



GROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

GOMA Meeting Minutes 9 December 2020

Meeting opened at 1700 (PST)
No other members present

Officers Present:

Chair	Jim Towney
Vice	Mike Lewis
Secretary	Unable to attend
Treasurer	Charles Bushnell
Prior Chair	Charles Bushnell
Membership Chair	Unable to attend

OPENING

Attendance was taken and the Treasurer stated that we have a quorum with majority of board members present who then turned it over to the Chairman for opening comments. The Chairman Jim Towney greeted all present and opened the monthly meeting. He stated that it is understood that this may be a tough time of the month for members to join in, but we still have some work to do and will carry on with the monthly meeting. The next focus needs to be on posters. The Treasurer stated he had received a note from member Dave Tiff giving his regrets for not being able to attend tonight, but that he is standing by to assist in the creation of the posters. Treasurer then stated that last month his (Treasurer) only concern was that he felt the website was not ready to have potential candidates directed to it, but that after that meeting, he went there and was very pleased with what he saw, that the Webmaster had completed a full refresh and it is definitely ready. Chairman stated that he and the Vice-Chairman will reach out to Dave Tiff and get something finished up and that they can always be changed/updated later after comments are received from the community.

PAST MINUTES

Chairman stated that last month's meeting minutes (November 2020) were distributed and completed by the Secretary Jerry Copley then sent to the Webmaster for filing. This still requires a motion to permanently accept them for record. First, are there any changes that are needed at this time? With no changes being identified by board or members present do I have a motion to accept? Mike Lewis motioned that the minutes be accepted as written and Charles Bushnell seconded the same. The November minutes are accepted and finalized. Chairman asked for the Treasurer Report.

TREASURER BUSINESS

November 2020 TREASURY REPORT

- **Beginning Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,585.78**
- Beginning Balance Checking: \$13,580.57
- Expenses: \$0.00
- Deposits: \$.77
 - 11/19/20 Transfer excess funds from Savings \$0.21
 - 11/30/20 Dividend \$0.56
- Ending Balance Checking: \$13,581.34
- Savings Balance: \$5.00 (\$0.21 transferred to checking)
- PayPal Balance: \$0.00
 - Carry Over from October: \$0.00
- **Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,586.34**

Notes:

1. Excess funds transferred from Savings to open that account up for Scholarship funds ONLY
2. Documents submitted to Navy Fed on 11/28/2020 changing account ownership from Robert Charlton to Charles Bushnell. Confirmed in process on 12/02/2020 and should be completed by next week (pending NFCU approval and execution)..



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Treasurer states that all supporting documents are available upon request. Jim Towney motions to accept Treasury Report as written and Mike Lewis seconds the motion and it was accepted. Treasury report will be sent to website for filing.

Treasurer continued stating the following took place in December which while it will be detailed in next month's report, it is notable to mention:

1. Switching of PayPal account from Rosalind Twigg to Charles Bushnell has finally been completed.
2. All Documents confirming PayPal is now a 501(c)3 have been completed. Still trying to understand what that means.
3. Corporation annual report updated to reflect names and positions of new Officers and sent to Webmaster to post on website.
4. Email approvals from board resulted in a payment to the webmaster for all the work he has completed on the website.

Chairman thanks Treasurer for his report then asks for the Membership report.

MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS (Briefed by Charles Bushnell)

There were no changes from last month's report which is as follows:
We currently have 453 total members

We added 0 members;

Plankholder: 32

--Active: 28

--Inactive: 4

Lifetime: 70

--Active: 47

--Inactive: 23

Annual Members: 349

--Active Paid: 29

--Honorary Active: 92

--Inactive (not renewed): 227

--Inactive/retired accounts: 2

Chairman asks for other business

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Vice Chair comments that we need to schedule visits with the Senior Leadership with I MEF/Division after the next Newsletter comes out to show the progress being made for the purpose of getting new recommendations/support and see what we can do to re-energize the desire for Marines to become members of the GOMA. Chairman stated that he agrees and he knows that many are still thinking "What's in it for me" but that the Scholarship Program may be what takes it to the next level. Treasurer also stated that we are hanging in there and that as long as we are getting enough funding through dues to maintain our obligations that we will be fine, that in the past year with all of the admin costs, we still have a higher balance than we had in Jan 2020 by about \$500 which is showing that we are being careful in spending. Chairman and Vice-Chairman will work up a plan after the holidays are over for visits.
2. Treasurer stated that we are receiving donations to the Scholarship Program from members which will be outlined in next month's report. He also stated that he is aware of three companies who have been contacted with positive results but that the process could still take some time before we see results.



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Chairman recognized the emails sent out by the Treasurer to membership as a positive and thanked all involved in the creation and execution of the Scholarship Program. Treasurer stated that the Scholarship account is set up with Navy Fed and that the savings account has been dedicated for it. This was decided after making contact with Navy Fed and realizing that setting up a separate account at this time would be counterproductive. This account will be tracked closely and a separate report in December's submission next month will be provided.

3. Vice-Chairman stated that the Newsletter is currently in production and hopes that it will be completed next week. Once received and approved by the board, he stated that the Treasurer will send a copy to the Webmaster to be posted on the website, announce its release on Facebook and send it to I&L Capt. Beck to be distributed. He also stated that he has been in contact with the editor of the quarterly magazine sent to Camp Pendleton and confirmed that it will continue to be added each quarter at no cost to GOMA. Chairman stated he will continue to reach out to Active Commands for submissions of stories and recognition of active warfighters.

Final comments from the Chair:

Chairman thanked all who attended and reminded all that the **next board meeting will go at 1700 PST, 13 January 2021**. Call in information is (848)220-3300 Conf. Code 306434

All of the board members hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and that Santa brings you all that you desire as we KNOW that if you are Ordnance, you HAVE to be good!! Semper Fidelis!!!

Meeting closed at 1754 (PST)

