



MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – CHANTILLY, VA 5/7/2016

Call to order 0905 – Absent (excused,) Bob Godas – DL-1

Reading of Minutes – San Diego BoD meeting, 9-1-2015 ... Frank Graham commented that the newsletter issue be “buried” once & for all.

Pete Peterson moved to approve minutes / Mike Bugara, 2nd – motion carried.

Mike Bugara; Closing of 2015 reunion; Enjoyable. Mike mentioned especially Rendy Dunn’s enjoyment of the reunion.

- ❖ Booked 50 rooms – had to turn back 17 rooms. Many members who said they wanted San Diego didn’t attend. The hotel GM “took care of us;” did not charge add’l.
- ❖ Question arose as to PhotoDay’s response re. breakage of Carol Webb’s phone by Jim’s assistant. To be followed up.
- ❖ Add’l comments re. the book ... photo’s very dark, long delay in arrival, several not received. Mike to follow up.
- ❖ Brief discussion re. post-reunion “yellow sheets.” Mike to bring a basket; forms to be returned at the banquet (FL.)
- ❖ Disc’n re. coffee-maker – expense of hotel-supplied coffee (\$55 per gallon) vs. less than \$.40 per cup.
- ❖ Have not heard any complaints.

Newsletter issues –

- ❖ Larry is still getting complaints re. “not enough newsletters.” Though some members want more newsletters, they don’t come to reunions; don’t submit info for the newsletter. Any add’l issue is DOA.
- ❖ Curtis’s request for info ... reunion issue ... discussion re. sending info to editor, must have by 5/20.
- ❖ Disc’n re quality; costs (\$.71 per mailing;) Newsletter must only go to dues-current members; bulk mailing not appropriate/no savings

Correspondence – None

Treasurer’s report – Explanation and description of report forms / spreadsheets in detail.

- ❖ General Fund balance (4/27/2016) = \$11,143.54
- ❖ Reunion Fund (a self-depleting fund) balance = \$ 2,768.50
- ❖ Not having the Ship’s store at San Diego resulted in an estimated drop in revenue of ~\$2,000.00
- ❖ Discussion of IRS reporting requirement(s) -- IRS form 990N filing now costs about \$10 annually
- ❖ Discussion of “escrow dues” entries
- ❖ Description re. donations (\$2,795.00 collected in 2015.) A separate form is maintained re. life member donations.
- ❖ Question from VP re. BoD reimbursements – recipients are listed in end-of-month report
- ❖ Question from Pres. re. specific donation after raffle, 2015 ... cash donations are not individually accounted. His donation is lumped into \$615.00 figure.

Pete Peterson moved to approve / Frank Graham 2nd – motion carried

Kudos to Mike from Gary

Nomination Process Recommendations:

In Bob Godas’ absence, Curtis is designated as “nominating committee.”

- ❖ A notice can be put in the Newsletter soliciting nominations, OR,

- ❖ Ask Ship Coordinators to canvass their membership for nominations, AND/OR,
- ❖ Ask attendees at Kissimmee for (additional) nominations

Decision was for the first and third suggestions.

Mike Bugara volunteered to continue as Treasurer for another term.

Committee Appointments

President will ask currently assigned members to continue...Jim Gray is appointed Master at Arms.

Future Reunions

2018 – Mike Bugara – Suggestion is being “kicked around” that we go on a cruise reunion. Questions are from where, to where, etc. Last cruise was in the Western Caribbean, out of Fort Lauderdale. Possibilities for 2018 include the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Cuba... Mike recommends hotel arrival the day before the cruise begins, a soup & sandwich supper; hotel one night before and after the cruise. Gary will be sending postcards to DL-2 members about the reunion cruise to measure interest. Motion to authorize Mike to look into possibilities – Gary Marchido so moves / Curtis Hanson 2nd – motion carried.

Plan B – Norfolk

AM Break – 1015

2017 – Mike Bugara

- ❖ Re. Nashville – only two bids, neither acceptable (\$246 per night and up) / 3 RFP responses via CVB, they all declined to submit proposals.
- ❖ Plan B – the second choice voted on at San Diego: San Antonio
- ❖ RFPs sent to 22 hotels – 11 replies, whittled down to four hotels; Holiday Inn Riverwalk, El Tropicano, La Quinta, Doubletree
- ❖ Site visit 1st week of June (6th – 10th), visiting 4 hotels, meeting with the CVB and two tour companies. Checking attractions, incl. the Alamo, space needle, Riverwalk, boat tours, mission tours, etc.
- ❖ Re timing – avoid hot season; CVB possible schedules, etc.
- ❖ Frank Graham – re Riverwalk Holiday Inn, positive experience during a previous visit “very nice.” Major attractions are within a couple of blocks, great Riverwalk view from rooms, very convenient, the other hotels are not on Riverwalk. Other activities (varying by season.)

Ad Hoc discussion of various possible sites/cities for future reunions...

