

DFW TAILHOOKERS BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2022

Attendees: Bob Champney, Scott Beach, Bill Campbell, RADM Jim Lair, Marc Liebman, Ken Smolana, John Miller, Mike Schuster, Larry Walton

AGEND

Officer positions for 2023 -

Recommended that Ken Smolana become the president and John Miller would move to a board position. This proposal was unanimously approved.

The board will request nominations for the positions of Vice President and of Director of Programs. If no one volunteers, Mike Schuster will continue as Vice President and Bob Champney as Director of Programs. The existing assigned officers will continue to hold their positions

Christmas Party -

Discussions on location of the meal and time of day. Options presented for this year's party is to schedule around the lunch hour 12 noon /1 PM period. Potential Days discussed were December 3 or the 10th. Bob Champney is researching the availability of Cannon Creek Country club for the party. Final decisions on timeframe and location will be made after Bob contacts Cannon Creek.

Alternative sights for Tailhookers meetings –

Discussions on meeting locations and activities – Options: every other meeting have dinner and a speaker and invite wives. Other meetings, we will meet at a bar or restaurant with only members attending and no speakers. John asked for recommendations for bar/restaurant locations to hold our odd month meetings with suggestions expected from the members.

Challenge Coins – A proposal to produce a coin to give to speakers as a thank you and make available to members was consider. A consensus was reached to do some added research concerning the design and cost before a decision is made. Bob and Mark will explore options.

New items – F35 tour: Scott Beach discussed the options for an F35 tour. One option would be for Scott to have 5 Lockheed employees escort 5 visitors each. Probably, the maximum number of visitors would be 15. This type of tour has the least amount of coordination and time to schedule. The next option is for Scott to request a formal factory tour. This option would require Scott to arrange the tour through Lockheed management. The advantage to this type of tour could result in a more in-depth tour of the factory and would allow more people to attend. RAMD Lair will work with Scott to investigate a formal factory tour. Potential schedule would be January, February time period.

Marine Phantom Hurrah Event - Bill Campbell reviewed the upcoming event scheduled for October 23 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. Current plans are for a Marine F35C from Marine squadron 314 to be flow in for review. In addition, a Marine Vought F4U Corsair will also be flow in for display.

