

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIEDMONT SILVER EAGLES  
HELD OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT 9:04 AM  
3200 S. OCEAN BLVD., MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577**

**ATTENDANCE.** President, Ben Gilbert, called the meeting to order. Members in attendance: Capt. Dave Westberg (VP), Capt. Buddy Bowen (E-VP), Capt. Craig Pinto (SEC), Bridget Beck (TREAS).

**Other Board Members**

Harvey Horn, Ron Gabor, Bill Carico

**Others Present**

Danny Young was also present to receive the PSE Pres. nomination.

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** Minutes from the Feb 1 Tele meeting were reviewed by Sec. Craig Pinto and approved.

**TIME CALLED TO ORDER:** 0904      **Opening Prayer by:** Harvey Horn

**INTRODUCTION BY:** Ben

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- A.** Rick Givens (In Charge of Nominating Committee), nominates Capt. Danny Young for PSE Pres. The board confirmed Danny met all the requirements for the President position.
- B.** Discussion of Reunion vs Dues In (\$5 Dues increase Approved)  
A \$5 increase for the reunion was approved at a prior meeting, but has not been acted upon yet. It can be increased when needed in the future.

Discussion on how expenses have increase and revenue has decreased.  
Cost of memorabilia sales have doubled or tripled.

- C.** Bridget Financial Report – Discussion on expenses. Retirement party expenses. Many members paying late. \$33,825 paid in to date - Oct 2022. Expenses need to be reduced. Discussion on different options. Two members must be associated with financial audit.
- D.** Motion by Harvey Horn PSE membership of 4 years, prior to retirement party at the gate. After further discussion, motion ammended to just less or no balloons. (4 year requirement, dropped from motion.)

(Budget cost to \$40 per retirement event) All in favor. Approved. Motion Carried.

- E.** Ben discusses staggered Executive Board election dates, per his email. This will prevent a complete change of the board on the same date. Exec VP and Sec elections are next in 2023. Treasurer and VP election will take place in 2024. (3 Year Terms, approved at the 2021 meeting.) Next President election is at the 2025 reunion.

**F.** Jon Long Appointed Sargent at Arms for General Board Meeting for the day, and maybe all future meetings.

**G.** Ben discusses new member exempt from next year dues. After further discussion, amended to a prorated - \$15. Motion by: Harvey Horn. Sec by: Buddy Bowen. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion passes.

**H.** Ben discusses - Reunion cutoff date – 7 days prior to get a refund without extenuating circumstances. After 7 days prior to meeting, there is no refund. (Vote – All in favor) Passes.

**I** - Late night hospitality hotel room – A liability. (Discontinued) All In Favor – Approved.

**J** - Policy now is a widow/widower does not pay dues even if remarried. No Vote Required

**K** – Ben discusses nomination of officers.

**L** - Ron Gabor explains Article XIII, Section 2, Minutes are considered supplements to the ByLaws. If an item was missing from the By-Laws, but approved in the minutes, the meeting minutes are controlling. Capt Gabor also discussed with the board the topic: “In the event no former Piedmont pilots are willing or able to fill available Officer Positions, the General Membership group will be polled in search for a member interested in filling the vacant position.” The BOD agreed with this and determined that no vote is required for this item.

**M** - Ron Beck - Hotel has been sold. Need to Book reunion for 2024. Discussion of moving Reunion dates to October 15-17. 360 is fire code limit. 331 at 2022 meeting day 3.

**N** - Discussion of CF President vote. Executive board appoints the CF President.

Discussion to direct the next PSE president talk to CF President about future issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss or resolved before the BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at: 10:05

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
PIEDMONT SILVER EAGLES HELD OCTOBER 11, 2022 AT 9:00 AM  
3200 S. OCEAN BLVD., MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Ben Gilbert

All Board members in attendance, as well as approx. 50 general members.

Note: There were very few items to discuss at this meeting, therefore notes below are limited.

## **GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**A.** Intro by President Ben Gilbert. Thanks to Members and Officers. Introduces all Officers and board members. Thanks to Cindy Gabor for beautiful center pieces.

**B. 2021 Minutes read by Craig Pinto. Prior minutes approved.**

**C.** Wes Gooze PSE-CF Report. Candidates are being successful. Not all in aviation, and that's OK. 4 Students graduated from our program. GPA 3.0 or greater required. We track that. All candidates are highly ranked, with many extra activities. 3 new candidates in 2022. Any small donations go a long way toward helping our candidates.

**D.** Ben Discusses the silent auction items. Critical to our fund raising.

**E.** Ben discusses the 3 year officer staggered election, dates are set. See BOD minutes for details.

**F.** Bridget Financial Report. \$83,000 current. Reunion will reduce much of that. Expenses are increasing fast. After the reunion, \$15,000 going into next year. Taxes and Audit completed. Financial Report Approved. Ron Gabor- Motion. Buddy Bowen - Sec. All in favor of Financial Report.

**G.** Dave Westberg VP – Report. Thanks to Ben Gilbert for work as President for last 5 years. Discusses Bob Koontz. Discusses his techniques to recruit, by APA website, letters from him. Good Response. 76 new members in 2022.

**H. Ben Gilbert** – Dues increasing from \$25 to \$30. This was approved by the BOD meeting the day prior to this meeting. Required due to items covered in the financial report, increasing expenses.

**I.** Any New Biz? None.

**J.** Next Reunion – Oct 15-17 (One Week Later. More rooms available, better rates)  
Hotel being sold, but we plan to continue the reunion at this location if possible.  
2023 is already booked, but we need to go ahead and book 2024.

**K.** PSE Pres Election – Rick Givens Nominated Captain Danny Young. Nominations open. No other Candidates nominated.

Danny Elected by Acclamation, At Time 0935. None Opposed.

**N.** Motion to Adjourn. None Opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss or resolve before the GENERAL BOARD, the meeting was adjourned at: 0945

**Respectfully Submitted: Craig Pinto (PSE-Secretary)**