



TWA RETIRED PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Conference Call)

DATE: September 19, 2018

TIME: 12:00 p.m. EST

ATTENDING: Capt. Gene York, President, Capt. Bob Kavula, First Vice President, Capt. Jim Roe, Second Vice President - Secretary, Capt. Ed Madigan, Treasurer, Capt. Charlie Wilder, Senior Director, Capt. S.R. Dusty West, Past President, Capt. Bob Dedman, Hospitality Director, Capt. Bill Kirschner, Topics Director, Vicki McGowen, Marketing.

The meeting was called to order by president, Capt. Gene York. Capt. Bob Kavula announced the grand opening of the TWA Hotel in New York will be held the 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019 room rates will be \$225.00 plus tax a night. A room will be available for the Board of Directors meeting.

The question was raised as to the future of the TWA Pilots Association (where are we going?). Capt. Bill Kirschner suggested the year of 2022 be the last due to attrition. Fewer magazines were sent last May due to less membership. A suggestion to keep the magazine and to combine with the TWA Seniors Group and to continue with a joint convention with them. Capt. West said he sent a letter to the Grey Eagles stating that we will no longer be involved in a joint convention beginning in 2019. We wish to coordinate activities with the TWA Seniors Club. The board's opinion is to join the TWA Seniors Club and not Eagles. Regrettably, our president's message was not in the last TWA Seniors Club News Letter. The Seniors Club lists us as one of their affiliates. A convention with the TWA Seniors Club would be bigger and very nice.

A letter was sent to Lisa thanking the Credit Union for the donation of \$1500 given to us this year.

The minutes of the last board meeting was accepted as written.

Capt. Ed Madigan, treasurer reported \$7,783 in the bank. The expense of the next Topics Magazine will be \$7,000. In 2018 we have 401 active members. (49 members have been lost since 2017) We have \$29,925.62 in cash and \$29,865.83 in Wells Fargo Bank. The credit union gives us \$1500 each year. With dues coming in this year, we are in a good position and should break even financially.

Capt. Bill Kirschner thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his prostate cancer treatment and recommends "Cybernizing" as an effective treatment. He will begin a new column in the Topics Magazine. This will be a CENTURIAN COLUMN. There will also be a great VET'S DAY article, "WHAT IS a VET?" He recommended Capt. Bob Kavula's new book coming out I'll TAKE THE CHICKEN. Give your magazine articles to Bill by October 10, 2018. Also, he has sold three more hats.

Capt. Charlie Wilder announced \$500 has been contributed to the FLIGHT 800 MEMORIAL this year and recommends we continue this donation for next year. He will take the job of sending letters to the TWA widows. He needs information and addresses of pilots gone west. A lady at American has the list of death notices. Free magazines will be sent to the widows alive.

Remember to make your room reservations at the TWA Hotel in New York for the grand opening and MAJOR CONVENTION. Wear your uniform (if you can) Call Fran Diano, individually (president of the TWA Seniors Club). A block of rooms has been reserved using the "Seniors" code. We shall help with the reservation table. Bob Dedman will continue to tend bar at the hotel. The dates are October, 15, 16, &17, 2019. There will be a private suite for TWA.

Next year the Grey Eagles cruise Oct. 15-17, 2019 departs from Vancouver at the same time as the TWA hotel opening, Oct 15-17. The Grey Eagles pre-cruise trip will be on the Rocky Mountaineer train from Calgary to Vancouver for two nights arriving Vancouver on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Gold Level Service (first Class) on a two story train with dining car downstairs. Bill will place an article in the newsletter.

The TWA reunion in the fall of 2020 will be at the AVIATION BONEYARD in Tucson.

For the TWA and Grey Eagles Retired pilots Association attending the Western Caribbean Cruise Celebrity Equinox, staying at the Embassy Suites prior the cruise, there will be a reception area just off the lobby. Motor coach transportation from the Embassy Suites to the pier departs from 10:00 AM -11:00 AM. Coach transfers back to the airport upon conclusion of the cruise will be prior 11:00am on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Flight reservations home need to be made after 11:00 am. We have 200 people departing the ship. 118 pre-cruise rooms have been reserved at the Miami Embassy Suites. Make your reservations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm, by Capt. Gene York

Respectfully submitted, Capt. Jim Roe

Board Secretary