

# OX5 NATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

DAYTON, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

## MINUTES

President George Vose called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.  
Wayne Gordon gave the invocation.

Roll Call of attendees:

Harold Walter, Kansas Wing	Mike Lawrence, Texas Wing
Cheryl Dewey, Wisconsin Wing	Donald Voland, Wisconsin Wing
George Vose, Texas Wing	Ivan Livi, Cliff Ball wing
Dennis Yerkey, Cliff Ball Wing	Thomas Barruso, Cliff Ball Wing
Howard Benham, Kansas Wing	Wayne Gordon, Midwest Florida Wing
Sylvia cook, At Large	

Secretary Harold Walter read the minutes of the last meeting. Mike Lawrence made a motion, seconded by Wayne Gordon, to accept the minutes as read. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

There was a discussion in regards to the memorabilia items being donated to the CB Wing to be displayed in the KLBE Museum. Ivan Livi gave a presentation on the KLBE Museum in Latrobe, Pa and the Cliff Ball Wing interaction and assistance provided to the museum. Sylvia Cook related that there is memorabilia available from Virginia McNabb for the cost of shipping. Coverage of the cost of freight was authorized unanimously and Sylvia is to provide Ivan with contact information with Virginia McNabb.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion in regards to the modification of the New Member Application. In addition to graphic changes it was decided that it would only require one sponsor; that the second page is not needed and should be replaced with an historical brochure. Speaking for Oren Hudson, Sylvia Cook voiced Hudson's opinion that there should be two sponsors. Dennis Yerkey explained the reasons for making the changes. Ivan Livi related how he had been able to enroll more than twenty new members from various areas of the country by acting as a single sponsor. Vice President Lawrence expressed his agreement with this procedure. Donald Voland said the change in name to "Pioneers" changes the direction and overall scope of the organization. He concurs about the history but expressed an opinion that the old way would be too cumbersome.

Howard Benham had questions in regards to the bylaws that led to a discussion about the need for bylaws revisions. Ivan Livi informed the group that he had begun a review of the bylaws with the intention of proposing changes. Mike Lawrence volunteered to work with Ivan and Howard on the bylaws review.

Sylvia Cook brought up the subject of member retention. Ivan expressed the opinion that retention of members has to do with the National and Wings being involved in projects of interest to the members. He related how CBW has been involved in fundraising projects to sponsor student scholarships and working with the KLBE Museum personnel in the operation of the museum.

Sylvia Cook, representing Oren Hudson, made a motion to revert to the condition of having two sponsors for new members. Seconded by Howard Benham. A vote on the motion resulted in a unanimous “Nay” vote. Motion was rejected.

Benham made a motion to accept the revised application while the bylaws are being reviewed. There was a unanimous vote to accept. Motion passed.

Mike Lawrence reported on the situation involving Robert Taylor. Lawrence reports as follows:

There was no contract with Robert Taylor.

No check was drawn.

Lawrence talked to Taylor about settling this issue.

Tom Barruso, Treasurer, expressed the opinion that the recovery of the \$20,000 should be pursued.

Lawrence believes that he can recover \$15,000.

With the Board’s approval Lawrence will prepare a release and notify Taylor.

Benham made a motion to authorize Lawrence to contact Taylor in regards to recovering \$15,000. Motion seconded by Lawrence. Vote on the motion was unanimous to accept.

President Vose brought up the issue of the relocation of materials. Vose picked up the OX5 materials at the time of Robert Taylor’s resignation and has the materials at his location. Wayne Gordon agreed to accept the materials and store them at the Florida Wing location. Vose made a motion that the materials be shipped to Pittsburgh and Florida as appropriate. Motion seconded by Howard Benham. Motion was accepted. Benham made a motion for the payment of the shipping costs. Motion seconded by Lawrence. Motion accepted unanimously.

In a discussion about OX5 materials Wayne Gordon suggested having hats with the OX5 logo on them. Don Voland asked about signs and items for sale. Also, the

production of brochures to be used in such places as Oshkosh. Wayne would also like these items for use at Sun N' Fun, Florida. Pittsburgh will accept the task of having decals made. George Vose will continue to produce and mail member certificates to new members. Ivan will provide George with new member information.

