

1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The first general membership meeting of the NWSA was called to order at 1502 by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jim Maxwell who was acting on behalf of the President Mike Gilroy who was unable to attend the reunion. The pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Miovas. The Invocation was given by Chuck Steinbruck.

The Secretary passed out copies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting minutes held on Wednesday 8 May in Las Vegas for members to read. Minutes were approved as presented .

Jim Maxwell introduced himself for those who may not know him. Jim explained he was filling in for the President who was unable to attend the reunion.

Report of Officers:

- a. President - Mike Gilroy not present
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Jim Maxwell - The change in tenure of Officers will be voted on at the second general meeting
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Alan Davis not present
- d. Treasurer's Report -

NWSA Net Worth:

General Funds	\$490.49
Scholarship	\$415.00
Life Membership	\$8,393.34
Scholarship CD'	\$37,073.86
Life Membership CD's	<u>\$31,772.51</u>
Net Worth	\$78,145.20

The CD which matures in September 2014 will be the final funds sent to AMS for Scholarships. The remaining CD's will be Life Membership Funds. We will still accept scholarship donations. They will be sent annually to AMS to be added to the NWSA Scholarship funds. Chuck asked for a total count of funds in Life Membership which is \$40,165.85. Finance report was approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report - Chuck Steinbruck - The audit committee will present their final report after their completion of going over the finance reports at the 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting. Chuck stated that a budget was proposed at last year's reunion and the income and expense was in-line with the proposal. The final proposed budget for this year will also be presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting.

Scholarship - Lloyd Corbett reported he went to the Annual AMS Meeting in Atlanta and met one of the candidates who is an undergraduate at Oklahoma University. Chuck stated that AMS administers the scholarship funds but are presented in the name of the Naval Weather Service Association.

Nominating Committee: Tom Miovas - Tom sent emails to Chapters but got no response. He did contact members once they arrived at the reunion and asked for volunteers. Bill Bowers volunteered to run for President, Mel Bourn agreed to run for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Jim Romano volunteered for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Election will be held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> general membership meeting on Wednesday and

nominations will be accepted from the floor. The Secretary/Treasurer asked Tom to start looking for her replacement as her term ends in 2016.

Historian - Harry Hale - Quiet year, not much going on.

Editor - Gary Cox - Gary stated he would like to be relieved by August 2015.

Webmaster - Cap Casperson - Stated that most of the work is done by Gary who is doing a fantastic job but is available when Gary needs him. Gary explained that anyone could go on the website but in order to get to the restricted area, which includes the Bellinger List, you have to have a user name and password. You can contact Gary by e-mail and he will send you a user name and password.

Elroy McLeod asked if we had feedback from AMS regarding our scholarship funds. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that she gets letters from AMS announcing the two candidates selected. She also gets an invitation for NWSA to attend the AMS's annual meeting. The info of the candidates are posted on the website.

Old Business -

Earl Kerr discussed next year's reunion at Nashville. He and Lynne traveled to Nashville in route to Pensacola and visited several hotels. The selection of a hotel has not been made at this time. The reunion dates will be late April, early May time frame.

Pat O'Brien reported on Pensacola reunion. Everything is going very well. Tuesday is the tour of the National Aviation Museum with lunch at the Officer's Club then a tour of the Naval Flight Academy. Wednesday is the golf tournament and the Banquet Wednesday night closes out the reunion. Wednesday afternoon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> general membership meeting with Admiral Brian Brown from CNMOC speaking to the membership. Hospitality room closes at 1400 Wednesday and will not reopen. Thursday morning the hospitality room will be located in the Lobby Bar for coffee & donuts.

Bernie Bauer stressed that registration should be more timely so host committee can have more time to prepare.

AG1 Curtis A. Lester, and AG1 Stella Grace Swartz, the SOY's are not able to attend the reunion. Their plaques and letters will be presented to the admiral at the banquet.

There was much discussion on posting NWSA reunion in different publications.

New Business - Jim asked if a Chapter was willing to step up and offer to have the 2016 reunion. After some discussion Gerry Struck & Bill Bowers offered to host reunion at The Villages in Florida. Motion was voted to have reunion in The Villages.

Meeting adjourned at 1605.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby O'Brien

