

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2019 DFW TAILHOOKERS BOARD MEETING

A meeting was held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Sewell Infiniti. Attending was Bob Champney, Larry Walton, Terry Theiss, Lou Seldon, Bill Walters, Ken Smolana and Scott Beach.

Areas of discussion:

1. Establish an Officer Position: Chairman 162228 Committee
2. Discuss finances and fund raising
3. Future relationship with FOF
4. Quarterly luncheons and monthly happy hours
5. Membership

Bob Champney suggested that a committee be established to plan all 162228 improvements to include priority, sequence and timeframes. Ken Smolana was nominated to Chair the committee by unanimous consent. Members of the committee will be determined at a later date. Anyone who would like to volunteer, needs to contact Ken.

Bob Champney reviewed the attached donations and expenses. Additional discussion was held on various opportunities for fund raising.

The ideas presented:

1. Asking for donations at speaking events
2. Selling name plates on a future monument for A6 and EA-6 aircrews
3. Surcharge on Tailhookers luncheon meals
4. Request donations from Tailhookers for the mounting, display and maintenance of 162228.

To establish the future relationship with the Frontiers of Flight Museum, a meeting with the FOF president/CEO and VP Events & Exhibits has been scheduled for Tuesday, 23 April, 2019 at 1:30 PM. The intent of the meeting is to establish mutual understanding of the Tailhookers goals and plans for 162228. In addition, Tailhookers will inform FOF of our process for funding the maintenance and improvements envisioned for 162228 and the viewing area.

The priority for maintenance is a cover for the aircraft cockpit to prevent sun exposure on the interior and painting of the aircraft. The museum wants to maintain an operational appearance so any repainting of the aircraft will be limited to corrosion removal, corrosion protection and re-lettering numbers and insignias.

The future priorities are:

1. Mount the aircraft on wheel jacks
2. Build a preeminent canopy cover large enough to allow viewing the cockpits from a raised viewing stand.

3. Design and fund a fence structure around 162228 that will allow FOF visitors direct access to the aircraft from the museum building.

The next luncheon is planned for the 12th or 13th of July 2019 depending on guest speaker, RADM Beal's schedule. Location TBD.

The next happy hour is planned for May 23, 2019 (4th Thursday), Hackberry Creek CC 5:30-7:00.

Membership has steadily been increasing. Current membership is 73 members. Since the 162228 dedication, several Navy and MARINE aviators and prior maintenance personnel have shown interest in joining our organization.

Contact is going to be made with the Marine Corps for assistance in obtaining stencils for aircraft numbering, documentation on aircraft numbering standards, cover for the canopy, and intake/exhaust covers.

Submitted by:
Larry Walton-Secretary

Approved by:
Bob Champney-President