



OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

15 November 2010

To: OAEA Membership

Subj: Minutes of First Officer's meeting at the 2010 OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, TX, 3 November 2010:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by President Jim Heffel. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Jim Heffel –	President	Steve Edelman –	Director: <u>Absent</u>
Tony Herman –	Executive Vice President: <u>Absent</u>	Edwin Hamblin –	Director
John West –	Immediate Past President	Dave Hazard –	Director
Billy-Ace Baker –	Life Director	Jim Landy –	Director
Cy Buehler –	Treasurer: <u>Absent</u>	Art Lindberg –	Secretary
Marty Diller –	Director	Dick Spaulding –	Director: <u>Absent</u>
Buz Dryfoose –	Director	Laura Snow –	Vice-President Elect
Jim Eblen –	Parliamentarian		

2. Address of the President: Jim Heffel

- A. Introduced Laura Snow, who finished second in voting for the Vice President position in the 2010 OAEA election. Tony Herman had been re-elected to the Vice President post in that election, but passed away in October. Accordingly, President Heffel appointed Laura Snow to the vacant Executive Vice President post at this time.
- B. Secretary Art Lindberg recently submitted his resignation and it was accepted by Jim Heffel. To replace Art, outgoing OAEA Director Marty Diller agreed to assume the OAEA Secretary position and President Heffel appointed him to that post at this time. Of interest, Art Lindberg will receive the Soviet Jewry Freedom Award from the Russian-Jewish Community Organization on 7 November at Lombardo's Function Facility in Randolph, MA, in recognition of his previously classified undercover work with the FBI during his Navy career. Art's brief stint as a double agent in 1977-78 resulted in the arrest of three Soviet KGB spies that were later exchanged for five Russian dissidents.

3. In lieu of reading the Minutes of the previous First Officer's meeting, held on 5 November 2008 at the Pensacola Beach Reunion, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Jim Eblen to accept the minutes as written.

4. Reports of Officers:

- A. The FY-2010 Financial Report of the OAEA was presented by Marty Diller on behalf of OAEA Treasurer Cy Buehler, who was unable to attend the Reunion due to health concerns. Discussion over the reason for a \$1000 increase in Newsletter costs over the FY-2009 amount was not resolved. A motion by Marty, to accept the report on the condition that the Newsletter expense issue be pursued and resolved, was unanimously approved.

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5. Reports of Committees:

- A. Chairman Dave Hazard presented the Merchandise Committee report. The OAEA Ship's Store account is in the black, with, as of 3 October 2010, a profit of \$577 put back into merchandise purchases, and a balance in the checking account of \$895. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Art Lindberg to accept this report.
- B. Chairman Ed Hamblin presented the Scholarship Committee Report, explaining that poor investment returns have precluded the award of any Program funds since 2008. He is investigating suitable ways of changing scholarship award disbursements, and plans to make a proposal to the Board that will change the existing rules to permit a means of augmenting the funds available for scholarship awards for the 2011-12 school year. A motion by Dave Hazard to accept this report was unanimously approved by the Board.

6. Reports of Special Subjects: none.

7. Unfinished Business: none.

8. New Business: Jim Heffel

- A. Dave Hazard brought up the recent email issue of accounting for undepreciated property (computer system purchased in Jan'03) held by Jim O'Connell and how to account for it on OAEA books. Jim O'Connell offered to pay for it when he left the BOD in Nov'08, but nothing was decided then and it has been sitting unused in Jim's garage ever since. Cy Buehler stated (email) that IRS depreciation schedules normal expense of such equipment is 5 years. Jim Heffel stated that he told O'Connell (by email) that he could keep the equipment and that O'Connell accepted the offer. Treasurer Buehler is directed to reduce the OAEA net worth by the value of the equipment.
- B. The location of the 2014 OAEA Reunion was discussed. Ed Hamblin stated his intent for the OAEA Tidewater Group to host the seventh OAEA National Reunion in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area and that he would stand up at the General Membership meeting and volunteer his Group for that Reunion.
- C. Jim Heffel presented his thoughts on how to disburse a Scholarship award for the 2011-12 school year: set aside the first \$1750 of any FY-2011 scholarship donations collected for award disbursement(s), and invest any further FY-2011 donations collected beyond that amount. Further discussion included a suggestion that the amount in the Scholarship investment account be capped and used only for augmenting award amounts, but to primarily award scholarships using donations received above the capped amount. Jim ended the discussion by asking the Board to consider the ideas presented and be ready to explore this further in the normal email forum as part of the discussion phase before creating a resolution to revise Scholarship Award procedures established by Oxnard Resolution 16. It was noted that Scholarship Committee Chairman Ed Hamblin already has taken this issue for action.
- D. Jim Heffel presented his thoughts on changing Associate Member rights and privileges. He noted that spouses and children of Regular members, who may currently be Associate members, cannot vote or hold office – yet when the Regular member dies, Regular member status is automatically conferred on his/her spouse and children, who would now be permitted to vote and hold elected office. Jim considers this to be a senseless inequity and that it should be changed, and urged the Board to be ready to discuss his recommendation to change Associate member privileges in the normal email forum as part of the discussion phase before creating a resolution to revise the By-Laws accordingly. An action officer on this issue was not assigned.
- E. On the subject of membership, Billy-Ace Baker volunteered that new Director Dave Bresnahan has expressed a desire to join the Membership Committee. With over 40 years of USAP operations, logistics and science support experience, Dave will be a valuable asset in membership recruitment efforts, particularly from the USAP and polar science communities.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

SUBMITTED:

Marty Diller

Marty Diller
Secretary

APPROVED

James Heffel

James Heffel
President