



TBDA Board Minutes

Date: 21 November 2019

Location: Tampa Port Authority / Port Tampa Bay Boardroom

Time: 6:00 PM

Attendees:

- Board Members Present: MG (Ret) Mike Jones, Maj Gen (Ret) Larry Martin, Maj Gen (Ret) Richard Haddad, CAPT (Ret) Jim Philpitt, and Ed Springer
- Senior Advisors: Gen (Ret) Art Lichte and Jeff Gareau
- Members/Guests: Curt Cornelssen, Don Barnes, Dan Schneckenburger, Liz Miller, Geoff Gauger, Glenn Nielsen, Kevin Glenn, Eric Polins, Lt Col (Ret) Buck McLaughlin, and Karen McClain

Board Members Absent: John Schueler and Walter McCracken

Tim Jones, President: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Previous Board Meeting Minutes were discussed and approved, 5 for, 0 against.

Administrative

- **Financial Report** – Ed Springer
 - Normal expenses continue to be documented (Ed passed out a financial handout). In the period 24 Sep to 21 Nov 19 we spent \$2,542.14 with no checks outstanding.
- **Website Report** – not provided since S. Sanders was not present.
- **TBDA Website Content Update** – not provided since E. Polins was not present.
- **2018 Tax Update** – Tim Jones
 - 2018 taxes were submitted by CRI and we have the 990.
- **Late Arrivals** – Jim Philpitt and Karen McClain arrive at 6:35 PM; delayed due to attendance at a Tampa Bay Association of Naval Aviation function



Events

- **A/TA Brief – Tim Jones**
 - TBDA representation at the 23 Oct - 26 Oct A/TA in Orlando consisted of Mike Jones, Beef Haddad and Jim Philpitt. Along with Gen (Ret) McNabb and AMC/CC, Gen Miller, they presented the Tampa Bay Trophy to the 2019 recipient, Ms. Pat Gallagher of Wichita, Kansas.
 - Per request of Tim Jones, Jim executed an earlier pickup of the presentation certificate for Ms. Gallagher in Tampa, transporting same to Orlando, and coordinating with Maj Gen (Ret) Tom Kane for display of the Tampa Bay Trophy in the conference's Heritage Room.
 - Jim also attended A/TA all week as part of his day job with Huntington Ingalls, to include transporting the Tampa Bay Trophy back to Tampa. His corporate superiors have indicated that they would like Jim to attend the 2020 A/TA in Nashville. This may provide additional TBDA "presence" at A/TA at no cost.
- **FDA/FDSTF Meetings – Tim Jones**
 - The President stated that the 20-21 FDA/FDSTF meetings at the Renaissance Hotel in Tampa and the associated base visit to MacDill AFB were extremely successful. Tim Jones provided an overview of the FDA meeting and Beef Haddad provided an overview of the FDSTF meeting.
 - The previous night's social at THE PUB at International Plaza was also well received and well attended by multiple FDA, FDSTF and TBDA members. CAPT (Ret) Ward Sandlin, former Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater also attended.
- **Influencer Events – Tim Jones**
 - The President advised that the next planned Influencer Event will be in the first quarter of 2020. Tentative guest speaker will be Maj Gen Jim Eifert, USAF (ANG), The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida. General Eifert is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Command Pilot with over 3800 flight hours in the F-4 Phantom II and F-15 Eagle.
 - Jim Philpitt recommends that if this invitation is successful, TBDA should ensure that invitations are also extended to commanders of all Florida National Guard units in TBDA's area of interest (e.g., FLARNG's 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Pinellas Park, FLANG's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron at MacDill AFB, etc.).

Committees /Grants

- **Golf Tournament – Beef Haddad & Larry Martin**



- Beef and Larry provided an update on the 10 Jan 2020 Gold Tournament. Course is reserved (MacDill), Base Commander briefed and there is a follow on meeting with the base Commander. Tinker K-8 will be recipient this year and they have agreed to provide support for the tournament.
- **New Committees – Tim Jones**
 - **Issues Committee**
 - Will be headed up by Beef Haddad and will work identified issues such as encroachment and traffic issues to the base.
 - **Development Committee**
 - Will be focused on obtaining corporate sponsorships. No one has been appointed to lead that committee at this time.
- **Grants – TBDA Gaps Identified – Tim Jones**
 - Tim and Mike Jones met with Pathways to growth (grant support company) president Jule Colvin. Jule provided a “Health” checklist for non profits and we will work on filling that out and use as a periodic health check.
- **AWC NSF Status – Jim Philpitt**
 - Multiple nominations in process in coordination with retired Air Force GOs (Chip, Beef, Larry, etc.) and NSF Alumni (Sampey); original suspense date was 30 Nov, but NSF staff have advised that they will continue to accept nominations into December
 - Mike Jones also discussed the annual National Security Seminar at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Similar to the NSF at the Air War College, this can provide us with an opportunity to further broaden understanding of the military by local community leaders.

Community Updates

- **Career Source – Dan Schneckenburger**
 - Dan provided an overview of Career Source and things he is working on.
- **Avon Park Air Force Range Update – Buck McLaughlin**
 - Buck provided an update on current operations at APAFR, to include current operations being conducted by A-10C, HC-130J and HH-60G aircraft from Air Combat Command’s 23rd Wing (23 WG) at Moody AFB, Georgia.
 - Buck also provided an update on a potential residential encroachment issue to the APAFR in Polk County, to include the Mid Florida Regional Planning Council’s position regarding same. Buck is also seeking TBDA support opposing this encroachment.
- **South Tampa Chamber of Commerce – Glenn Nielsen**

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM with sidebars continuing afterwards.