

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in the Embarcadero Room of the Wyndham Hotel San Diego by Dusty West. In attendance: CAPTAINS Dusty West, Bob Dedman, Charlie Wilder, Bill Kirschner, Ed Madigan, Gene York, and Bob Kavula. A quorum was met.

VICKIE MC GOWAN gave the report of our upcoming activities at the convention. We have 226 people attending the Midway Banquet. A memorial for Charlie Morton, American Airlines nominated President who passed away Dec 17th, will take place at the Midway Banquet.

Safari Park has 110 members signed up. A private van is provided for our group.

A welcome party with a Southwestern theme is on the terrace of the hotel. Cape Air will sponsor part of the meet and greet trying to recruit pilots for their airline.

Vickie gave a report of the latest details of our 2018 convention. Celebrity has a VIP lounge Michaels Club.

CAPTAIN JC Farrell vice president of Grey Eagles presented a few different places to go on our 2019 convention No decision was made. Our 2018 Celebrity Cruise leaves Dec.1 st out of Miami on the Equinox. Embassy Suites would be provided for people arriving one day early.

CAPTAIN GENE YORK informed the board that one of the considerations of our 2018 convention was Toronto. It would be too costly plus visas and international cell phones would be required. He stated cruises are more convenient and less costly.

CAPTAIN BILL KIRSCHNER gave a talk about our new magazine graphic. The cover has the 707, Electra and TRI Star. He also talked about STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, a program for youth at the Museum.

We sold 72 TWA hats and have 32 left, which will be sold in the registration room. We have key fobs and medallions for sale at a reduced rate for the convention as we don't incur mailing costs.

TWA retired pilots will celebrate 40 years in 2019. TWA, TARPA Tee shirts are being considered for the anniversary. The TWA Museum will induct Wally Moran.

CAPTAIN CHARLIE WILDER We will recognize deceased John Gratz, at the General Meeting. A signed Veterans Day card will be sent to Rufus Mosely for a speedy recovery. Bob Dedman will say something at the General meeting.

Captain Bob Willcutts did a fantastic job on our new Web site and as our web master. He put in many hours to bring this fine site to fruition.

Charlie gave a talk about the TWA memorial in New York. Our 21 st Memorial service for Flight 800 tragedy was held on July 17th 2017. The Families of TWA Flight 800 Association has a new address for donations.

The Families of TWA Flight 800 Association
221 North Sunrise Service Road
Manorville, NY 11949

A full report will be passed out at our General meeting.

CAPTAIN BOB DEDMAN Nothing to report since New Orleans Convention. We will continue to stay in touch with hospitality chair for American Airlines, Captain Ed and Stephany Cook, and JC Farrell to co- ordinate for supplies for TWA hospitality and American Hospitality. Things have gone very well so we can make plans for our next BIG SHOW.

CAPTAIN ED MADIGAN Reported that we should ship the extra TWA Topics to be sent to Bob Dedman for our Museum. Our Museum came in as the #2 spot as most visited.

We lost money on our New Orleans Convention. We have a 20/80 split with American as more of the American pilots attended the convention. TWA membership is diminishing due to our age, health, deaths. We have 373 paid members. We would like to have 2 TOPICS magazine published a year. An electronic edition would be nice but there are those among us who can't open the edition.

TWA Terminal Hotel would be a consideration for 2019 convention with our seniors.

CAPTAIN GENE WILDER We have to consider our losses from 2016 and how we will pursue our next 2019 convention. Cruises are less expensive and less demanding. Our magazine is top notch and we don't want to cut back.

CAPTAIN BOB KAVULA In order to save money we brought the extra liquor and posters from the New Orleans Convention We drove our SUV back to my home in NV and stored everything. Again we drove out to San Diego with a car full and did not have to purchase much for the hospitality. Bob Kavula coordinated with Bob Dedman to see what was needed and what we had.

CAPTAIN DUSTY WEST We will have a GO TO MEETING CONFERENCE call for our next Board meeting in the spring. We need donations for the TWA memorial which can be written off your taxes. The slate of new officers were introduced and will be voted on at our General Meeting Oct 31st, 2017

Charlie Wilder moved to adjourn seconded by Bill Kirschner.