

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND SPECIAL STAFF**  
**Video/Teleconference Meeting Minutes**  
**21 July 2022**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER: *1111 PDT/1411 EDT* President Godshall
- II. ROLL CALL: *President Godshall, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director McClure, Director Padgett, Director Rivero, Director Haase*
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: *Linda Leavitt, Bonnie Cooper, Ray Frovarp, Ivan Davis, Joe Wilson, Tilt Meyer*
- IV. BUSINESS MEETING:
- A. Regular Business:
1. Approval of Agenda: *President Godshall called for a motion to approve. Director Rivero so moved, Director McClure seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
  2. Approval of Minutes: (16 June 2022) *President Godshall asked for a motion to approve. Director Padgett so moved, Director Haase seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*
  3. Committee Reports:
    - a. Financial – *Balance Sheet is not significantly changed from the previous month. There is a \$1,107 liability which are excess funds from the 5<sup>th</sup> SFG fundraising effort of \$15,000.*

*Profit and Loss shows a healthy profit. The healthy profit will continue to grow as SOAR registration begins to increase. The SOAR expenses will not arrive until October.*

*Restricted Funds are incredibly healthy and virtually unchanged from the previous month. There will be a change next month due to the scholarship awards being issued.*
    - b. SOAR Reunion – *A snapshot of the SOAR planning at the moment:*
      - *Facilities Request - Process to determine the equipment required for individual events. Info submitted to The Orleans staff.*
      - *SOAR Gift – Has been approved and ordered, awaiting invoice*
      - *Registration Process – Up and running with refunds in process*
      - *SOAR Comps – Info necessary*
        - *Registration – Guest of BoD, Speakers, POW/MIA*
        - *Vendor Table – VA reps, GB Foundation*
        - *Hotel Rooms – BoD, Guests of BoD, key Volunteers*
        - *Travel – BoD, Brightlight and WFF applicants*
        - *Request ALL comps be submitted to SOAR Chairman. Email with specifics, exact names, dates, etc.*

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- c. Registrar – *Attendees are registering slowly, there are 42 members and 23 guests to date. Registrar Davis reports that the new registration computer and website upgrade now expedite the registration process.*

B. Unfinished Business:

C. New Business:

1. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.01:** Confirm Action Without Meeting 2022-6-26, Junior’s Bullet Pens SOAR Gift selection  
*President Godshall called for a motion to confirm AWM 2022-6-26. Director Haase so moved, Director McClure seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
2. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.02:** Confirm Action Without Meeting 2022-7-6, Scholarship Awards  
*President Godshall called for a motion to confirm AWM 2022-7-6. Director McClure so moved, Director Padgett seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
3. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.03:** Discuss Junior’s Bullet Pen engraving  
*The Junior’s Bullet Pen has said that they will provide boxed sets of two pens for special guests. Additionally, they asked if additional engraving is desirable. The company can engrave on the opposite side of the SOA logo. Several engraving ideas were discussed – SOAR XLVI, SOAR 2022, or Special Operations Association. With 350 pens ordered, it is likely that there will be excess pens remaining after SOAR which will go for sale at the online QM store. The SOAR XLVI and SOAR 2022 engraving will stale date the pens. President Godshall will converse with the company on the value of Special Operations Association.*
4. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.04:** Request for payment on Bargewell flagpole  
*President Godshall called for a motion to fund the Bargewell flagpole and an SOA plaque at the base for \$5,000. Director Rivero so moved, Director McClure seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
5. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.05:** 5<sup>th</sup> Group Reunion and mannequin status  
*The 5<sup>th</sup> SFG Reunion is September 17-24 at Ft. Campbell. The mannequins are scheduled for arrival at the 5<sup>th</sup> Group Hall of Heroes in early August. The actual reunion unveiling schedule is currently unknown. There are a few items (gear) that are still unacquired.  
  
The reunion agenda and the online registration and hotel info will be in the SOA newsletter(s) as information becomes available.*
6. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.06:** Neil Horn  
*Neil Horn’s website assistance has become moot because of the website upgrade. Neil graciously accepted the end of his work for the SOA. He will receive Thank You letter from President Godshall as well as \$500 bonus for his years of service.*

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7. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.07:** Airfare cost to SOAR

*President Godshall expressed grave concerns over the current high cost of airfare. How will this impact travel to SOAR? He would like a concerted effort put forth to advise the membership of Brightlight funds available to assist members in their travel to Las Vegas.*

*This will be a focus of the SOA Newsletters going forward.*

8. **SOA Agenda Item 2022.7.21.08:** Letter to SF Groups and 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Air Regiment

*President Godshall wants to get a letter out to the commanders of the SF Groups and helicopter crews inviting them to SOAR regardless of their SOA membership.*

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

**Past President Meyer** – *Asked if there was any word of another 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG SOG Week. Black Rifle Coffee has volunteered to do funding on SOG Week. President Godshall said he has not heard.*

**Bonnie Cooper** – *SOA members continue to excel, John Duffy received the Medal of Honor fifty years after the fact; Bob ???? just received a Silver Star for action in Vietnam; Tyrone Adderly received the Bull Simons Award this year. MACVSOG personnel are 50% or better than all the other units with respect to the Bull Simons Award, DMOR, etc.*

**Singlaub Interment** – *SF Chapter 78 will donate \$5,000 for the interment reception. This is in addition to the \$500 offered by Ray Oden and \$1,000 offered by the SOAF.*

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 1218 PDT/1518 EDT

Respectfully Submitted by

*Duffy Jensen*

Secretary, Special Operations Association