

MINUTES FROM MAY 30, 2021 DFW TAILHOOKERS DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Attendees - John Miller, Bob Champney, Ken Smolana, Mike Schuster, Larry Walton

Order of Business:

Bob Champney, Treasurer, provided a balance sheet of donations, cash, and expenses which was reviewed. Current cash balance is \$10,961.85.

Top Gun Maverick movie status- Currently scheduled for a preview showing at 7PM, November 18 at the Colony Studio Movie Grill. Tickets will initially be limited to 4 tickets per Tailhook member until theater capacity can be determined. **Note: Bob contacted SMG and we have a 194 seat theater presently limited to 50% occupancy at 100. That restriction may be changed by November 18.**

Blue Angel demonstration scheduled for October 2021. John Miller will investigate the opportunity for passes to the Blue Angel reserved area at the Ft. Worth Alliance Airport. Options were discussed for meeting at a restaurant pre show and having bus transportation to and from the show. Another option could be attending the practice session the day prior to the show. We will discuss at May 20 Happy Hour.

A meeting was held with Dan Steelman at the Frontiers of Flight Museum to review the museum's plan for a Vietnam war display. Dan informed that the display would cover the time frames from late cold war to periods including operations in Afghanistan. A mural depicting the time line and aircraft use in the conflicts will be placed on a dedicated wall in the museum along with aircraft models and memorabilia. The museum has requested that the DFW Tailhookers identify any items that they would like to offer the museum. All items should be photographed and sent to Bob Champney who will review with the museum for the museum acceptance. Items such as film of military events, flight clothing, aircraft models, aircraft carrier models, or anything that pertains to naval aviation during the Vietnam air war. Bob will coordinate the offers with the museum.

Dan Steelman gave an update on the obtaining of a Grumman F4F Wildcat aircraft from the Marine museum in California. All aircraft transfers from the Marine museum has been put on hold for 6 months.

The schedule for opening the Prowler canopies for a photo session of the cockpit was delayed due to the weather. However Ken Smolana performed some needed maintenance on the nose strut and he determined that he possessed the required nitrogen attachments to open the canopies for the photo reschedule.

The next DFW Tailhookers Happy Hour is schedule for May 20 vice 27 at 5:30 at Timarron CountryClub to not conflict with Memorial Day weekend.

Larry Walton

Secretary DFW Tailhookers