

Second Battalion, Fourth Marines Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 5 August 2017

(Non – Quorum)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Immediate Past President Steve Wilson.

Board members present were Steve Wilson, Immediate Past President and Manuel Travassos, Secretary.

Other interested parties in attendance were Pat Burns, Sergeant - At – Arms, Dr. David Jones, Resident Agent, Scott Huesing, President – Elect, Daniel Priest, Vice President – Elect, and member Peter Acly.

Pat Burns opened the discussion with concerns about voting procedures. He says the older members have trouble voting electronically. He stated that we received many more votes via USPS than electronically. Scott Huesing stated that there are ways of making voting easier, electronically and USPS can still be used by those that desire to use this method.

Next Dr. David Jones discussed the problems that we have experienced with the IRS Tax Returns and the need that they be brought up to compliance. Dave stated that the Association has a three (3) year grace period to be in compliance before the Association loses its 501 Not-For-Profit status. It was, also, discussed that an Audit, as defined in the By-Laws, was needed. It was decided that Manuel Travassos would talk to Treasurer James Swann and encourage him to get the necessary forms submitted to the IRS to bring the Association in compliance and inform him of the need for and Audit of the finances. The Financial Report was not available at this time but was sent to Manuel Travassos at the end of the Reunion and included as an attachment.

Manuel Travassos stated the need for a new Membership Chairman and suggested that those that pay dues by non-electronic means should send dues directly to the Membership Chairman so that they can get their Membership card in a timely manner rather waiting for the Treasurer's notification that he has received payment. This notification can take up to a month or more. Scott Huesing suggested that we look at utilizing a recruitment committee rather than having one point of failure. Manuel Travassos, also, asked about a possible payment plan for Annual members similar to the one used by Life members. This can be considered by the Board once a quorum is available.

Since the Board has approved, via an email vote, Manuel will send Honorary Magnificent Bastard certificate to Jim Kehres for presentation to GySgt Gary Gamble for his work in honoring the memory of the 16 Hotel Company Marines KIA on Operation Starlite in 1965. Suggestions were made to do other things along this line to promote the 2-4 Association, Inc. brand in a more aggressive manner.

Steve Wilson asked if the Wild Bill Weise Magnificent Bastard Award should be continued, annually. All in attendance agreed even though there wasn't a quorum.

The 2018 and the 2019 Reunions were discussed and Scott Huesing said that he and Daniel Priest would make contact with Becky and Frank Valdez, as well as, the 2-4 CO and others to firm up a date and activities for the Reunion to be held in San Clemente in conjunction with the active duty Battalion. Manuel Travassos stated that Donald Greengrass had offered to host the Reunion in Wisconsin Dells, again, in 2019, if no one else offers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a. m.

Secretary: Manuel G. Travassos Date: 8/8/17
Manuel G. Travassos

I. P. P.: Steven R. Wilson Date: 8/8/17
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