

*Super Sabre Society (SSS)
Board of Directors
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A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Super Sabre Society** was held on 1 March 2022 via Zoom pursuant to the provisions of Article III, paragraph 9 of the By-laws of the **Super Sabre Society**.

1. **Roll Call.** Win Reither and Medley Gatewood were absent.
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 1200 hours EST on 1 March 2022.
3. **Board Members Present**
 - i. Tom Griffith, President/ Chairman
 - ii. Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
 - iii. Leo Mansuetti, Executive Director/CEO
 - iv. Dick Pietro, Director-at-Large
 - v. Jim Williford, Executive Secretary

Officers Present

- vi. JJ Schulz, Editor of the ***Intake***
- vii. Dewey Clawson, Publisher of the ***Intake*** and Membership Committee and Election Committee Chair
- viii. Dave Hatten, Chief Financial Officer
- ix. Pete Collins, Legal advisor

Others in attendance

- x. MB Barret
4. **President's Remarks.** General Griffith welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He said the number one purpose of the meeting was to discuss the reunion. A second topic will be discussed later in the meeting. Leo set us up pretty well with his message this morning. He outlined three options. The three options to be discussed include (1) do we cancel the reunion, (2) do we delay the reunion, and (3) do we press on with the reunion in Las Vegas as planned.

5. Open Discussion about the reunion followed.

It might cost us around \$79,000 if we make any changes. Tom Griffith said he wasn't sure at this time of what the final cancellation number might be or how they might enforce it.

Dick Pietro raised the question of how many rooms we had guaranteed to the Tropicana and how many of our members had signed up at this time. MB said that 57 members had signed up and 118 people had signed up. However, many people were holding off to see what we decided at this meeting. At this time, the room count and total attendance does not appear to be relevant.

Leo has done extensive research on COVID and its variants. The CDC hasn't been fully open and there isn't agreement across the nation on the status of the disease. He stated that the Governor of Nevada had dropped his indoor mask mandate. The city of Las Vegas is 100% open. Leo has communicated with Ray Casey and reviewed his letter and Ray's answers to the three options he outlined. (1) The cancellation penalty would be \$73,200. (2) Delay the reunion. Possible, but prices would most likely increase. (3) Go with the reunion as scheduled. There may be a shortfall in meeting our planned number of reservations with the Tropicana.

Tom Griffith proposed that we vote to **press on with the reunion** and evaluate things on 20 March with a decision in a Board Meeting on 21 March (we lose our contract price on 26 March). If we don't get the required minimum and suffer any financial damages, then we will look at delaying. **Cancel is off the table.**

Leo said the room target was 102-103. Pete Collins stated that our financial liability was based on the difference between what room count was guaranteed and what was actually used. Therefore, our financial liability was not the full \$73,200.

Leo (who has three messages ready to go) will inform the members that the reunion is on and that everyone who was waiting should quickly get their reservations in. Leo's draft will go to MB and Tom Griffith for review.

6. Second Subject for discussion.

Tom Griffith stated that we are all getting a little older and that our health is becoming more and more of an issue. We need a replacement for Leo as CEO and MB will be moving in to replace Win and the CIO.

Eddie emphasized that we needed to develop a strategic plan for the draw down of SSS activities which addressed the transition, the disposition of our money and the draw down of the *Intake*, etc.

Tom Griffith said he would spend the next two weeks developing a plan. He plans to contact each member of our Board and Officers individually for their inputs. In addition,

he will touch base with MAPS and FSS, the F-86 members and other parties on how best to proceed.

7. Final input.

Leo indicated that 11 SSS members still wanted to fly Dean Cutshall's F-100. He was looking at the last two weeks in September and would work with Dean and his Crew Chief to pull this together.

8. Tom Griffith scheduled follow-on meeting for 21 March. The meeting was closed.