

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & SPECIAL STAFF
Video/Teleconference Meeting Minutes
19 January 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER: *1125 PST/1425 EST* President Godshall
- II. ROLL CALL: *President Godshall, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director Rivero, Director Haase, Director Whitt, Director Owens*
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: *Linda Leavitt, Bonnie Cooper, Ivan Davis, Ray and Ronnie Frovarp, Joe Wilson, Ken Bowra, Tilt Meyer*
- IV. BUSINESS MEETING:
- A. Regular Business:
1. Approval of Agenda: *President Godshall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Director Whitt so moved, Director Haase seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
 2. Approval of Minutes: (15 Nov 22) *President Godshall asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Director Rivero made the motion, Director Whitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
1. **SOA Agenda Item 2023.1.19.01:** SOA Trademark Rejected Application
Tom Cunningham, an advisor in this matter, was not available for this meeting. President Godshall said that the SOG logo is public domain and that perhaps BUDK Knives has the SOA logo as intellectual property (BUDK does not appear to use the SOA logo on current products). He will reach out to Tom Cunningham in the near future.
 2. **SOA Agenda Item 2023.1.19.02:** Board and Special Staff vacancies
The Vice Presidency is vacant as well as the Nominating and IT committees staffed by interim chairs. President Godshall has deferred action on this item until the next meeting to allow more discussions on the matter. He said that Jim Hetrick offered to be Vice President.
Former SOA President Tilt Meyer suggested Associate Members be brought into the mix of committees. Bonnie Cooper mentioned the recent new 'younger' members who may well fit in as well. President Godshall will reach out to Bonnie for a list of these younger members.
 3. **SOA Agenda Item 2023.1.19.03:** Award Honorary Membership to Len Fein
President Godshall would like to bestow Honorary Membership upon Len Fein for numerous years at SOAR and monetary contributions to the SOA. Without objection, he will submit an application to the Membership Committee.

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4. **SOA Agenda Item 2023.1.19.04:** Revision to SOA Director's Oath of Office

The revision to the SOA Director's Oath of Office adds ...AND THE CODE OF REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION...to the existing oath.

Director Whitt moved to adopt the revision, Director Haase seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

5. **SOA Agenda Item 2023.1.19.04:** Liquor Label Signatures – Bargewell “Delta” Park

Ken Bowra has been contacted by the Eldon Bargewell Delta Park coordinator regarding SOG Signature Labels for fundraising liquor bottles. He is seeking coordination with the SOA in acquiring 80 signatures from SOG veterans. He had two suggestions – one, send the labels to the SOA for signature acquisition, or two, get a list of signers from the SOA.

President Godshall expressed concerns about losing track of mailed individual labels and suggested that an electronic signature might be a solution. Regardless, he is very interested in assisting the coordinator.

Ken will reach out to the coordinator about the possibility of using electronic signatures.

D. Good of the order:

President Godshall – *Treasurer Devon is working with The Orleans to establish a SOAR meeting immediately following tax season. Treasurer Devon, President Godshall, Linda Leavitt, and the newly appointed SOAR Chairman Greg Walker will attend. An SOA SOAR meeting will follow.*

President Godshall highlighted concerns over SOAR contract adjustments in 2023 including price increases and greater restrictions on hotel rooms for staffing.

Membership Chair Joe Wilson – *Expressed concern that renewal of The Drop advertising has not been funded to date. President Godshall moved to fund the renewal of The Drop advertising, Director Haase seconded the motion which carried 6 to 1.*

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

Secretary, Special Operations Association