

West Coast Drill Instructor Association  
SgtMaj Leland D. 'Crow' Crawford Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
16 October 2018

**Members Present:**

President: CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)  
Vice President: GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)  
Secretary: SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)  
Treasurer: SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)  
Parliamentarian: GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Lonnie Long (Ret)  
Board Member: GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)

**Members Absent:**

Board Member: SgtMaj John Clampitt (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)  
Board Member: MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)  
Spouse Auxiliary: Steph Parmele (President)

**Call to Order:** At 1601 hours President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the 7-19-18 and 8-29-18 Board of Directors meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bobby Woods presented the board with a detailed report on our finances. He noted that the latest Thrivent Financial data was not available at the time he made the report, but that information was provided at this meeting and Bobby said he would amend the report and forward the corrected copy to the board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report: **Motion passed.**

Gregg Stoner presented the board with a proposed budget for 2019. The budget is comprised of our committed expenditures in support of drill instructors as evidenced by our MCCS agreement. A discussion ensued about the inclusion of the annual Board Holiday Meeting expense, but the members felt that it was an expenditure of value to the board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2019 Budget: **Motion passed.** The board suggested that we send the 2019 Budget out to our membership in the next newsletter in an effort to show what we do with donated funds.

**Spouse Auxiliary:** Stephanie Parmele was absent but Alan Hulett is working with the SA to assist with ideas to increase membership and activity. Chip Dykes got a call on Friday from Nancy Carrington (Treasurer Spouse Auxiliary). 2<sup>nd</sup>Bn is doing a “Mock Pick Up” on Saturday, 20 October followed by a BBQ. The event is expected to have over 100 family members attend. We have been invited to attend as well and interact with the Drill Instructors and families of 2<sup>nd</sup>Bn. It starts at 0800.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Reunion Committee:**

**After Action Report of 2018 Reunion:** Due to limited time at this meeting it was agreed to table the After-action Report discussion of the 2018 reunion until the next board meeting to be held in November.

**Set Date for 2019 Reunion:** There was some discussion about when to hold the 2019 reunion. Although we normally hold the reunion one or two weeks following Labor Day there was some talk about moving it to August or July to get a better turnout. Alan Hulett will check with the San Diego Crowne Plaza Hotel for potential booking dates, and Chip Dykes will check on coordinating time with MCRD activities. Of note, WCDIA is in discussion with MCRD G-3 about making the Friday event “DI Day” and they would handle the entire MCRD day starting with the breakfast through the BBQ at the boathouse.

#### **Gifting Committee:**

**Thrivent Report:** No report was provided.

#### **Review of Committee discussions:**

Board Members had been issued a summary of the committee discussions and proposed procedures for the handling of requests for assistance. There was spirited discussion about the concept of gifting that has taken place recently. The board was informed that the committee’s procedures had been followed explicitly and the gifting fell in line with our mission. The summary sent to the board was a preliminary summary of committee findings, and some omissions on the first report were noted. Secretary Stoner will forward the amended summaries to the board.

It was noted that we have financial limitations to our ability to fund gifting donations and that the board needs to look into means of raising funds beyond our current practices.

Bobby Woods expressed that he felt that we should offer gift recipients an option to repay the gift if they would like to do so. It was felt that making the gift a loan might fall under rules of federal and state regulations in California regarding loan parameters and disclosure laws. It was agreed that we could suggest the option to pay back the gifts to the recipients.

#### **Development Committee:**

Lonnie Long expressed disappointment that the board had not accepted his nomination for board membership from SgtMaj Terry Jones. He stated that he felt that,

as a sergeant major that his recommendation should have been sufficient to automatically approve SgtMaj Jones. The original nomination had been sent to the board in July but it was immediately noted that SgtMaj Jones was not a member of the association. Lonnie obtained a registration from SgtMaj Jones for membership, but a research of our records found that SgtMaj Jones had never attended any of our WCDIA events. At the July board meeting the board requested that SgtMaj Jones attend the reunion to see what we do, and then discuss membership at a meeting following the reunion. SgtMaj Jones did not attend the reunion.

A debate ensued about qualifications (or the lack of defining qualifications) for board membership. Lonnie felt that SgtMaj Jones' 30 years in the Marine Corps and extended time in grade as a sergeant major was sufficient. The board felt that a board members should show interest in our activities and participate to understand what we do and what we are about. To settle the debate Chip Dykes asked for a motion. A motion was made by Lonnie Long and seconded by Doug Barr to accept SgtMaj Terry Jones as member of the board of directors. With no further discussion the vote came out with two votes for, and seven votes against— **Motion Failed.**

Lonnie Long submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Development Committee. GySgt Harold Franco was nominated to be Chairman. His nomination will be voted on at the 20 November board meeting.

**Brick Committee:** No report was offered.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Means of communicating:**

Recent email chains used for discussing the two urgent gifting requests created confusion with the board members, as the discussions appeared to criss-cross between the two requests. The board agreed that future communication requests will be originated with the president and forwarded to the secretary for forwarding to the board. Responses will be requested *not* to “reply all”, instead simply replying to the request. Replies will be compiled by the secretary and then forwarded to all the board of directors. Email chains will not be used.

#### **2. Holiday Party:**

There was a discussion about whether the board members should be required to pay for the Holiday Party. Board members felt that the holiday party was the only perk to board members by the WCDIA, and most boards provide the board members with some form of perk for the hours of volunteering done through the year. It was agreed to continue to pay for the board member dinner and require payment for the guests. The date for the Holiday Party was tentatively set for Saturday, 8 December. The venue will remain the American Legion at 1234 South Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, California. Chip Dykes will confirm the date.

**3. R. Lee Ermey Go-Fund-Me:**

Alan Hulett has remained in contact with the family of R. Lee Ermey. They informed him that a Go-Fund-Me account has been opened for the purpose of raising \$150,000 for the cost of renaming a road in Palmdale. The road will be grooved so that as cars pass over the tires will create the Marines Hymn. They have selected four non-profits to share in any of the excess raised over \$150,000, and the WCDIA is one of the four. This project will be announced in our next newsletter for our members to be aware of. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook site.

The family has additionally stated that they have other donation items for the WCDIA. They were very appreciative of how the WCDIA handled GySgt Ermey.

**4. Ideas for increased membership and social media presence:**

Alan Hulett provided a handout with an outline of suggestions for increasing our membership and also increasing our social media presence. More discussions are to follow at the next meeting.

**5. Next Board of Director meeting:**

Chip Dykes proposed that the board meeting in November to continue discussions on matters left open at this meeting. The meeting will be on the third Tuesday in November on 20 November. The place of the meeting will be determined and sent to the board members.

**Adjourn:** At 1730 hours a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner  
Secretary