

Super Sabre Society (SSS) Board of Directors P.O. Box 341837 Lakeway, TX 78734

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Super Sabre Society was held on 13 January 2022 via Zoom pursuant to the provisions of Article III, paragraph 9 of the By-laws of the Super Sabre Society.

- 1. Roll Call. All Board Members and Officers of the SSS were present.
- **2. Call to Order.** There was a short delay in the starting time as the members wrestled with the new Zoom procedures. The meeting was called to order by the SSS President, Tom Griffith at 1500 hours EST on 13 January 2022.

## 3. Board Members Present

- Tom Griffith, President/ Chairman
- Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
- Leo Mansuetti, Executive Director/CEO
- Dick Pietro, Director-at-Large
- Jim Williford, Executive Secretary

## **Officers Present**

- Medley Gatewood, "Editor Emeritus" of the Intake
- JJ Schulz, Editor of the Intake
- Win Reither, Chief Information Officer
- Dewey Clawson, Publisher of the Intake and Membership Committee and Election Committee Chair
- Dave Hatten, Chief Financial Officer
- Pete Collins, Legal advisor

## Others in attendance

• Bob Salisbury, incoming editor of the Intake

**4. President's Remarks.** General Griffith welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He recognized each individual for their continued hard work in keeping our organization running smoothly. Our efforts will preserve our memories, photos and stories for our children, grandchildren and others interested in the F-100.

## 5. Officer Reports:

- i. **Dewey Clawson's** membership report. We currently have around 1100 active members. We're losing around 100 each year. There are some 82 members who have not paid as of yet. We'll track these folks down by e-mail, phone, and letter. We can find about ½ and about ½ of those will pay.
- ii. **Dave Hatten** reported that we have around \$100,000 in the bank. Eddie Bracken questioned how we came out on the Intake and the Web site budget projections. JJ responded that the Intake was on target. Win stated that the Web site budget was over by \$2,000 to \$3,000 due to negotiations with Wild Apricot.
- iii. Win Reither said a lot had been going on with our Web site which has continued to be well maintained and upgraded by Jack Paddock. Win stated that MB Barrett was totally capable of taking over the management of the site should the need arise. She has been given a pay raise to more appropriately recognize her tireless work. Tom Griffin applauded the raise and said it was well deserved.
- iv. **JJ Schulz** reported that the Intake will continue with 3 issues at 40 pages each per year. However, he needs more member inputs to continue with the content quality. JJ has survived several extensive and traumatic surgeries and is steadily recovering. We will certainly miss his great work as our editor. He brought with him a wealth of experience, expertise (and several awards) to his job. Bob Salisbury will follow JJ as the editor.
- v. **Medley Gatewood** provided excellent cover during JJ's surgeries...it's always smart to have a reliable wingman.
- vi. **Pete Collins** (our damn lawyer) offered this piece of legal advice... "Fear of COVID does not provide us a legal basis to avoid a cancellation penalty per our hotel contract"
- vii. **CEO Leo Mansuetti** stated the Fort Wayne fly-in was a great success from the flying to the dinner to all social events. One minor, intermittent "radio out" incident was quickly resolved and the flying continued as planned. There are still others who would like to fly the Hun and Tom Griffith agreed that Leo should follow-up on the possibility.

- viii. An extensive discussion on the Las Vegas reunion followed focusing on the impact of the COVID pandemic on our aging membership. Leo presented his extensive research on the issue. Pros and Cons for continuing the reunion were offered. The bottom line is that we will reconvene the Board in the first week of March and make a final decision of whether to cancel or continue with our April reunion in Las Vegas.
- **6.** Tom Griffith formally recommended a follow-on meeting for the first week in March. The meeting was closed.