

## Minutes of 2006 NAFTS Regular Board Meeting

**National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors Reunion  
San Mateo Marriot Hotel San Mateo CA  
Saturday Evening, 14 October 2006  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

*Tom Thomas, Secretary*

At 2015 a **Call to Order** was issued by Chairman Ray Evans

- **Invocation** by NAFTS Chaplain Bob Campbell
- **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all in attendance
- **Roll Call** Members present were:
  - Ray Evans, Leon Emerson, Hal Tenny, Ted Hillman, Jack Sweet, Tom Thomas, Neil Bjornsen, Bob Campbell, Clyde Longerbone, Allen McPherson, Nick Radke
  
- **Minutes** of the last board meeting were read and approved by voice vote.

### **Reports:**

- **President's Report** by *Rodger Dana*
  - Rodger outlined the major events of the past year and preparation work in setting up for the 2006 reunion. He also reported that the hotel contract for the St. Louis hotel was in the last stage of negotiation. The report was accepted favorably by the board and the hospitality and price of the San Mateo Marriot hotel received favorable comments. Only negative comment was presented by Neil Bjornsen who complained that no transportation had been arranged between the hotel and the CalTrain station.
  - A motion was made and carried to accept the President's report.
  
- **Historical Report** by *Neil Bjornsen*
  - Neil reports that he has not had time to inventory the collection. No artifacts were brought to the 2006 reunion as he did not have the time to select them nor the transportation.
  
- **Treasurer's Report** by *Jack Sweet*
  - Jack tendered a written report detailing the budget performance including income and spending (attached). Jack cautioned that due to the high turnout for the membership dues "544" plan that the reserve monies contained several thousand dollars that must be held as dues over the next five years.
  - A motion was made to accept the budget report and so carried.
  
- **Secretary, Membership, Website, Towline report** by *Tom Thomas*

- Handout was provided detailing the membership numbers over the last six years and the exact membership details of the present year. Board members were reminded that they had access to this information updated daily on the web site at <http://nafts.org/memberdata.asp>. Thomas reminded board members that his term as Secretary and Membership Chairman were up and that as announced at the previous board meeting he was not seeking another term.
- Website is attracting many visitors and accounts for most new members. The site however does need a general overhaul. Thomas hopes to be able to devote more time to it next year after being relieved of Membership and Secretary duties.
- Towline is being produced on time and within budget. A new printer has been found that allows the Towline editors to print Towline with four color pages at less cost than previously printed in black and white. Rich Tetrault and Tom Thomas are enjoying co-editing the magazine and would like to continue.
- A motion was made and passed to accept the above reports from Tom Thomas
- **Retail Sales Report** by *Harry Jaeger*
  - Harry reports that sales were modest in 2006 and the NAFTS fund would probably see no profits turned over in 2006.
  - In discussion the board thanked Harry for his continual work citing the large task of packing and shipping the store stock to various reunions, then packing and sending it back. His continual efforts in this over several years are most appreciated.
- **2007 Reunion report** was covered by Rodger Dana in his president's report. Rodger also reported that as President and CEO of NAFTS he has decided to take over all day to day responsibilities of the reunions with the Vice President. Harry and NAFTS tours as agreed on by Harry are now relegated to only signing the hotel contract.

### Old Business

- **Site Selection Policy**
  - Discussion was brought up on the need to have a local host for all reunions. Previous reunion sites have been proposed from the floor at the General meeting with no site host named. Rodger Dana stated that in the future he would not accept a floor motion for sites other than those presented by the board unless the proposal was presented by the local host that would make local arrangements for the details of the reunion.
- **Reunion Contractor**
  - Tom Thomas opened a discussion on the present reunion contractor, Military Reunion Planning. He noted that we have no signed agreement with MRP stating how much they would be paid and cited constant changes in their charges, and frequency of sign up reports and other irregularities with MRP. At present they dictate to us how they will run

the reunion, what they will charge, how and when they will report progress and not responsive to our needs Thomas contended. Rodger Dana defended MRP but agreed that there was a need for a signed contract between NAFTS and MRP that would fix their charges and other points on contention between us. Rodger will attempt to have another reunion contractor make a presentation to us at the next scheduled board meeting. Rodger then emphasized that there was a need for only one person to deal directly with the reunion contractor and that should be him.

## **New Business**

- **Elections**

- The following board members were **dropped from the board** per their request:
  - Jim Gauntlett, Leo Grazzifi, Bill Milwee
- The following board members were **elected to serve on the board**:
  - Eddie Ford, Mike DeCesare, Craig Rothhammer (past member), Rich Tetrault (past member), Joe Giangrosso
- The following board members whose term was up were **re-elected to another term**:
- Neil Bjornsen, Harry Jaeger, Ralph Smith, Hal Tenney, Jim Wassmuth, Ray Evans, Nick Radke
- All were carried with a unanimous vote.
- **Chairman of the Board**:
  - Ray Evans stated that he did not desire to be re-elected as Chairman of the board. Jack Sweet was nominated for Chairman with no other nominations. Jack was elected without dissent.
- **President of NAFTS**:
  - Rodger Dana was nominated for a second term, Tom Thomas was also nominated. Rodger Dana was unanimously re-elected with Thomas receiving 2 votes.
- **Vice President of NAFTS** to fill the vacant post caused by the death of Vice President Dick Alley. Jim Wassmuth was nominated for the office and elected without dissent.
- **Secretary of NAFTS**
  - Tom Thomas reiterated that he did not desire to serve another term as Secretary. Thomas was nominated over his objection and voted unanimously to serve another term. <Sigh>
- **Historian Chairman**
  - President Rodger Dana announced that he was considering a new Historical Artifacts committee chairman to better improve the inventory and display of historical items. He announced that he would entertain request and decide with a letter promulgated to ll board members within 30 days.

- **Proposed Bylaws Change**

**President Rodger Dana** submitted a proposed Bylaws change to bring the NAFTS bylaws in synchronization with the newly formed NAFTOURS. A handout of the current Bylaws was passed to all board members with old statements marked with cross through and new statements hi-lighted. After some discussion a motion was made and carried with no objections to approve the changes.

- **Site selection**

- **Jack Sweet**, the site selection chairman announced several sites in the geographical area for the 2008 reunion. Prominent in them was Providence Rhode Island. Jim Wassmuth spoke of USS Nipmuc's recent reunion in Providence and reiterated on the tours available and the general feeling of the area. He agreed to host the reunion there with the Nipmuc crew if selected. A motion was made and carried to present Providence as the board's choice to present to the General Meeting for the 2008 reunion.

Adjourned: Chairman Ray Evans announced that he would entertain a motion for adjournment. A motion was made and carried. At 2205 on 14 October Chairman Ray Evans announced the meeting adjourned. Ray thanked the members of the board for the opportunity to serve since 2001 as Chairman of the board.