

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 04, 2008, 1830 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer
Roger Betterelli
Norm Evans
Larry Hickey
P. J. Cook, teleconference
Kim Coryat, teleconference
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference
Barry Gossman joined via teleconference at 1910 CST

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

Andy DeMeyer said the Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2008, was e-mailed to all Board members this week. It shows total funds of \$33,574.33 broken down as follows:

\$ 3,199.53-- Checking Account
1,245.12 – CD
29,129.68 -- Vanguard Bank CD

Also included is a break-down of Web Store sales for the month of February 2008 which totaled \$628.70.

We have applied for Sales Tax Exemption status by filing an IRS Form 1024 and FL DR5. However, it has been learned that we should have filed IRS Form 1023 in order to get a Sales Tax Exempt Number. Andy DeMeyer is working this issue.

All Spectre Spotlight articles from this past year's reunion have been received and reviewed and will be posted on the Spectre Web Site along with the pictures sometime next week. Post card ballots will be mailed to all members next week, and it will include a block for requesting the mailing of the Spotlight to anyone who does not have the capability to read it on line. The mailed copy will be text-only, no pictures.

Pat Carpenter and Larry Hickey are still doing the Quarter Master job while Tommy Montgomery is TDY. Pat reported that Ghost Rider T-Shirts, Hats, and Gunner License Plates are on order. Pat is still trying to make contact with the rep that supplies the Spectre Money Clips, which are out of stock at this time.

President Pat said that we will shortly need to choose the design of the tee shirts for this year's reunion. He is suggesting the design of the fourteen (14) original gunships, the artwork which is the property of Spectre member Worm Warner.

Andy DeMeyer and Larry Hickey went to The Sheraton Four Points this morning and met with the Catering Director, Jennifer. They are working up a menu for the Friday night Cocktail Party which will be held in Paradise Cove right off the pool. The Saturday evening banquet will be held in the main banquet hall. This menu will include a chicken, beef, and vegetarian choice. Red and white wine will be supplied on each table and will be included in the cost of the meal. The Sunday afternoon Bar-b-q will be served in one of the indoor dining rooms because of insurance regulations. However, this does not preclude taking your meal out to poolside if you choose (no glass). Half of the large dining room will be used for the Saturday morning business meeting. The Conference Room adjacent to the dining room will be used for the store. A bar for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon will be requested. We will also need coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and Bloody Mary's for the business meeting.

President Pat announced that Thomas R. Norris, the former Navy Seal and CIA Operative who rescued Lt. Col. Hambelton, should be letting us know within a month or so if he will be our banquet speaker.

The Thursday night Ice-Breaker at the Reunion will be held at the Hurlburt Picnic Ground. It will probably be attended by about 70 - 80 people. Recommendations for food are: Subway sandwiches, Pizza, Buffalo Wings with the trimmings, Thai food.

Rooms may be booked at anytime by going straight to the Sheraton Four Points web site at www.fourpoints.com/destinfbw. Room rates are: Suites -- \$125 per night; Beach view -- \$100 per night; Courtyard -- \$85 per night; King -- \$80 per night.

Roger Betterilli said he has spoken with the Secretaries of the Commanders of both squadrons, and the Commanders have not been available to discuss a commitment from the 4th SOS and the 16th SOS as to squadron financial support for food for the Mini Reunion. The target date is 18 May at the VFW at 1400. Suggested menu is hamburgers and hot dogs. Dick Vancil suggested that if we cannot procure funding from the squadrons, we could have the event as a fundraiser for a charitable cause. After the cost of the food is paid, any remaining profit would be donated to whatever charity we choose to support.

President Pat asked Barry Gossman and P.J. Cook to take over the calendar project. Tommy Montgomery and Mark Johnson are supposed to be making pictures to be used on the 15-month or 18-month calendar. We also need to get the events that will be listed, such as significant operations, lost aircraft anniversaries, and reunion dates. These calendars will go on sale at the 2008 Reunion and afterwards will be for sale in the Web Store.

Pat will be making and mailing out the business cards for the board members this week.

Pat Carpenter reported that he is working on getting shirts for the new Board Members.

Chuck Kaczmarczyk reported that he and Dave Burns are still working on the list of post-combat deceased Spectres, which will be e-mailed to P.J. Cook for posting on the web site.

Chuck asked if it would be feasible to do a Membership Drive on the web site. Andy DeMeyer has a computer program that he can use to contact each of our delinquent members and encourage them to renew their membership. Since the first of this year, four (4) members have paid their Annual Dues of \$15.00 each, and two (2) members have paid \$100.00 each for a Life Membership by going onto the Spectre Web Site. If former members want to reinstate their membership, they will be required to pay only a \$10 reinstatement fee plus the current year's dues or buy a Life Membership.

Pat said that we are currently sending a small gift item to members in good standing who list their membership number when ordering from the Web Store.

Kim Coryat requested Denny Biven's e-mail address.

P.J. Cook announced the 1981 16th SOS Year Book has been posted in its entirety on the Web Site.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1942 CST.