

MINUTES OF USS IWO JIMA ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

10 September 2004

HOLIDAY INN SELECT, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The meeting was called to order at 0901 by President/~~Chairman~~ Phil Hawkins with all members present with the exception of Michael O'Hearn and Jerry Hubbel. Former LHD-7 Commanding Officer, John Nawrocki, was also in attendance.

The reading of the minutes from the 9 September 2004 Board of Directors' meeting was dispensed with until they could be edited and printed.

Executive Administrator/Reunion Coordinator and Executive Committee Reports:
Recommended all Board Members attend a FAM.

President Phil directed an audit of the Treasurer.

Executive Administrator/Reunion Coordinator and Treasurer Ivy discussed the 2005 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

The survey discussed at the 9 September Board of Directors was finalized, with Bob McAnally and Bob Sorensen taking for action.

NEW BUSINESS

By a unanimous vote, both the President, Phil Hawkins and Vice President, George Agrecy were elected to a second term. John Nawrocki was named *Association General Counsel* for the Board of Directors.

The Board approved the Baton Rouge location for the 2005 reunion.

Ideas for increasing membership were discussed and encouraged.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. President/~~Chairman~~ Phil Hawkins adjourned the Board of Directors' meeting at 0946.


Bob Sorensen
Secretary

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In that no reunion was held due to Hurricane Katrina's homeless victims occupying most the Baton Rouge's lodging during the scheduled reunion, a ballot was provided to the active membership with the following results (10% of 323 equal a quorum pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(b)):

- Vote for Board of Director Lou LaCava 83 yea votes; replacing George Agrecy
- Vote for Board of Director Steve Pulkowski 74 yea votes; replacing Bob Francis
- Vote on 2006 Budget 85 yea votes
- Vote on Art II Revision (adding membership eligibility to IWO JIMA Class ships) 81 yea votes; 5 nay votes.
- Vote on Art III Section 1 Revision (supports Art II revision) 85 yea votes; 2 nay votes.
- Vote on Art III Section 5 Revision (entitles Battle of Iwo Survivors immediate Associate Membership) 85 yea votes; 1 nay votes.

The Board considered and the President approved the appointment of Steve Pulkowski as the Association Treasurer to take effect following an audit of the Treasurer not later than December 1, 2005. President Phil appointed Steve and Lara Pulkowski to the Auditing Committee on Oct 22, 2005.

Following his nomination, the Board of Directors elected Phil Hawkins for his third term as the Association's President.

Mark Harris has been nominated to replace George Agrecy as Vice President.

Pending New Business:

Approving Honorary Membership for Captain Anthony G. Ziagos, Sr., R.H.R.N. on the basis of his many contributions of Association advertising space in the *Merrimack Journal* (Dracut, MA) valued at approximately \$270 each.

Approving Associate Membership for:

James A. Randolph USMC (Ret) 50-71 guest of Leahmon and attends local reunions.

Ron Resh, interest in Navy and the USS Iwo Jima

Steven Sylvfestri, interest in USMC and the USS Iwo Jima

The meeting was called to order at 0952 by President/Chairman Phil Hawkins with all members present with the exception of Michael O'Hearn and Jerry Hubbel. Prospective Board Members Richard Smith and Mark Harris were also present.

The minutes of the 17 October 2003 Board of Directors meeting was read and were unanimously approved.

Executive Administrator/Reunion Coordinator, Bob McAnally presented the hotel's marketing director who reported that in view of the cancellation of the Buffalo reunion in 2005, Holiday Inn Select would like to have the reunion in Baton Rouge again next year at today's costs. Bob also suggested we develop and distribute a survey to all active members to determine the following:

- Best time of year for a reunion.
- Best location for 2006 reunion, i.e., Corpus Christi or Buffalo.
- What would encourage members to attend reunions.

President Phil discussed the Treasurer's report. Announced the discontinuance of credit card use. The fiscal strength of the organization is weak. Asked for a check on the Pitney-Bowes contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Automated rosters were discussed, i.e., CDs, etc. and the protection thereof against identify theft, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Actions to increase membership were discussed. Agreed to solicit John Nawrocki's advice for LHD-7 crewmembers to join. Look for ways to perpetuate the life of the Association. One recommendation was to invite other LPHs of the LPH-2 class to join.

Due to rising costs, a motion was made, discussed and unanimously recommended for approval by the membership to increase dues from \$20 to \$25 annually effective 1 Jan 2005.

Because of shrinking income, a recommendation to adopt a discount for multi-year dues payment was shelved until the Association is solvent.

In an effort to increase donations, the membership will be asked to donate their refund from canceled tours to the Association.

The Association has learned that the IWO JIMA (LPH 2) island at the Texas Air Museum is in very poor shape and needs restoration. President Phil suggested that we get volunteers from the 2005 Corpus Christi reunion to work on this project.

The Board approved nine Associate membership applications and Pop Sammons and Bill Donnell as ~~an~~ Honorary Members.

