



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

Chapter 47, Oregon



Minutes

Tom's Restaurant
39th and Division
Portland, OR

16 Nov 2013

Meeting called to order at 1350 hrs:
SF Prayer, Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our fallen.

Introductions: (self introductions...)

Minutes of Sept 16 meeting approved as read (M/S/C ... unanimous)

Financial Report: (Hono)

Hono reported balance of \$ 6145.00 in our treasury. We made \$ 2265.00 (net) from the raffle & should have \$ 10,000.00 after expenses (M/S/C to accept the report ... unanimous)

Old Business:

Raffle: (Hono)

After adding a number of last minute returned stubs to the raffle basket... the drawings were pulled from the basket by our beautiful waitperson.

Spotting Scope	"Indiana"
Gerber Tomahawk	Joel Seim
2 night stay at pier 39 in Astoria	Sandy Ernst
Sky diving with Ralph Hatley's jump club	George Galloway
Grand prize: the AR	Bob Beisner

Social Media:

Social media: (Jerry)

The Linked In SFA Chapter 47 *private group* (available to chapter members only) is up and running. 20 members out of 70 have signed in to date. *To find the group, sign into Linked-In and on the "Interest" drop down menu select "Groups". Input "SFA Chapter 47: the Lewis and Clark Chapter" in the dialog box at the top of the window. You'll be asked if you want to join... say "Yes". You'll get an acceptance by email within the next few hours.*

Web Page:

We have an updated web page, sort of. The index page has current info on it, but the back pages still aren't updated. Jerry reported that he continues to hear from people

who were unsuccessful finding us on the web, or who found us but weren't then able to make contact. The best information on the subject says that access through a web page is very important to establish our presence, particularly for younger retirees, and for folks leaving group, settling in the area, and wanting to continue their SF affiliation through Chapter 47.

Jerry advocated spending some money to upgrade our site. A site redesign would likely cost a thousand dollars, but would be easier to maintain and could include features not available ten or twelve years ago when our present site was developed. We do not have a definite bid so the amount is only speculative at this point. Roger Cherry suggested we choose a committee to research this. Roger was nominated to chair this committee. He will call on others for support if needed and report in January. To appoint Roger to this task was seconded and carried.

A discussion of what a new web site design ought to include followed.

New business:

SFA Convention 2015,

Jerry gave update on 2015 convention. There were 1100 attendees at the San Antonio convention. Jerry has met with the "Travel Portland" (POVA) representative, and they are preparing a RFP to present to the Portland hotels that may wish to be Convention Headquarters.

The AAR from the San Antonio organizers (Chapter 15) has been received now and some interesting findings were:

AAR showed lower expenses than expected"

Small cadre of workers made it happen in San Antonio

They badly underestimated attendance

They saved a lot of money by getting volunteers to guard the vendor room

Vendor demand was way larger than expected

Add-on costs caught them unprepared

Chapter 15 depended a lot on individual sponsors

Jerry passed AAR and organizer's comments around with more details. Looking for Corporate sponsors may be a lot easier here than it was for Chapter 15. We have many smaller Military suppliers in our area that may want exposure to the market we represent.

It's clear that San Antonio was able to capitalize on the reputation the city has earned as a vacation destination. We have to find reasons for folks to travel here... and then be ready to argue the point.

Gene Rappe, Ivan Davis, John Boyce, Gritz, Roger, and Janis volunteered to join Jerry in this project. Ivan asked to be included in meetings via Skype, since it's a long drive to Eugene.

Green Beret Foundation:

Ivan asked for donations to the Foundation. Roger moved to set aside a certain amount of money (amount not determined) for such things. Roger also asked for a donation to help John Cavaiani in his battle with cancer. Ivan will be the POC on this matter. (note: John is recovering fairly well, after some initial difficulty with an allergic reaction)

Next Meeting: January 18th 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 1530hrs

Attendees:

Members: John Allen, Byron Barnett, Jerry Bowdle, Weldon Burton, John Boyce, David Brock, Roger Cherry, Ivan Davis, Jim Day, Paul Druse, Charles Glidden, Pete Fowler, Bill Gritzbaugh, Dave Hancock, Red Knox, James McMahan, Jim Mitchem, Jerry Powell, Gene Rappe, Steve Walker, Hono Yacapin, Doug Zaharko, Janis Zuments

Guests: Ralph Hatley, Guy Hollabaugh, Mark Hollabaugh, Dave Whitman