Due to difficulties encountered with membership cards Ivan suggested the production of a one-time card instead of a yearly card. This process would eliminate much of the work and expense of providing members with membership cards. Ivan made a motion to move to a one-time card. Seconded by Howard Benham, Unanimous vote to accept.

The next discussion involved the move of the OX5 National Headquarters from Colorado to Pittsburgh, Pa. Ivan related the following information.

The move back to Pittsburgh was prompted by two major issues: the Pittsburgh area (Latrobe, Pa) is the founding area of the OX5 Organization; second, the officers of the Cliff Ball Wing accepted the responsibility of conducting the tasks and functions of the National Headquarters office. Thomas Barruso accepted the position of Treasurer which precipitated the transfer of all financial functions to the PNC Bank in Pittsburgh. A transparent, accurate, and detailed system of accounting was installed on an OX5 dedicated computer by Barruso.

A complete verification of the membership data base has been an ongoing task that has required a major number of hours of work led by Dennis Yerkey.

The dues collection procedure has been organized for maximum efficiency in collections and accuracy.

The CBW is participating in the support of the KLBE Museum at Latrobe Airport, Latrobe, Pa.

Treasurer Thomas Barruso presented a detailed in-depth financial report that revealed that the printing of the OX5 News is creating a financial burden.

According to Barruso's estimates a continuation of the present procedures would slowly deplete the organization's reserves and that alternate methods of handling the newsletter be considered.

A discussion of the newsletter ensued in which Barruso suggested that the newsletter be put on a printing schedule of four times per year instead of six. Mike Lawrence suggested using a mailing service to increase efficiency and reducing the cost.

Dennis Yerkey reported on his investigation of using a Direct Mail Service where the complete printing and mailing of the newsletter would be done by an outside agency.

At this time Mike Lawrence requested to see the contract existing between OX5 Aviation Pioneers and Sylvia Cook.

Sylvia described the method that she uses for handling the newsletter and commented on the purpose of the organization's investments being to support the publication of the newsletter. Barruso reiterated that unless costs are cut the organization's reserves will be depleted rendering the organization out of existence. He also suggested that the yearly dues be increased.

Mike Lawrence made a motion to increase the dues to \$30.00 per year. Seconded by Howard Benham. Motion was passed unanimously. There was a discussion about forming a committee to investigate the issues dealing with the longevity of the organization.

Mike Lawrence was asked to head a finance committee. Sylvia Cook was asked whether she would continue to work on the newsletter for a lesser amount.

Don Voland described the function of his government contracts. He stated that the committee will make a proposal concerning costs.

Barruso stated that he did not find any contract for Sylvia Cook in the records but that he needs it for budget purposes. Yerkey asked who had approved the contract, Bob Taylor or the Board of Governors.

Benham made a motion for the President to appoint a committee, to include Sylvia Cook, with Lawrence and others to examine the issues and to report to the Governors on the costs and suggestions beside the ones voted on. Motion was seconded by Lawrence. Motion accepted. At this time Sylvia asked whether she should write the November newsletter. The answer was Yes. Cheryl Dewey made a motion to reduce the number of newsletter issues from six to four per year. The motion was seconded by Mike Lawrence. Motion passed.

Wayne Gordon raised a question in regards to handling the dues for 2011 that are paid early. Dennis explained that a method has been set in place to properly record the early dues. At this time Dennis requested a proposal from Sylvia for doing the newsletter for 2011. Proposal was not submitted at this time.

Benham commented that the objective is to move to a more electronic newsletter.

The result of the officers election was:

President – Dennis Yerkey

Vice President – Mike Lawrence

Secretary – Ivan Livi

Treasurer – Tom Barruso

Officers and Governors for 2011:

President – Dennis Yerkey  
1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President – Michael Lawrence  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President – Wayne Gordon  
3<sup>rd</sup>. Vice President – Donald Voland  
Secretary – Ivan D. Livi  
Treasurer – Thomas Barruso  
Immediate Past President – George Vose  
Governor – Harold Walter  
Governor – Cheryl Dewey  
Governor – Howard Benham  
Governor/Editor – Sylvia Cook

Howard Benham made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM

Ivan D. Livi, National Secretary  
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