



# *Pioneers of Stealth*



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## **Pioneers of Stealth Minutes september 7, 2013**

The Pioneers of Stealth business meeting was held on Saturday September 7, 2013 at North Island NAS. There were reports presented by the committee chairmen which are attached. Rear Adm. John Bepko was elected an honorary Pioneer of Stealth by acclamation.

Our Communications Committee chairman, Jerry Vanden Bosch, went over a discussion of our current roster and requested updates from the membership in order to enable quarterly roster updates. He also reminded us of the username and password for only access to the "Members Only" area of our website. Jerry requested that photos we might want in the Wright State archives be forwarded to him. It was recommended that we should move on with digitizing photos and other material to JPEG format that is in the possession of Denny Jarvi. John Cashen suggested that we should try to get the Smithsonian to archive some of this material. Cashen, Skip Hickey, and Denny Jarvi will work this. A due date was not set on this but the volunteers should publish a reasonable due date..

Our secretary, Denny Jarvi, was not present so Dave Lynch presented his summary vugraphs.

. Tack Nix gave the treasurer's report. Our treasury has more than enough money to financially backstop reunion organizers for our next get together. Tack recommended that we collect dues only at our reunions. This was a recommendation at prior

reunions as well. Tack agreed to send out a notification through Jerry Vanden Bosch of who is current in dues. For safety's sake we may have too much money in our treasury. It was recommended that the organization leaders and the Senior Advisory Group write a policy statement on the treasury size as well as recommend how to meet that policy. We should have such a policy staffed by the end of the calendar year. Steve Bepko stated that the cost of the reunion incidentals was about \$23 per attendee. Of course, the banquet is separate and dependent on the venue..

It was suggested that we should add a memorabilia store to our website with such items as shirts, coffee cups, pins, etc. In earlier reunions we had such items. There maybe the necessity to engage an order fulfillment vendor. Steve Bepko, Bob Loschke and Skip Hickey will look into this. Subsequent to the business meeting Steve Bepko did send a preliminary estimate. Jerry Vanden Bosch will send an email to members about shirts, etc. when we have a finalized answer..

Our social committee chairman, Tim Sweeney, has died - God rest his soul. Sadly there are several others who have departed since our last reunion. Steve Bepko volunteered to lead the social committee. The committee's purpose has evolved to keeping Pioneers connected between reunions since whoever leads the reunion effort will work the socialization during the reunion..

It was recommended that we publish a PoS membership certificate for members. It was also recommended that we also publish a PoS certificate of recognition for individuals who qualify as Pioneers but may never have been members. Perhaps using the old list that Jerry has prepared..

Finally and most importantly Rob Bongiovi, Bob Sandusky, Pete Knauth (in absentia), Ed Watts volunteered to work the next reunion targeted for September 2015 in the Williamsburg area.

We can all look forward to seeing many of our old friends there!.

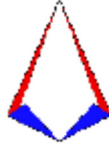
The overall impression was that our organization is in good shape. We do need volunteers to maintain our committees.

--/ Signed /--

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President  
***Pioneers of Stealth***

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