

**Combat Control Association
Board Meeting
1-25-2023
0900 Hrs.**

Call to order:

Members in attendance: President, Mike Lamonica (LA), Vice President, Mike West (MW), Secretary, Mark Nevatt (NT), Treasurer, Bernie Oder (OR), Board Member, Kyle Stanbro (KS), Board Member, Board Member, Spencer Cocanour (SC), Board Member, Geoffery Hitchcock (HK)

Non CCA-Board members in attendance: Andrea Dillenger (EO CCF), William Markham (POVAT)

Approval of previous minutes: LA motioned to approve December 2 minutes, and KS seconded. All members approved the minutes and passed.

New Business:

POVAT – William Markham

Will shared with the group that he recently helped out a former Combat Controller get the “compensation” benefits he deserved. This controller was in a difficult situation and through the coordinated effort of the CCA and CCF, this controller was helped.

2022 Nomination of Board Members: Board

LA opened up the floor for the 2023 voting procedure for nominating the four “principal” positions within the association (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer).

LA asked if anyone wanted to suggest a name for “President.”

MW nominated LA to be president. KS 2nd the nomination, and all others were in favor.

LA asked if anyone wanted to suggest a name for “Vice President.”

KS nominated MW to be Vice President. NT 2nd the nomination, and all others were in favor.

LA asked if anyone wanted to suggest a name for “Secretary.”

LA nominated NT to be Secretary. KS 2nd the nomination, and all others were in favor.

LA asked if anyone wanted to suggest a name for “Treasurer.”

NT nominated OR to be Treasurer. MW 2nd the nomination, and all others were in favor.

2022 Primary Positions and Board:

President –	Mike Lamonica (LA)
Vice President –	Mike West (MW)
Secretary -	Mark Nevatt (NT)
Treasurer -	Bernie Oder (OR) ---- Spencer Cocanour to “shadow”

Board Members:

Kyle Stanbro (KS)
Spencer Cocanour (SC)
Geoffory Hitchcock (HK)

Vote to make ALL CCT CCA members: LA

All board members agreed to make all CCT lifetime members of the CCA retroactively

- MW brought up the idea of those that sign-up would receive a raffle ticket towards some type of incentive (incentivize! / firearm etc). Furthermore, if someone else gets another member to reverify their information on the CCA website, that person would receive a raffle ticket as well.

Vote to support the 70th Anniversary patch for the 12th Annual Las Vegas reunion: LA

LA motioned to vote in support of purchasing 500 each 12th Annual Las Vegas & 70th CCT Anniversary patches at a cost of \$1000. 6 yeahs and Bernie Oder not present to vote.

BOD / CCA & CCF Follow up: LA

- LA suggested we have a follow up meeting with the CCA and CCF Board and anyone else they want to be present.

Review 2021 Goals:

LA opened the meeting by discussing the goals set out by the CCA for the 2021 year. He highlighted the following **goals**:

- Recruit 100 new members
- Raise \$200k
- Mature the CCF
- Create an investment strategy
- Continue to mature the AFSPECWAR Coalition

Performance:

- 36 new members were added, and many were a direct result of our partnership with STS Inc. (YK shared that there were three CCT graduating classes this 2021 year, and a large of amount of CCA lifetime members were from these classes.)
- \$770k was raised as a result of CCF fundraisers.
- Because of the successful execution of maturing the CCF, the CCA could **finalize by-laws and governing documents**.
- **The** CCA successfully held up an investment committee in connection with the CCF CEO (20/60/20).

- Moderate advancements were made with the AFSPECWAR coalition as LA met quarterly, increased communications, supported peer events, and joint support to units.

Notable Achievements:

- Took care of teammates aligned with CCA mission; committed \$130K
- Navigated rapid degradation of the antiquated website
- Stood up new/modern web-site
- Hosted “CCT – The rest of the Story” Lackland AFB
- Johnnie Yellock accepted board position – the voice of younger CCT
- Formalized relationship with Combat Control School
- Partnership with STS Inc. to sponsor CCS graduates
- Hosted 3 x fundraisers
- Involved 40+ CCT; “we are happy to be involved in helping teammates.”
- Involved Gold Star families; “these are wonderful events; we want to do more.”
- Created enduring relationships with “Friends of CCT.”
- Engaged Wing leadership (AFSOC and AETC); mutual support growing
- Formal support to TACP/PJ Associations; partnership continues to mature
- Formalizing relationship with LV reunion committee (CCA/CCF supporting an effort to the committee)

Work to be done in 2022:

- Finalize governance documents for CCF – **Jan**
- Establish initial cadre for CCF board – **Jan**
- Codify investment strategy icw CCF – **Jan**
- Ugly John’s boats campaign support, icw CCF - (John is actively working timeline)
- “CCT the rest of the story” event at CCS – **March (dates TBD)**
- LV CCT reunion support/member’s meeting – **Mar 31st – Apr 3rd**
- Travis Lake fundraiser support to CCF, icw Grady Freeman’s “Let’s Go Foundation” – **Apr 30th**
- Meet ST leaders at 24 SOW CC/Chief’s conf – **May (dates TBD)**
- ICW CCF, PJF, TACPF, PJA, and TACPA host meals and discuss relationship/support
- Fundraiser support to CCF for event at Sarah Shaw’s ranch – **Oct (dates TBD)**
- Fundraiser support to CCF for event in Odessa – **Nov (dates TBD)**
- Update memorial website – **Q1**

CCA Way Forward:

- With the evolution of CCF, what is the role of CCA?
- Increase comms to the community
- Frequency of engaging the membership
- Remember the fallen calls
- Post videos on “the state of” or important topics
- Engage active-duty units
- 2022 survey of member’s desires
- Recruit members
- Combatcontrol.team email accounts
- History

Strategic Goals 2022:

- Recruiting non-members?
- Define CCA way forward
- Survey community
- Digitize official CCA records

Additional Topics and Future Discussions:

- @combatcontrol.team email availability to CCA members
- Dan Packard volunteered to help evolve the store to e-commerce
- Advertising CCT owned businesses on the website
- Updating the CCA portion of the website