



GROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

GOMA Meeting Minutes (10 July 2020)

Meeting opened at 1900 (EST)
other members present:
LtCol Thesolina Hubert
LtCol Jim Towney (Ret)
Maj. Mark Oldroyd
MGySgt John Deering
MGySgt Patrick Dues
MGySgt Dave Patterson (Ret)

Officers Present:

Chair	Charles Bushnell
Vice	Mike Lewis
Secretary	Jerod Murphy
Treasurer	Bushnell (Acting)
Prior Chair	Not Available
Membership Chair	Joe Bering

OPENING

Chairman opened the meeting on time and stated his gratitude to the many members and those on the board who dialed in. It was stated that Dave Tiffit could not make it due to major storms and power outages in Vermont and we all wish him the best as he and his family deals with this. The Chairman was also contacted in advance of the meeting by Greg Frich who unfortunately had conflicts tonight but sends his best regards to all. With the majority of our board members present we had a quorum to proceed. While it is unfortunate we are still not able to schedule any events due to the state our country is in, the GOMA and its membership is still looking forward to and tentatively planning events so we are ready to execute once we are clear to make it happen.

PAST MINUTES

Chairman stated that last month's meeting minutes (June 2020) have been posted on the webpage and was also sent out to all board members. It was asked to all present if there were any corrections that needed to be incorporated and no response was received. With no changes being identified by board and members present the minutes were motioned by Mike Lewis to accept and seconded by LtCol Hubert. No further discussion was made and the vote to accept was unanimously all in favor. The minutes are accepted and finalized.

TREASURER BUSINESS

TREASURY REPORT (Covering 1-30 June 2020)

- **Beginning Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,199.52**
- Beginning Balance Checking: \$13,136.65
- Expenses: \$300.00
 - 6/11/20 \$275.00 IRS fee for 501(c) (3)
 - 6/24/20 \$25.00 Annual VA Incorporation Fee
- Deposits: \$358.00
 - 6/2/20 Deposit \$57.66 from PayPal
 - 6/22/20 Deposit \$57.66 from PayPal
 - 6/24/20 Deposit \$242.14 from PayPal
 - 6/30/20 Dividend \$0.54
- Ending Balance Checking: \$13,194.65
- Savings Balance: \$5.21 (No other activity)
- PayPal Balance: \$0.00
 - Carry Over from May: \$57.66
 - 6/5/20 Annual Member John (Jennifer Deering) Deering \$30.00 - \$1.17 Fee Net \$28.83
 - 6/13/20 Annual Member Joshua Cordova \$30.00 - \$1.17 Fee Net \$28.83
 - 6/23/20 Annual Member John (Jennifer Deering – automated payment) Deering \$25.00 - \$1.03 Fee Net \$23.97
 - 6/23/20 Life Member Matthew Rogers \$225.00 - \$6.83 Fee Net \$218.17
 - Total Transferred to Checking: \$357.46



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- **Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,199.86**
All supporting documents are available upon request.

Mike Lewis tabled a motion to accept the treasury report and Major Oldroyd seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and all voted in favor. The treasurer confirmed that the monthly treasurer report for June had not yet been posted to the website under Official Documents but will send tonight for that action. (After signing in to webpage, go to news then official documents folder)

MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS (Joe Bering briefed)

We currently have 410 total members

*membership numbers are off by 2, currently at 412

Plankholder: 32

--Active: 25

--Inactive: 7 (Not signed into Website)

Lifetime: 68

--Active: 44

--Inactive: 24 (Not signed into Website)

Annual Members: 308

--Active Paid: 23 this is up one from last month

--Honorary Active: 55 this is down 21 from last month

--Inactive (not renewed): 230

--Inactive/retired accounts: 2

Added 1 annual membership:

412 – SSgt Joshua Cordova - 2147

One member moved to Lifetime status

125 – CWO2 Matt Rogers – 2120

(Noted by Maj Oldroyd, CWO Rogers was also the recipient of the 2019 USMC GOMA Awards Program and Chairman noted that we also had an annual member, MGySgt Deering renew for a period of two years)

OTHER BUSINESS (Briefed by Charles)

1. Chairman briefed no updates regarding any information received from the IRS. Website did state process could take up to a year for entities that have been in business for more than a year. And newly formed businesses or incorporations that file within the first year, 6-9 months. It is expected that supporting documentation will be requested for once an agent has been assigned. LtCol Hubert asked if we can now accept donations and the answer is yes. Once the IRS awards our tax exempt status our start date will be 10 June 2020. Unfortunately the award is not guaranteed which means that we cannot offer a donor any tax write offs for this donation until it is.
2. Newsletter was discussed and a deadline for submission set for 1 September. Chairman stated he will write up the article for the membership spotlight and also his “Chairman’s corner” before the deadline. Both he and the Vice-Chairman reiterated the need for input from all of the Ordnance community and asked that articles, recommendations, and information deemed useful to all ordnance Marines be sent to vicechairman@usmcgoma.org or lewisms460@gmail.com. It was also asked of Major Oldroyd that whoever is taking the photos for the last awards recipients to please send them to the Vice-Chairman as pulling them off Facebook would be grainy and not suitable for the Newsletter. Also asked to all present on the call was if they felt we were hitting the mark in the first two newsletters and all had positive input.



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Major Oldroyd tabled an idea where on a quarterly basis we locate a warfighter of the Ordnance MOS, and spotlight him/her. This could be rotated around the three MEFS and MARFORRES each getting a turn. Something short, maybe a couple of paragraphs and some pictures taken by Combat Camera. Also recommended was that this Marine is given a one year GOMA Membership for his recognition. All on the call liked this idea and CWO Joe Bering volunteered to take lead in this effort working with the board and the MEFS/MARFORRES to map out an agreed process that can be presented at the next board meeting for final vote in August. If anyone receives an email from CWO Joe Bering on this subject, please respond to him right away. We also agreed that once the process is completed, II MEF will be the first to provide. MGySgt Deering made a recommendation on the first candidate and provided a link to an article which the MEF will make final selection. It was also stated that any and all activities highlighted in the Newsletter is good for the community to see what the GOMA is doing and how it also can satisfy the WIFM.

3. Reiterated was that our next elections for the board is due in November 2020. MGySgt Shannon Sweeney (Ret) has volunteered to serve as the Election Committee Chairman. Anyone desiring to run for office, we are now accepting nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In order to hold office you must be a voting member in good standing. Anyone who is interested in serving a 2 year term, please contact the Election Committee Chair at Sweeney.shannon21@gmail.com Deadline for submission is end of August.
4. Vice Chairman Mike Lewis brought up the need once again for volunteers to chair 4 areas: Scholarships, Bereavement, Fund Raising and events/membership drives. The chairman Charles Bushnell also stated that we have no choice but to have a scholarship program and that if we do not succeed in this area, we can lose our tax exempt status after approved as it is the Basis in our Bylaws and what was applied for. We need someone to reach out to pick this up or any of the 4 categories.

The next monthly meeting will be on the **12th of August at 1900 EST**. Dial in number is 848-220-3300 access code 306434 information will also be posted as an event on Facebook.

-Reminder to all membership – all members and nonmembers are invited and encouraged to dial in to the monthly meetings. It was great having six of the ordnance elites joining us on the call this month. Come see what we are doing! Please mark your calendars and join in to make the GOMA what we all envision it to be. If you know of someone who is interested and would like to listen in, please pass this info to them. This meeting is open to members and non-members alike. We all need to get the word out! Feel free to share these and all past minutes to prospective members. Be safe out there and Semper Fidelis!!!

Meeting closed at 1948 (EST)

