



# SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

## Chapter 47, Oregon



### MINUTES

Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille  
515 SW Carolina Street  
Portland, OR 97239

17 May 2014

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 1330 hrs:

SF Prayer, Flag Salute and a Moment of Silence for Our Fallen.

### INTRODUCTIONS:

Members introduced themselves (and their SF duty stations). Guest, Steve Cornaccia (46th Co), introduced himself to the group. The wide variety of Group assignments and time periods represented is impressive.

### MINUTES:

Minutes of 15 March 2014 were approved as read (moved by John B, second by Greg M... unanimous)

### FINANCIAL REPORT: (Jerry read financial report in Hono's absence)

Balance, March 2014: \$10,404.94 Balance, May, 2014: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

John Allen reported that the committee had reviewed two applications and had met with both of the applicants and rated both as superior candidates for our scholarship. Accordingly they recommended the Chapter aware \$1000 to each of the two applicants, Ellie Stamfil, a highschool senior bound for Western Oregon in Fall 2014; and to Steven Rappe, a junior at the U of O. The committee recommendation needed no second: motion carried unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### *WEB SITE:*

The web site committee met with Mr Terric Townsend of 10 Power Marketing by conference call early this month and firmed up our arrangements for 10 Power to undertake our website design on their template designed for Special Forces. We sent them a site map with the buttons arranged to our specifications and are in the process of providing chapter specific content to "fill in the blanks" (the first six menus and some graphic content have been sent).

We still need to flesh out chapter history (or forget about it) and we need chapter photos... any time period, any SF subject matter, but label them with date and subject before sending. Send to either Corky or Jerry. We particularly want photos

of Chapter meetings, picnics and/or Veterans events with chapter member participation... (does anyone have pictures of the Vietnam memorial?).

We've talked about putting a "cut-out" telephone number and email address on the website with an alias to Janis, Hono, or Jerry. Google offers the service for free, and we would avoid a good deal of unwelcome "noise" in the system.

*MEMBER OF THE YEAR:*

Greg Meiling brought up the long tabled issue of a chapter *Member of the Year*. Greg stated that he wanted to honor John Boyce for his unswerving attention to honoring our fallen at soldiers memorial services, and for his willingness to do whatever was necessary for the good of the chapter. He suggested that the award ought to be given in the name of another chapter member who exemplified that singular devotion to "his soldiers", Norm Doney. He moved that "an award be created to honor the chapter's most outstanding member in any one year with the *Norman A Doney Member of the Year award*, and that the initial recipient be John Boyce".

*SFA CONVENTION:*

The Red Lion hotel at Jantzen Beach has committed for 300 guaranteed rooms at a rate of \$119 per room. The associated Red Lion at the Quay (across the river) has committed another fifty rooms and may commit more. The Red Lion has the space for all our host hotel activities, including exhibit and vendor space and enough room to host the entire banquet in one room (a problem for the San Antonio convention). Jerry, Hono, John B, and Dennis met with the Rose Festival Association and they were receptive to our participation in that event. A venue for the picnic and field day are not tied down yet. John Boyce has been assured that the "laser range" (a target range for simulated target shooting) would be available if it's up and running. We are still in active discussion about some details of service fees (corkage for donated beer and wine, and minimums for food purchases for instance.)

Jim Mitchell moved and John Allen seconded that the chapter affirm the chapter's commitment to host the 2015 Convention and accept the Red Lion as Host Hotel. There was by a very lively discussion about liability for empty rooms. We have been reassured that we would not be liable for unsold rooms, but could be liable for rooms "comped" to us if we didn't meet the minimum threshold of rooms rented. Concern came up about the air fare to Portland, and whether East Coasters would come out here. It was noted that Mike Force and SOG associations meet in the West. Question was called and the motion carried with no abstentions and one Nay vote.

With respect to Donations and Sponsorships, the question was raised that when we talk to prospective benefactors... what can we tell them about the deductibility of their donation. Weldon Burton pointed out that the Special Forces Association is a 501(c)(19), "Veterans Organization" and deductions were fully deductible. There are, of course, rules to retain deductibility but most shouldn't be a problem.

*ANNUAL PICNIC:*

Saturday, Jul 19th will be our Annual Picnic. It will be in Astoria, OR at Pier 39. Cheap place to stay nearby is Camp Rilea at \$50 a night or \$120 a night at the Hampton inn. There are a number of other places to stay in Astoria, expect to see a list of accommodations by 1 July. (We need to check in with Floyd to see if we need to provide support / commo / food etc.)

NB: It appears now that Camp Rilea may have a major event scheduled for that weekend and there may be no room there at all... we'll keep you posted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS:*

Jerry Powell apologized for failing to appoint a nominating committee. Roger Cherry moved (John B seconded) the present officers be re-elected by a unanimous ballot. John Allen objected and said he wouldn't serve again as Sgt at Arms. Powell pointed out that Hono Yacapin was similarly unwilling to serve another term as Treasurer, and that Weldon Burton was willing to serve as treasurer. Ben Long hasn't been able to attend any meetings since starting his new business... but that Hono was willing to step into that spot. A revised motion was crafted: Jerry would continue as President, Hono would accept a nomination for Vice-President, Janis would continue as Secretary (backstopped by Dave), and Weldon would accept a nomination for Treasurer. Eventually, Paul Druse stepped up to accept the nomination to succeed John Allen as Sgt at Arms.

Roger accepted a friendly amendment for the newly constructed slate of candidates, the motion was again seconded, this time by Greg and passed unanimously.

*MEMBERS CONVENTION COSTS:*

There are three members going to this year's convention in South Carolina. They will be splitting up promotional duties for the 2015 convention... and will each receive an equal portion of the \$2000 set aside previously for the purpose.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Annual Picnic, July 19th, 2014 @ Pier 39, Astoria

**MEETING ADJOURNED: at 1520 hrs.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

*MEMBERS:* John Allen, Byron Barnett, John Boyce, Weldon Burton, Roger Cherry, Jim Day, Ivan Davis, Paul Druse, Corky Glidden, Bill Gritzbaugh, Dennis E Klein, Greg Meiling, Jerry Powell, Gene Rappe, Steve Walker.

*GUEST:* Steve Cornaccia