1830hrs with the Pledge of Allegiance led by AFCC President, COL Thomas Finn.

Secretary's Report:

COL(MA) Saluti presented the AFCC 11 JUNE 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were reviewed and approved with minor corrections concerning BOD members present/not present.

Treasurer's Report:

CW3 Stedman reported that there was \$2K in the AFCC Account, and that all bills were paid. The dues checks have been coming in. There seems to be very little change in the holdings. Currently, there remains \$9K in a segregated account for the Active Unit. CW3 Stedman reminded COL(MA) Saluti that dues notices need to be sent out again. Motion was made and unanimously passed to move \$1K from the segregated account directly to the Active Unit's account to cover upcoming family support activities. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Active Unit Report:

The Active Unit Report was presented, detailing Unit activities and status. There was discussion on the progress of the construction on the new Museum exhibit for the Active Unit. Some cost estimates were presented. For example, carpeting was estimated at \$2K and computer equipment/monitors were estimated at \$1.5K (a total of \$3.5K). The AFCC President, COL Finn, requested that the Active Unit prepare a handout with specific cost estimates and vendors for the next meeting.

An update was given on the progress of the completion of the new AFCC website. AFCC President, COL Finn, tasked the Active Unit to have a Beta Site up and running for the 17 SEP 2012 AFCC BOD meeting. A presentation on the new website will be given at this meeting by the Active Unit.

An update was given on Unit activations. Active Unit personnel will be deployed to Kosovo and GITMO. Specifics will be forthcoming at future AFCC BOD meetings.

Finance Committee:

COL Robert Soldani was not present and there was no formal Finance Committee Report. However, COL Soldani did inform the AFCC BOD leadership, prior to the meeting, that holdings were now up by approximately \$4K to \$423K. He also reminded the BOD that AFCC investment performance has continued to be much better than the market indices, due to LTC Finer's outstanding investment strategies.

Museum Report:

Craig Brown, the Curator, gave a Museum Report. He again stated that the Active Unit Museum exhibit construction remains in progress. His discussion on the new exhibit elaborated on various construction supplies that are needed immediately (mannequins, burlap, etc.). The AFCC President, COL Finn, directed the Treasurer to make funds available through petty cash, per the Curator's request. The Curator noted that the Society of Cincinnati has recalled a Gilbert Stuart painting that has been on loan to the AFCC for over 100 years. The Curator has honored this request.

House Report:

John O'Brien gave the House Report. He stated that all emergency lights are working except those on the third floor, which has become an ongoing project for him. COL(MA) Saluti presented an update on the Ice House project. The AFCC President, COL Finn, tasked COL(MA) Saluti to investigate funding sources for the Ice House project and to present his findings at the next AFCC BOD meeting.

Membership:

COL(MA) John Silva gave the Membership Report. COL(MA) Silva presented detailed membership statistics of all types. There was much discussion concerning these statistics. Again, COL(MA) Saluti was tasked to send out dues notices, as dues collection was weak. AFCC President, COL Finn, applauded COL(MA) Silva for a job well done on membership statistics.

Nominating Committee: N/A

Prudential Committee: N/A

Public Relations/Newsletter: N/A

Events:

Arthur Burt stated that the preparations for the Annual AFCC Golf Tournament was proceeding with excellent results.

CW3 Stedman and COL Wood represented the AFCC at the Massachusetts National Guard OCS Graduation Ceremony.

It is noted that the Commandant of the MP School is expected to visit Boston in the near future and AFCC President, COL Finn, directed the AFCC BOD to prepare for this visit with a reception at the Museum.

COL(MA) Silva reminded the AFCC BOD that the Giggles fundraiser event will be on 24 APR 2013.

President's Report:

COL Finn again instructed the Committees to prepare one-page Reports/handouts for upcoming meetings.

COL Finn had instructed COL(MA) Saluti to send a certified letter to LTC John Sheehan, who has failed to attend AFCC BOD meetings for several years. This letter informed LTC Sheehan that he will be removed from the AFCC BOD for non-attendance. COL(MA) Saluti reported that LTC Sheehan did not reply to the certified letter and COL Finn is investigating an immediate replacement for LTC Sheehan.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

COL(MA) Len Wolfe reminded the AFCC BOD that the AFCC baseball cap has not yet been made available for purchase.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17 SEPTEMBER 2012. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hrs.