

Minutes of The Golden Eagles Annual Meeting
Pensacola, Florida
0830 Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Pilot's Opening Remarks: Pilot Don Boecker opened the meeting at 0825 and asked the Members to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pilot thanked Jerry Breast and his team for the great work they did in putting together the Reunion and the Memorial Service. He also thanked the Flight Deck, Membership Selection Committee and the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Pilot also mentioned that several of the Board of Governors (BOG) members were not in attendance at the membership meeting due to medical problems or family member medical problems. Pilot made an announcement concerning the need for a replacement for JR Davis

Chief Pilot's Remarks: Chief Pilot Jerry Zacharias discussed the Golden Eagles trademark, including a brief history of the process used for registering the trademark and a description of what the trademark looks like. Our trademark will need to be renewed between 31 May, 2020 and 31 May, 2021.

Co-Pilot's Remarks: Co-Pilot Howard DeCastro thanked the Pilot for his leadership and excellent job of communicating with the members by keeping them informed through quarterly reports, Special Notices and NOTAMS.

He also presented a recommendation agreed upon by the Board of Governors regarding the distribution of The Golden Eagle funds to include:

- Continuation of the donation to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola
- Donating \$7500 for a 14"x24" plaque at the Naval Aviation Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, VA
- Continuation of our gift of the Tommy Tomlinson Award to the Test Pilot of the Year
- Donating \$2000 to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society this year and make an annual donation of up to \$2000 as funds permit to be decided by the BOG
- Continue the cost of annual dues at \$50
- Continue to charge new members for their wings
- Encourage all of our members to give generously to the aviation museum of their choice but forgo donations to any additional museums by The Golden Eagles

The above recommendations were voted on and approved by the members.

Navigator's Report: Navigator John Mazach delivered the Navigator's Report indicating there are:

- 200 Regular Members
- 48 Emeritus Members
- 5 Honorary Members
- 253 Total Members

Since the last report of 2 May 2014 there were:

- Eight Members accepted into The Golden Eagles (four Navy and four USMC)
- Seven Members who made their Final Take-off (six Emeritus and one Regular)
- Seven Members who transferred to Emeritus
- Fourteen Golden Eagle ladies who passed away

The Navigator also reported the minutes of the 2014 Membership meeting had been approved by the BOG and at the Pilot's request, motion was made to accept the 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes which was seconded and passed.

Radio Officer's Report: Co-Pilot Howard DeCastro gave the Radio Officer Ron Jesberg's report. He reported that we had Total Assets of \$65,633.35 as of 31 March, 2015.

Engineer Officer/Historian Report: Engineer Bob Shumaker reported that there were 145 regular members signed up to attend the reunion in Pensacola. No members were in violation of the requirement to attend at least one of four consecutive reunions. Three individuals must attend the 2016 reunion to satisfy this requirement:

CAPT Ernest Beauchamp

CAPT Tom Hudner

CAPT Maurice Fitzgerald

The Engineer also stated that all regular members have submitted their biographies and they have been posted on the website and included in the Chrono log except for:

GEN Amos - new member

COL Richard - new member

CAPT Snodgrass

RADM Moffit - new member

Finally, The Engineer summarized various Flight activities by region and noted that CAPT Bill McCamy assumed the role of the Southeast Flight lead.

Transfers to Emeritus status include:

GEN Davis

COL German

RADM Lair

COL Mitchell
RADM Speer
CAPT Trout
VADM Waller

Final Takeoffs since last reunion include:

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| CAPT Roger Sheets | Regular Member |
| CDR Harold Buell | Emeritus |
| CAPT Richard Shulte | Emeritus |
| COL Murray Staples | Emeritus |
| MGEN Hal Vincent | Emeritus |
| CAPT John Chalback | Emeritus |
| VADM Gerald E. "Jerry" Miller | Emeritus |

Membership Selection Committee Secretary Report and Remarks: MSC Secretary Jack Batzler reminded everyone of the importance of succinct write-ups on new nominees. He also outlined how the process works for informing members of new augments (new members). The Quarterly reports list new members as well as Emeritus transfers, NOTAMs and Special notices.

MSC Chairman Bill Gureck noted that this the Selection Committee selected nine USN and three USMC members. In previous years the number had been 12 USN and four USMC but lower attrition allowed for selection of fewer members.

Site Selection Report: Co-Pilot Howard DeCastro provided the following locations, dates and information:

- 2016, Orlando, FL, 21-24 April at the Buena Vista Palace
- 2017, San Diego, CA, 26-29 April at the Downtown Westgate Hotel
- 2018, Northeast TBD
- 2019, Central TBD

Nominating Committee Report: Fred Lewis indicated that four new nominees for the Board of Governors were nominated as well as new Flight Leads for the West Flight and Central Flights.

Board of Governors:

- Joe Anderson – replacing John Cox
- Joe Barth – replacing Jim Joyner
- John R Davis – replacing Gil Rud
- Larry Ernst – replacing Lew Chatham

- Central Flight Leader Bob Rasmussen
- West Flight Leader Gil Rud

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new nominees.

Old Business:

Pilot Don Boecker announced that LCDR Patrick B. Bookey, USN, of Flight Test Division at Pax River had been selected as Test Pilot of the Year and was presented with The Golden Eagles Watch as the “Tommy Tomlinson Award” winner.

New Business:

Central Flight leader Jerry Brest gave an overview of the remaining Pensacola Reunion schedule and noted the need to start the Banquet promptly at 1900 so that we could be finished by 2100. He also announced that the take- home favors at the banquet would be GE coasters. Finally, he thanked all the members of the Central Flight for their assistance in planning the event and noted special thanks to the Pensacola “mafia”.

Southeast Flight Lead Bill McCamy gave a brief outline of the 2016 reunion in Orlando 21-24 April, 2016 at the Buena Vista Palace and announced a short Southeast flight member meeting immediately following the Membership Meeting.

Pilot Don Boecker discussed the need to find a new Executive Assistant to the Pilot to replace J.R. Davis and there was a discussion of the responsibilities of his position. J.R. will continue as the webmaster

The last business was to join together as individual flights and enjoy the bonding that goes with the photo session.

The meeting was adjourned by the Pilot at 0920.