

Minutes, 2004 NAFTS Board Meeting

National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors Reunion

San Antonio, Texas

Wednesday, 13 October 2004

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting

Tom Thomas, Secretary

08:50 Call to Order by Chairman Ray Evans

- **Invocation** by Ray Evans
- Pledge Allegiance could not be said as flag was not in presence
- **Roll Call** Members present were:
 - Chairman of the board, *Ray Evans*, President, *Rodger Dana*, Treasurer, *Jack Sweet*, Secretary, *Tom Thomas*, Historian, *Neil Bjornsen*, Director, *Clyde Longerbone*, Director, *Nick Radke*, Director *Allen MacPherson*.
- Arriving later in the meeting were Chaplain, *Ken Maddox*, Director, *Hal Tenney*, Director, *Harry Jaeger*
- Also present during the meeting were members Deane Wynne, Donald Graham and Mike DeCeasure

Minutes of the last board meeting

- **Minutes of last board meeting** conducted on 11 Sept 2003 were read. No discussion. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and carried.

Treasurers Report by Jack Sweet:

- Complete detailed handout was provided to all members.
- All budget items for 2004 were at or below budget.
- Explained that 80% of "544" dues were being placed in savings and tracked.
- Showed a balance as of 30 November of \$39,368.33.
 - Motion was made and carried to accept budget

Membership Report by Tom Thomas:

- Handout of Membership data as of 10/10/2004 printed from Web site was given to all members.
- Summary was \$32018 in dues collected, 149 "544" new members, 101 New members, 125 members lost to attrition and 22 deaths reported.
- It was stressed to all board members that complete membership statistics were available to them in the secure area of the Website as updated daily.

Website Report by Tom Thomas

- Web site is continuing to grow The Host that NAFTS is using has increased our storage from 100 megs to 1 gigabyte with no increase in cost.

- Overhaul of web site planned for last year had to be deferred due to time constraints.

Chaplain's Report by Ken Maddox:

- Ken reports the continued problem of receiving notification of deaths of members, followed by some discussion.

Historian Report by Neil Bjorenson

- Neil reported that a complete inventory was still being pursued and that a complete turnover of all artifacts from past historian Rich Tetrault had still not taken place.
- Neil was asked by a board member why no artifacts had been shown at the last two reunions as required by the bylaws. He cited lack of time and funding as the reason.

Storekeeper Report Storekeeper Harry Jaeger reported that the stores bank account showed \$760. No details of the past years performance, breakdown of expenses or inventory were provided.

NAFTOURS by Rodger Dana

- Rodger explained what had been done to date to start up NAFTOURS. The question was broached by Tom Thomas as whether NAFTOURS was needed now that a reunion planning service was being used and liability insurance was being bought for the reunions. Member Mike DeCeasure expressed his thoughts on various liability insurance coverage's from the viewpoint of his position of an insurance adjuster. Member Leon Emerson was sought out and asked for his opinion as a Judge and attorneys. Leon was hesitant to advise as he did not know what Judge Advocate, Ralph Smith had in mind when he originally proposed NAFTSTOURS. A copy of the proposed bylaws for the new NAFTOURS as written by Ralph Smith was circulated. It was brought to attention that the proposed bylaws contained the provision that NAFTS board Officers plus the Chaplain and Storekeeper and Judge Advocate would automatically be board members of NAFTOURS. This seems to contradict the original rationale presented by Ralph Smith that NAFTOURS was needed to isolate the NAFTS board members from liability for the reunions. Since Judge Advocate, Ralph Smith was absent from the meeting questions could not be addressed. After much discussion a motion was made by Jack Sweet that NAFTOURS be shelved and the NAFTS board be responsible for reunions as in the past but with continuation of a reunion contractor and a general liability insurance policy be obtained. Motion seconded by Neil Bjornsen. The motion was voted on and carried.

2006 Reunion location

- The Site Selection Committee, (Jack Sweet), and President Rodger Dana proposed the following sites for consideration:
 - Los Angeles
 - Atlantic City
 - Minneapolis area
 - San Mateo
- After some discussion San Mateo was dropped and it was decided to present Los Angeles, Atlantic City and Minneapolis to the membership

New Business

Election of new directors and Officers:

- The following new directors were nominated and elected:
 - Leon Emerson
 - Dick Alley
 - Mike DeCeasure
- Treasurer Jack Sweet was re-elected for a second term of Treasurer.
- Chaplain Ken Maddox was nominated and re-elected to a second term of NAFTS Chaplain.
- Founder Ned Lunquist was nominated and re-elected to serve another term as a Director.
- Member Ted Hillman was nominated by Rodger Dana to serve as Vice President in accordance with NAFTS bylaws on the stipulation that if NAFTOURS was approved Ted would serve on NAFTS Tours and NAFTS Vice President would remain open.. After discussion, the motion was seconded and carried. Member Ted Hillman was not present.

Meeting Closed:

- Director Ray Evans thanked those present for their service the past year and input in the board meeting and announced he would entertain a motion to adjourn.
- Motion to adjourn was proposed by Jack Sweet and seconded by Rodger Dana. The meeting was announced closed by Chairman Ray Evans.

On 14 October a continuance of the Board meeting was called by President Rodger Dana.

The reason for the continuance was to reopen the discussion on NAFTS Tours to include the comments of Judge Advocate Ralph Smith who had been absent during the regular meeting on 13 October. The meeting was held in President Rodger Dana's hotel room suite.

The meeting opened at 14:00 by Chairman Ray Evans:

- **Present were:**
 - Chairman of the board, *Ray Evans*, President, *Rodger Dana*, Treasurer, *Jack Sweet*, Secretary, *Tom Thomas*, Historian, *Neil Bjornsen*, Director, *Clyde Longerbone*, Director, *Nick Radke*, Director *Allen MacPherson*, *Ken Maddox*, Director, *Hal Tenney*, Director, *Harry Jaeger* and Director elected *Mike DeCeasure*, *Leon Emerson* and *Dick Alley*.

- **President Rodger Dana** reviewed the discussion of the previous day so that all present were agreed as where NAFTOURS issue stood.
- **Ralph Smith** discussed his opinion on the importance of NAFTOURS but conceded that with the present purchase of liability insurance that need may not be as strong. He also explained that his original thoughts that no NAFTS board members could be members of NAFTOURS was not necessary and the bylaws he had written to be proposed for NAFTOURS included all officers of the NAFTS board as well as the Chaplain and Storekeeper, and Judge Advocate would be designated as directors of NAFTOURS.
- **Discussion** followed as to the need for NAFTOURS bureaucracy that was being seen by some that was being created. The main objectors to NAFTOURS being Secretary Tom Thomas and Treasurer Jack Sweet.
- **Chairman Ray Evans** called for a verbal poll of those present to go ahead with NAFTOURS or shelve it as voted on earlier. The results of the poll were:
 - **For NAFTOURS ...10**
 - **Against 4**

- NAFTOURS was announced by Chairman Ray Evans as carried pending a meeting by NAFTOURS with an election of officers and adoption of bylaws.

After much open discussion of insurance certificates, bonds, liability and general duties with no motions made a final motion to end the meeting was made by Jack Sweet and seconded by Neil Bjornson.

The meeting was so closed by Chairman Ray Evans.

Tom Thomas
NAFTS Secretary