

SgtMaj Leland D. ‘Crow’ Crawford Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting
21 May 2019

Members Present:

President: CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)
Vice President: GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)
Secretary: SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)
Treasurer: SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)
Board Member: MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)
Board Member: GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)
Advisor: SgtMaj Marc Chabot, RTR SgtMaj
Advisor: SgtMaj Juan Vega, SgtMaj 3rdBn
Member: Sgt Tom Rhodes (Vet)

Members Absent:

Parliamentarian: GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)
SA President: Stephanie Parmele, SA President

Call to Order: At 1603 hours President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board meeting for 4-16-19 had been electronically sent to board members. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurers Report: SgtMaj Bobby Woods provided a detailed financial report for member review. A motion to approve was made, seconded and approved.

Spouse Auxiliary: President Steph Parmele was absent. Chip Dykes discussed some issues that have developed with the SA: the current SA board members are not working as a coherent group, and there have been instances of resistance to perform board duties. Chip Dykes and Alan Hulett plan to meet with them to determine if the program should continue or be dissolved. It is noted that the SA has been very helpful to our WCDIA mission in the past. In addition, Chip and Alan will meet with Battalion Sergeants Major to discuss getting their FROs more involved in the needed actions.

Committee Reports:

Reunion Committee 2019:

1. MGySgt Bobby Biers: Chip Dykes had been contacted by the son of Bobby Biers regarding a special memorial presentation for Bobby Biers. Chip advised the son that Bobby would be mentioned at the memorial service like the other deceased DIs and he invited the family to attend the ceremony and other activities. Gregg Stoner had also spoken to SgtMaj Terry Hoskins (Ret) who wanted to have a presentation done at the banquet. Terry also wanted to provide a plaque of some sort regarding the SOP Violators Bucket and wanted to participate in the SOP Violator Fund Raiser—he offered to pay for the plaque. Chip Dykes suggested that the WCDIA name the annual cadence calling contest trophy (that would go to the winner’s battalion on a rotating basis) after Bobby Biers. Tom Donner made a motion to name the trophy after Bobby Biers: the motion was seconded and approved.

2. Hall of Fame Brick: Tom Donner made a motion to add SgtMaj Lonnie Long to the Hall of Fame. The motion was not seconded. Chip advised that the Hall of Fame brick would be determined at the reunion committee meeting.

3. Golf Fees: Doug Barr questioned why the golf tournament fee was \$100—he said he has had complaints by potential golfers that the fee was excessive. Doug asked why a lower cost golf course such as Admiral Baker was not used. Chip reported that Admiral Baker would not allow a group tournament on Saturday, and other facilities such as Miramar or Coronado were too far away. We had to settle on the River Walk Golf Course—it is very close to the hotel’s Duty Hut.

4. Reunion details: Chip Dykes said that all reunion decisions would be delayed until our reunion meeting to be held at a future date.

Development Committee:

GySgt Harold Franco was absent, but Gregg Stoner made a motion to accept the board member nomination of Sgt Thomas Rhodes (Vet). The motion was seconded and approved by the board.

Brick Committee:

Bobby Woods advised that sales are moving along. We are still offering a second brick for \$50 (half-price). More effort will go into promoting brick sales.

Old Business:

1. Inland Empire DI Call: Board members were briefed on the results of the DI Call held in Temecula on Saturday, 18 May. The event was well attended and we had very positive feedback from attendees. Gregg Stoner won the raffle for the Glock-19 pistol. The raffle produced a net income of \$2,335.

2. Online Store Update: Alan Hulett is setting up the online store and now has a supply of shirts, caps, pins, and challenge coins to list on the site. In reviewing the merchandise provided Alan determined that there were inconsistencies in the colors and other matters concerning the shirts. It was decided that the items that were not acceptable for the store listing would be offered at a reduced price to members or used as prizes. Items on the site would be things that can be drop-shipped directly from the vendor upon site order, thereby eliminating the need for inventory. Shirts, caps, pins, and challenge coins would be acceptations to the need for inventory. We are now set up to do point-of-sale (POS) credit card payments. The POS system was tried out at the Inland Empire DI Call and worked well. The address for the website store is: wcdiastore@gmail.com.

3. DI Lounge: The interest in the refurbishing boathouse shed has waned. The original lounge site that was taken over by the Fire Department when their facilities burned down has now been vacated and it is available. Chip Dykes asked SgtMaj Chabot to check into getting it back for use as the DI Lounge.

4. Battalion Boards: Chip Dykes advised the previously approval for providing the battalion DI wall boards is still alive and he is working on getting quotes to complete the boards.

New Business:

1. Memorial Day Request: SgtMaj Paxton questioned whether the paperwork has been submitted for his need for DIs to assist with the presentation of the wreath at Fort Rosecrans. Chip advised him that Bobby Woods has submitted the request to G3. Bobby Woods will provide the wreath for the event.

2. Fourth of July Parade: SgtMaj Paxton also inquired about the paperwork requesting 10 volunteer Marines and the DI of the Year to assist with the Coronado Parade on 4 July. In addition he asked if a request could be made to have a Marine provide a truck to pick up a U-haul trailer to tow the float in case his son Paul is unable to do so. Chip Dykes told Bill that we could not put in a request for a Marine to use his personal vehicle. SgtMaj Chabot said he would work on getting volunteers to assist.

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 1650 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner

Secretary