



TWA RETIRED PILOTS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2018

TIME: 12:00 PM EST.

ATTENDING: Capt. Gene York, President, Capt. Bob Kavula, First Vice President, Capt. Jim Roe, Second Vice President / Secretary, Capt. Ed Madigan, Treasurer, Capt. Bill Kirschner, Topics Editor, Capt. Bob Dedman, Hospitality Director, Vicki McGowen, Meeting Planner.

The meeting was called to order by president, Capt. Gene York.

The meeting was called due to information on the planned TWA Pilots events at the TWA Hotel in 2019 that has come about and was in need of immediate discussion and decision. A review of the TWA Senior's contract was discussed with options for our members. We have decided to negotiate our own event at the hotel and will not be participating with the TWA Seniors. There are really three primary reasons for this decision:

1. The dates of the TWA Seniors AGM directly conflicted with the Grey Eagles 2019 Convention. Over the past three years we have enjoyed a positive comradery with the AA pilots that we were concerned about.
2. We were genuinely pleased with the overwhelming interest of participation from our membership and felt we should give more consideration to following the protocol we have established with our get-togethers which varies from the tradition of the TWA Seniors.
3. By negotiating our own contract we are able to be in control of our activities and pricing which we felt would be necessary with the large turnout we will experience at this special event.

Vicki related that the rates are very high, but in line with NYC. The room per night of \$225 will have a \$40.00 add on due to taxes and service, etc. The hotel stated the cost of meals as \$36,000.00. A \$154.00 food revenue per person, not including coffee, for plated dinners to be charged with a Continental breakfast at \$35.00. Parking costs had not been determined since the hotel had not yet contracted for that. Prices are not yet guaranteed and should be 14 days prior as usual for in house hotels.

Silver Wings, a larger group have a contract for \$159.00 plus tax and tips and have guaranteed 800 rooms over a four night stay. This is a 1,000 room nights.

With the contract in concern, Vicki talked to the hotel directly about the TWA Pilot Event, asking for a standalone Hospitality Suite where we may bring in our own food and drinks. This was granted as well as a three night rate of \$200.00 plus tax for pilots Sept 2-4. Vicki also asked for an adjoining king room to facilitate our servers. She will negotiate for ice and ask for them to throw in a continental breakfast with the room rate. She will negotiate parking. There is much we can enjoy in the city. Charter buses will be available for city tours such as to the TWA Memorial, where we will do something in honoring those remembered, The World Trade Building, a Broadway show, The USS Intrepid, etc. to be decided. The Hop On Hop off bus is available as is the train to Kennedy for \$20.00 round trip from downtown.

Capt. West offered to donate his TWA posters as memorabilia to the hotel in perhaps negotiating lesser room rates.

The TWA Seniors will be notified of our making separate plans to stand alone. The Grey Eagles will be invited to join us.

To date TWA has 71 responses for hotel reservations and perhaps many Grey Eagles will want to join us.

Room rates do not include food or beverage. We will ask the hotel for a special continental breakfast rate.

It was voted to give Vicki permission to negotiate a "stand Alone" contract for the TWA Pilots of 80 rooms, with permission to expand the room block if needed with no penalty.

A discussion followed concerning the \$75.00 deposit fee as adequate to cover the hospitality period and it was agreed that the fee was raised to \$100.00 as a more adequate figure. A \$140.00 fee for non-members or those who want to become members was agreed on. Capt. Bob Dedman listed concerns to be finalized such as where to purchase the snacks, booze and mixes, the need for ice and glasses. Capt. Bob Kavula was appointed chairman of obtaining supplies. Stephanie and Ed Cook will be asked to share with bar tending. Vickie will ask about ice.

It is possible that the New York area pilots will wish to stay at other hotels and miss this unique experience, or others will make hotel reservations by other means. This will greatly hurt the organization.

The TWA membership meeting will be held in the hospitality suite at the hotel.

The dates and information of the Hotel event will appear in the coming November Magazine, with final details in the May issue.

NOTE: It will be very important that pilots make their hotel reservations right away for our planning purpose.

The hotel will open a Food Court in the lobby. We are not certain if it will include a restaurant. The hotel has not finalized this plan,

Vicki will work with Capts. Gene York and Bill Kirshner in editing the article for the magazine. The planned New York City tours will be very attractive.

It was moved to adjourn at 1:00PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. Jim Roe, board secretary