

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2006

1. Meeting convened at 1140 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silence in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: James Pepin
AFSA Preamble: Jarrod Cordova

3. **Members Present:**

Don Sullivan	Ralph
Binkley Kristi Binard	
Kathi Glascock	Jeremy
Marshall Veronica Marshall	
Tim Ossinger	Duaine
Ross Jim Law	
Jonathan Bennett	Jim
Howard Kathy Smith	
Jarrold Cordova	Chris
Chatpedier Rebecca Galambos	
*Michael Brown	*Clarissa
Lund Misty Givens	
Tammy Snyder	Robert
Binard Tabitha Nixon	
James Pepin	Michael
Devenitch Michael Resko	
Stephanie Selmon	Terry
Turner Jennifer Montes	
Joshua Quirk	Shauna Quirk

* Denotes New Attendees
Guests: None

4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CMSgts, new members, first

time attendees, etc. He recognized MSgt Terry Turner's commitment to represented AFSA at practically all Tinker Newcomers Orientations

5. **Presentations:** No awards or special presentations

6. **Reports:**

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard - Provided handouts of Chapter 985's Legislative monthly report for August 2006. He was experiencing voice problems, so President Pepin presented highlights for him
- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James – unable to attend. President Pepin advised the next event is the AFSA International Conference/Convention, and coming events are contained in the activities calendar posted on our website
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger – Briefed we had articles announcing our meeting in the last two Tinker Take Offs. He will have an article following the AFSA International Convention.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – The chapter supported the Base Enlisted Quarterly Awards Ceremony held August 4, 2006.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard – Provided a comprehensive briefing of the July Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Don Sullivan – Advised that in lieu of minutes we have a Memo for Record recording that the General Membership meeting scheduled for July 13, 2006 was cancelled due to UCIs of the 72 ABW & 552 ACW. He advised the Executive Council meeting August 3, 2006 were distributed via our web e-mail server. He could/would summarize for any that had not seen them, or was interested in further discussion. There

being no issues, motion was made by Tim Ossinger to accept as written, seconded by Robert Binard - motion carried.

- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed have 266 new members recruited to date. Chief O recently qualified for the Skyhigh Club with over 100 new recruits. Mike Devenitch has 38-40 on his way to being the next Skyhigher. We're over half way to our goal of 500 for the year. A booth was scheduled on short notice at the BX for Saturday, August 5, 2006. James Pepin, Mike Devenitch and Jon Bennett worked the booth and got 6 new recruits. President Pepin briefed there are 1,000,000 potential members eligible to join AFSA, and we have a worldwide membership of 120,000 with 64% being retirees. So there are unlimited sources to recruit from. The next recruiting opportunities; ALS at 1115 on June 14 and volunteer appreciation lunch on June 16 from 100-1200 hours. The next regular scheduled recruiting opportunity is FTAC at 0900 on August 21. Jon Bennett reminded everyone that President Pepin will PCS to Korea in late November. He is our most passionate, dynamic speaker and best AFSA briefer on Tinker. We need 2 or 3 people to come on board to take his place, usually a couple of times a month. There is little time left to monitor his sessions and learn from his outstanding presentations.
- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan advised the AFSA Team Tinker for July 2006 was finalized and attached to the Executive Council meeting minutes for August 3, 2006. The AFSA 1st quarter FY2007 ended July 31, 2006. How Goes It, Financial and Americanism reports are due by August 15. He and Treasurer Robert Binard just finished completing the reports. They will be forwarded by close of business August 11, 2006

- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard reported: She obtained 11 volunteers to serve as judges and other duties for the Midwest City Chili Cookoff on 8 July; obtained 2 volunteers to drive a van and deliver school supplies for the Christmas Connection on 19 July; and obtained 50 volunteers for the July 27 Saint Ann's Retirement Center "Senior Recognition and Dance Night" for some 186 veterans and other residents. Kristi also briefed she has obtained 34 volunteers for the RMHC (Ronald McDonald House for Children) of OKC Lighthouse Triathlon held August 6; and we're still soliciting volunteers for the Tulsa Burn Camp August 17-20 (A1C Jennifer Montes POC), and March of Dimes 11th Bikers for Babies Ride. August 31st, St. Ann's again. She was recently contacted by Habitat for Humanity to obtain assistance one day a month for the rest of the year to help build houses. More coming on this. Kristi is also in contact with the Program Manager of the Ronald McDonald House. They hold once a month dinners for resident relatives accompanying children while being treated in the hospital. Our chapter may be able to help periodically. More to come as this is developed
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith unable to attend. President Pepin advised the site is 100% updated. The August 2006 Legislative Report will be posted this evening. Go visit at URL www.afsa985.org.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** Mike Devenitch advised we still have shirts for sale at \$15.00. **Item Open.**
- b. **507 ARW Family Day.** This event is scheduled for September 16, 1000-1600. Kathy Smith has secured us an information/recruiting booth at this event. She advised Family Day will be held this year in the EIG compound off Douglas (off base). President Pepin advised the

importance of having plenty of personnel manning this booth so we can accommodate one-on-one discussions with all that visit us. If you can spare some time on this Saturday, please contact him. **Item Open**

8. **New Business:** None

- a. **AFSA International Professional Conference/Convention** is scheduled for August 13-17, 2006 at Reno, Nevada.

(1) Chapter 985 has 77 assigned votes. Don Sullivan motioned to elect delegates as follows: President James Pepin serve as our Chief Delegate, VP Michael Devenitch and Trustee Timothy Ossinger as Alternate Chief Delegates; and Treasurer Robert Binard, Airmen Activities Coordinator Kristi Binard and FTA Shauna Quirk serve as delegates. The votes are to be divided equally between all delegates with any remaining surplus numbers going to the chief delegate. Further, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and assign number of votes at the convention site if appropriate. The Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate Chief Delegate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate's absence. Chief Ossinger seconded the motion, motion carried.

(2) Treasurer Binard has issued President Pepin our budgeted \$200.00 donation for the AFSA 4 Worthy Charities at the Parade of Checks function. **Item Open**

- b. **AF Enlisted Heritage Ball**, scheduled for September 15, 2006. Chapter VP and Tinker Top 3 Fundraiser Chairman Mike Devenitch requested Chapter 985 support this event with a donation. Chief O motioned we donate \$100.00, Jim Howard seconded – motioned carried. Treasurer Binard wrote the check. VP Devenitch advised they have about half of the \$2,000 being raised to help subsidize this event. A car wash will be held Saturday,

August 19, 2006 at Chili's on 29th street. All help will be appreciated. **Item Closed.**

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d. **International President McCauslin's Comments.**

Senior Advisor Jon Bennett read a message from President McCauslin that he wanted passed on to our membership: "we continue to experience positive membership growth, have decreased the Intl budget from \$388K last year to around 157K this year thru some smart business practices. The Professional Airmens Conference (formerly Intl Conv) will be significantly changed to permit many more professional presentations than ever before and eliminate some old stuff that was grossly outdated." **Item Closed**

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f. **Tulsa Burn Camp**, August 17-20, 2006. POC Jennifer Montes briefed she had been in contact with Scotty Stokes and another Burn Camp official. She has negotiated with Enterprise Auto Rental to provide us one complimentary van and rent us the 2nd one at 1/2 price at \$49.00 per day. So far we have 8 volunteers going this year, and will be transporting some of the children from this area also. She will contact Don Sullivan for funds prior to departing for the burn camp. Mike Resko has gone to the camp every year since we started in 2003. He will drive one of the vans and provide assistance where needed. **Item Open**

9. President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none, Kristi Binard motioned to adjourn, Terry Turner seconded - motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1220 hours.

//Signed//
JAMES PEPIN

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DONALD

SULLIVAN
President
Secretary

Acting