

173d Airborne Brigade Association
Board of Directors Mid Winter Conference
Meeting Minutes

Jan. 14 – 15, 2017

I. Call to order

President Roy Scott called to order the regular meeting of the 173d Airborne Brigade Association Mid Winter Conference at 9am on January 14, 2017 at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. He led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Joe Marquez offered a prayer.

II. Roll call

Secretary Bill Reynolds conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: (see attached) He announced that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Bill Reynolds read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made to suspend the reports — which failed. Terry Aubrey continued with the vice president's report (See attached) the highlights of which were the profitability of the store and the copyright and trademarking of our logo and title.

Roy Scott began to report on the upcoming election at which time Eldon Meade questioned as to why he had been left off the ballot and denied the opportunity to run for office. Roy Scott explained that in the absence of an election committee to vet candidates for office he had made an executive decision to declare Meade as "unsuitable." Scott also removed an article from the winter issue of Sky Soldier regarding Wambi Cook's selection by DoD to return to Vietnam declaring publicizing this event would be showing undue "bias" toward his candidacy. After some discussion, the board determined that Eldon Meade was the victim of unfounded rumors and was a suitable candidate after all. It was also determined that his name would be included on the ballot to appear in the spring issue of Sky Soldier magazine. The board decided that the article about Wambi Cook would also appear in the spring issue.

IV. Open issues

- a) Oklahoma City Reunion Report was given by Jerry Cooper and approved.
- b) Vicenza, IT gathering Report was presented by Ralph C. Darland (via Skype) and approved

V. New business

- a) The board began reconciliation of comments to the draft bylaws. Tommy McMahon, chairman bylaws committee, presented his version (via Skype) cigar in hand, from his easy chair in New York, claiming inclement weather prevented him from attending in person. The board continued to work, taking only bathroom breaks and one hour for supper until hotel staff kicked them out of the room at 11:30 p.m.
- b) The board reconvened at 9 a.m. Sunday to complete the bylaws reconciliation. It was determined the recommended changes would be returned to McMahon for incorporation into a final draft to be presented to the membership for adoption at the Oklahoma City reunion in May.

VI. Adjournment

President Roy Scott adjourned the meeting at noon.

Minutes submitted by: Bill Reynolds

Minutes approved by: [Name]

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Attendees

Organization/Chapter	Name	Position
Executive Committee	Roy Scott	President
Executive Committee	Terry Aubrey	Vice-president
Executive Committee	David Williams	Treasurer
Executive Committee	Bill Reynolds	Secretary
Chapter 1 Capitol Dc Area	Joe Flesch	Chapter President
Chapter 2 New York	Tom McMahan	Present via Skype
Chapter 3 Columbus, GA	Wambi Cook	Proxy
Chapter VI Chicago	Terry Gannon	Proxy
Chapter 7 Florida	Wambi Cook	Proxy
Chapter 8 Inland Northwest	Eldon Meade	Proxy
Chapter 9 New England	Wambi Cook	Proxy
Chapter 10 Northern CA	Bob Ortiz	Chapter President
Chapter 13 Texas	Rey Rios	Chapter President
Chapter 14 Southern CA	Wambi Cook	Chapter President
Chapter 15 Minneapolis MN	Trudell Gurue	Chapter President
Chapter 16 Washington State	Tim Austin	Proxy
Chapter 17 Midwest States	Bill Terry	Chapter President
Chapter 18 Oklahoma	Ed Perkins	Chapter President
Chapter 21 MO and Southern IL	Tim Austin	Proxy
Chapter 24 Rochester MN	Sam Maslowski	Chapter President
Chapter 25 Arizona	Wambi Cook	Proxy
Chapter 28 San Diego CA	Jon Hutchens	Chapter President
Chapter 29 Nevada	Joe Carmody	Chapter President
Chapter 30 South Carolina	Joe Marquez	Proxy
Chapter 173 AD Brigade	Ralph C. Darland	Present via Skype