2016 – Mike Bugara

- ❖ Park Inn by Radisson, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747 Monday, Sept 12 – Saturday, Sept 17, 2016
- ❖ \$89 per night + tax ...includes two breakfast coupons per night per room. Rates are in effect from 5 days before to 5 days after the reunion dates. No resort fee will be charged (per contract.) Free parking.
- ❖ Two keys for hospitality room – when hospitality room is not staffed it is to be secured. Hotel is open to public; half of the hotel is a time-share.
- ❖ Super Shuttle – w/AAA card, etc., will give a better rate.
- ❖ Kissimmee CVB will supply commemorative T-shirts
- ❖ Big headache is getting rooms filled – contract requires us to meet or exceed \$17.8K guest room revenue (food/beverage expectation is \$7K – should be easily met.)
- ❖ Report of daily agendas and miscellaneous, including:
 - Scooter/wheelchair, etc., contact Buena Vista scooter -
 - Wednesday Kennedy tour – **change - 0815 departure time** for arrival at 10AM opening time Shuttle – movies ... then the shuttle Columbia & exhibits, memorial to Challenger/Discovery, Saturn rocket; Q&A w/astronaut @ lunch; leaving at approximately 3:15.
 - Auction ... Discussion regarding auction items. No action.
 - Thursday Air boat, one-hour airboat ride tour. Fill-out lunch menu on bus. Bus-switch – Military history museum /Chocolate Kingdom. Al Capone’s for dinner/show
 - Friday Business meeting, photo sessions, banquet. A brief conversation about 1st timer gifts (challenge

coin agreed upon,)

- ❖ Deposit checks written thus far ...\$500 to hotel, \$500 to Wild Florida, \$800 to Military Museum, \$100 to Chocolate Kingdom, \$1,000 to Capone's.
- ❖ Registrations thus far: DL1, 3/ DL2, 2/ DL3, 2/ DL4, 4/ DL5, 1 ... None from DDGs
- ❖ Needed to fill rooms – Mon - 8, Tue - 24, Wed - 36, Thu - 31, Fri – 29
- ❖ Room “comps” will have to go to Jim (PhotoDay) – Hotel wouldn't comp him.

Lunch

Continue – reunion 2016

- ❖ Listing of sign-ups for tours – low numbers so far. Discussion of length of “cushion” time between cut-off date and actual reunion.
- ❖ Board buses at rear of hotel

Insurance –U S Specialty Ins. Co. liability policy, premium to be paid ~30 days prior. \$256.00 covers us for the week of the reunion.

Old Business

- ❖ **Dave Levy's issue regarding other “DLs” or groups:**

Contacted “Farragut Assoc.” – will re-contact in June at their reunion in Jacksonville. No other specific outreach was done. Dave reports he is unsure how to proceed; conversation has been that other ships/groups could join us in reunion, but not be rolled into the DLA. Frank Graham mentioned that how we organize between the two groups is up to the BoD. Benefits accrue to both organizations from attending together. Mike reported that 4 groups did their reunions in association with the TCS, having their own room for ship's store, hospitality room. For the welcome reception, annual meeting, etc., they joined the larger group. Discussion/argument ensued, along with extensive research about the USS Farragut, DLG 6, etc. Thanks to Pete Peterson, the discussion ended. No action taken.

Dave to continue to contact DLG's to piggyback with us at reunions.

Delinquent Dues – Mike Bugara

- ❖ Howard Dobson created two lists; members whose dues expired 12/31/2015 and those delinquent from 2010 to 2014
 - 10 remaining unpaid from 2015
 - Delinquent from 2010 list – many cleared by sending postcards to all reminding of their dues.
- ❖ Postcards to life members requesting donations – practice to be continued.
- ❖ Ship's Store issues – due to shrinking attendance, in SDiego, no ship's store, etc. Catalogue photos for web-site might help ... no action taken. (Photo's of stock to be taken at Kissimmee, for inclusion in website.)

New Business

- ❖ Items proposed for members' gifts – from National Pen. Passed samples around the table.
- ❖ City tags (incl. previous sites) are paid for from reunion registration fee.
- ❖ Challenge coins – new order? (NW Territorial Mint.) **Mike** to follow up; also ship's patches @ Café Press
- ❖ Embroidered ship pictures / DLA Assoc ... **Frank** to follow-up
- ❖ Bylaws, Standing Orders – **Curtis** to send new version to all.
- ❖ Mike – reimbursement for BoD meeting travel
 - Mike moves - 600 miles or greater and approval, \$500.00; 599 miles or less and approval, \$300.00; based upon receipts. Pete Peterson 2nd – Motion carried.

Good of the Order

- ❖ Mike Bugara asks for help to get people to reunion. Again. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment – Mike Bugara moves to adjourn, / Curtis Hanson 2nd – motion carried. Adjourned, 1432

Respectfully submitted;

Curtis Hanson

Curtis Hanson, Secretary