

**MINUTES OF
THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PIEDMONT SILVER EAGLES, INC. HELD JULY 28, 2021
AT 7:07 PM VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE. President, Ben Gilbert, called the meeting of the Piedmont Silver Eagles, Inc. to order. Members present were Capt. Ben Gilbert, Capt. Bill Carico, Capt. Gerald “Buddy” Bowen, Jr., Chris Runge, Capt. Ken Duncan, Bridget Beck, and Harvey Horn. Board Members not in attendance were Capt. Chris Minor, Capt. Nicholas Pierce, and Capt. Ron Gabor. Emilie Lukash served as Secretary of the teleconference meeting.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES. Minutes from last years meeting were noted and approved.

DISCUSSION:

- a. Capt. Ben Gilbert started the meeting by addressing how the board is composed. The board is made up of 9 officers, 5 of which are known as the executive board (President, Executive VP, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) the remaining 4 board members are members at large that advise the Executive Board.
- b. Capt. Ben Gilbert addressed the issue at hand with the elections for 2021. Due to cancelation of the 2020 reunion due to COVID-19, the Executive Board has decided to extended any officers term by one (1) year, if they would like to continue. He stated that Capt. Chris Minor and Capt. Nicholas Pierce would not like to extend their rolls past October 2021.
- c. Capt. Ben Gilbert further addressed the Nominating Committee, it was his understanding that Capt. Nicholas Pierce, VP would be resigning eminently and he wanted to get ahead of finding a replacement. Colleen Fields was elected to head up the Nominating Committee and, in her efforts, found Capt. Lori Cline for President and Capt. Domingo Alfaro for VP. At this time Capt. Pierce will be continuing with his position as VP and would like to not extend his service as of October 2021. Therefore, Capt. Ben Gilbert will dissolve the Nominating Committee at this time and continue per the Bylaws and open up the Nominating Committee on the first day of the reunion in October 2021. Colleen Fields subsequently resigned as the head of the Nominating Committee, she will continue in all other positions within PSE and PSECFI.
- d. Lastly, Capt. Ben Gilbert addressed the nominations that came from the Nominating Committee; Capt. Lori Cline, Capt. Domingo Alfaro. Capt. Lori Cline was nominated for PSE President, the Executive Board currently feels that with her role at American Airlines in Management, it is better that she not hold a President title. Capt. Ben Gilbert intends to nominate her for the PSECFI Board in October 2021. Capt. Domingo Alfaro was nominated for VP

position, his nomination will stand. Capt. Ben Gilbert opened the floor for any questions or comments, no questions or comments.

- e. Capt. Buddy Bowen opened the floor with regards to non-misinterpreted conversation with Colleen Fields. Capt. Bowen spoke about the conversation and his interpretation of the conversation; he is willing to move forward regarding the matter as is Ms. Fields.
- f. Capt. Ben Gilbert then addressed the hotel matter. We have exceeded our room allotment with the hotel and they are unwilling to extend it at our current rate. The new rate will be \$199.00/night for 3 nights at 15 people per night. At this time, we are going to redirect members to book from other entities. All the board members are in favor of this.
- g. Harvey Horn made motion for hand sanitizer and face masks be available to the membership at the reunion in October 2021, hopefully funded by the hotel, but if not, then PSE will cover the cost. All the board members are in favor of this.
- h. Capt. Ben Gilbert brought to the board's attention the need for Minutes and Bylaws on the PSE website. Emilie Lukash asked the question to Capt. Ken Duncan regarding the Minutes and Bylaws. Capt. Duncan informed the board that they could and needed to be posted on the website. We will move forward with making those items available on the website.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Meeting, it was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted Emilie Lukash, Secretary of the teleconference meeting.