

**Combat Control Association  
Board Meeting  
1 APRIL 2021  
1500 Hrs.**

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**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 Chris Larkin (LN)

**Approval of previous minutes:** LA motioned to approve the minutes and KS seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

**David Geurnsey Fund Raising: LA / KS**

- LA asked KS for an update regarding David Geurnsey as KS has taking the lead on recruiting him to raise funds for the CCA and was previously voted on by the board in favor of hiring him.
- OR stated when checks are written, he needs to be in the know immediately, so he can update the account to reflect this.
- KS shared that the committee is up and running; Ish V, David G, Will P., John G., Bernie O., and Kyle. Bernie is on the committee because he is the financial guy, John G is working the tech side as far as websites and integrating; Ish has several contacts in the local area; We are moving forward with the CCF website that John G. recommended.
- LA spoke about two websites, one for fundraising (CCF) and the other is for managing the CCA. The Board will decide how to spend the money.
- KS is working on a collaborative effort regarding the "Combat Control" movie coming out in 2022; working with the producers of the movie, hoping to get the CCF website up and running; working with Dan Schilling as well; Combat Control Experience similar to the SF experience and the plan is to set up one May 2021, at Lackland AFB, TX;
- LA interjected that Mason Dula is in full support. Mason owns Lackland AFB and Pope AFB and he and Todd Popovich fully support our efforts. We have support at the highest level of leadership.

**CCF/CCA Websites: KS**

- KS spoke about an updated website for those wanting to give money to our organization. This is what the CCF website will be geared towards, raising money.
- John Glowacki is creating the website and will manage the website as well.
- Apricot will be the hosting site for the CCA/CCF websites

- Ben Weaver ( part of Chive App) has volunteered to help us with the website as well and he will do marketing on his website for the CCF/CCA targeting the younger generation of Combat Controllers.
- Chad of “Snakefarm” has volunteered to help out with the website and promotion as well.
- LN stated he is in favor of John G., helping with the website to both professionalize and look and feel along with management ability to manipulate as needed. Also from CCF to CCA there won't be any continuity loss and feels it's a great idea to wrap in the younger generation.
- NT volunteered to help administrate the CCA website and make sure it runs smoothly until John G and James Youells can assist with updating and transferring over the server to Apricot.
- LA asked if NT, John G and James Y will work together to get the website up to speed. Prioritization: Emails, ability to update the database, financials with OR.

#### **Plaque for JB: LA**

- LA wants to do something formally for JB for the outstanding work he has done for the CCA website. A plaque would be presented at the Vegas Reunion.
- MW will work on the plaque for this presentation. \$500 or less

#### **Replacing Board Member: LA**

- According to the CCA By-Laws, a person who leaves or is asked to leave (in this case, the member resigned his position), we as the board can appoint a member to the board.
- Two things to think about: Do we want to go to the association and have them nominate or do we have someone that we want to nominate to fill the position for the next 18 months?
- OR stated that the board member that resigned has equipment belonging to or was purchased with CCA funds and we need to get the equipment back.
- LA will have JB send the equipment to NT.

#### **Replacing Eddie Howard at CCA Store: MW**

- MW and Bernie spent time with Eddie as to his thoughts, and both Bruce D and Eddie have search around the squadron for a replacement.
- Paying \$3000/year for a storage unit and is storing old shirts, and Chapman awards and STTS trophies over the years.
- Do we do what Eddie does in his country store or can we do an online store such as Amazon? What is the best bang for the buck.
- Steve B has a website and he sold sweatshirts to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully, the foundation can do something similar. No inventory on hand, basically e-commerce. Chad Hall can help set up a store and offered however he can.
- Eddie will be around until the end of June 2021.
- MW to bring paraphernalia to the CCT reunion in Vegas; t-shirts, hats, coins, etc....
- NT offered to help MW at the reunion to help sell.

- LN stated we are due to step up to E-Commerce, and holistic e-commerce as well. We can outsource or have someone run an Amazon store. Out-sourcing is our best solution.
- MW will work with Steve B and Chad Hall, and John R moving forward with the store.

**Comments: Team**

- NT is working on the completion of the AFSPECWAR Coalition flier along with Tony Negrón and Megan. He is hoping to have this completed before the CCT Reunion in Vegas.
- OR regarding the investment committee. Reached out to Michael Gilbert attorney and left emails, phone messages, etc. Spoke with Eglin Credit Union and they are willing to help out. Our accountant recommended Merrill Lynch. The other caveat is how much do we want to invest. What are we willing to pay for this type of help?
- KS wanted to know about inviting some “high-rollers” to the reunion and making some initial contact.