

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 14, 2022 DFW TAILHOOKERS BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Clabby, Bill Campbell, Marc Liebman, Bob Champney, Ken Smolana, John Miller, Scott Beach, Jim Lair, Larry Walton

Reports:

Treasurer Report - Jim Clabby

Bank balance is currently \$10,123.61. 17 Top Gun tickets sold and cash in reserve from ticket sales. Issue identified with the account sign over to Jim. New signature cards will need to be signed at the bank with all parties present. Date TBD.

Marketing Membership Report - Bill Campbell

Obtaining a list of Tailhookers living in the Dallas area and set up E mail list. Working on developing a membership meeting for meet and greet. Would like some assistance in identifying contacts from candidates from Southwest and American and determine if we could put information on their employee bulletin boards. Mike Schuster and John Miller volunteered to assist Bill. Progress is also being made in obtaining missing parts for the F18 ejection seat.

Bill also mentioned an F4 Phantom reunion meeting planned for the end of October at the FOF museum with an F4 provided by the Collins Foundation.

History and Web Site Update - Marc Liebman

Plan on adding detail to web site. Add pages for history and a blog section. Add sections on history of DFW Tailhookers, archives, history of naval aviation and historian corner.

Programs - Bob Champney

The Web site navigation is work in progress, new information is being added. Bob has changed the January 27 meeting to a ZOOM presentation due to COVID. The February 24 meeting will be in-person at the Next Bistro restaurant in Colleyville TX. Plans are to rotate each month the locations of the future meetings for optimum driving distances. Discussions are also underway for potential lunches as a substitute for evening happy hours due to night driving issues for some members. Tickets are still available for Top Gun movie presentation. Location and date for showing is still in flex.

Prowler Maintenance - Ken Smolana

Plans are in the works to power wash the Prowler underside and prep the fuselage for a coat of paint. Ken is considering using a water base house pain. There is an issue with the type of decals the Marines provided for replacement. Best option may me to trace, tape out the borders and repaint the emblems. Schedule is TBD.

President Comments - John Miller

January Happy Hour will be a Zoom meeting for one hour starting at 1700 hours. Zoom sign in will be sent out. John announced that Dan Steelman , the curator for Frontiers of Flight has retired and left the area. No replacement has been announced at this time. Dan Hamilton, the FOF CEO will continue to be our point of contact and interface with the FOF staff. The museum has plans to update the TV monitor at the F18. He is working with Ryan Nothhaft (Blue Angel Phantoms Channel) to provide historical footage of all Blue Angel aircraft for a looped video display.

Secretary - Larry Walton

Minutes from the meeting will be distributed as soon as possible

Respectfully,

Larry Walton, Secretary