

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2006

1. Meeting convened at 1140 hours. Vice President Devenitch presided until President Pepin arrived. He advised we had a quorum.

2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Devenitch

AFSA Preamble: Ralph Binkley

3. **Members Present:**

Don Sullivan	Kristi
Binard	Michael Devenitch
Tim Ossinger	Terry
Turner	James Pepin
Jonathan Bennett	Nicholas
Smith	Rob Binard
Doug Bynum	Ralph
Binkley	Jim Law
Jarrold Cordova	Chris
Charpentier	Rebecca Galambos
Dave Lynch	Bryan
Thompson	James Foltz

*Krista Patton

* Denotes New Attendees

Guests: None

4. **Introductions:** Vice President welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CCMSgt Foltz, CMSgts, new members, first time attendees, etc

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

6. Reports:

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard – Unable to attend. Sent President Pepin the Chapter Legislative Report for December 2006 yesterday, and he e-mailed it to members via our list server. President Pepin did advise a "buy up" program is available for MGIB users that enlisted after 1985. A one-time contribution results in a higher monthly benefit. He has sent an inquiry to the AFSA International President and Division 9 President on why all MGIB qualifiers are not included
- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James – Unable to attend. No new activities other than gift wrap.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger – Briefed he submitted 2 articles to the Tinker Take Off, one about today's meeting and one about the Welcome Reception for our new CCMs. They combined it into 1 article.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – No awards pending, early 2007 dates were mentioned in the Executive Council meeting minutes dated December 7, 2006.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard – Provided a comprehensive briefing of the November 2006 Treasurer's Report. Bryan Thompson motioned to accept, Chief Ossinger seconded, motion carried.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Mike Crawford – Unable to attend. President Pepin advised minutes from the General Membership Meeting, November 9, 2006 and Executive Council Meeting, December 7, 2006 were distributed to all members via our e-mail list server and asked if there were any comments/questions. There being no issues, motion was made by Ralph Binkley to accept as written, seconded by Bryan Thompson - motion carried.

- g. **Recruiting:** President Pepin briefed that the AFSA web site, membership processing portion, is still down and we have no way to access current figures. Jon Bennett should be at the 100 new member recruiting mark or very close and about 14 away from retaining 100 members this year. Our goal is to recruit 60 more new members by year end, but there are no more scheduled recruiting opportunities. We will have to make personal contact if we're going to make this happen. A special price being offered will be discussed in new business.
- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan advised all reports are current, including the AFSA Team Tinker for November 2006 which is attached to the December 7th Executive Council Minutes.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard provided a summary of activities completed in November 2006. These activities are also in the AFSA Team Tinker for November 2006. She does have a volunteer opportunity for Habitat for Humanity on December 15th. She also provided an overview of the Will Rogers Airport Military Hospitality Suite run by the Blue Star Mothers of America, which we recently donated \$150.00 to help stock with refreshments for troops returning from deployments and/or other traveling military members.
- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith – Web site is current until further information is received to upload. Check out our website - www.afsa985.org

7. Old Business:

- a. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** Vice President advised we still have short sleeve polo shirts for sale at \$15.00 and 1 long sleeve at \$27.00. President Pepin advised that sizes are

now limited. **Item Open.**

b. **City Rescue Mission Project.** VP Devenitch gave an overview of the project. The current status is we received and deposited a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart dedicated to buying a stacking washer/dryer. The chapter has approved a total purchase, delivery and setup cost of \$1,003. The transaction will be completed after the first of the year per the request of the City Rescue Mission. **Item Open**

c. **Annual Holiday Gift Wrap.** President Pepin briefed a report received from POC Farve that as of 12 December we have used 143 volunteers working 587 hours, realizing proceeds of \$2,747.96. We still need help, and the weekends are the most critical dates/times. **Item Open**

d. **Combined CCM Welcome Reception.** VP Devenitch briefed the reception honoring CCM CMSgts Cherry, 72ABW; Foltz, 552ACW; and Long, 507ARW was a huge success with over 100 attendees. We had approved \$300.00 for this event. The final invoice was \$287.38 which we paid the Tinker Club this date. **Item Closed**

8. **New Business:** None

a. **Recruiting.** President Pepin briefed that he secured approval by e-mail vote of the Executive Council to offer discounted membership for the rest of the year not to exceed a maximum of \$600.00. Funds for membership are budgeted and available to do this. We will offer through a coordinated effort, \$10.00 for 18 months for E1-E4 and \$15.00 for 12 months for E5-E9. This is a cash deal. The process of using credit cards with subsidized funds is too complicated. **Item Open**

b. **Chapter Elections.** President Pepin advised that he appoint Senior Advisor Jon Bennett as Nominating Committee Chair for our February 8, 2007 election of chapter officers. All elected/appointed positions are available for 1 year terms except Vice President who was elected in 2006 for a 2 year term, which runs to 2008. If

you're interested, please call Jon Bennett on Cell 200-3725 or e-mail sgtbuzzcut@aol.com. Jon advised that Bryan Thompson is the first on the list, already nominated for President. More to come on this subject.
Item Open

9. Vice President Devenitch solicited comments from around the room.
 - a. Chief Foltz advised CMSAF Rodney McKinley will be visiting Tinker December 20, 2006. While here he will speak at several forums – ALS, FTAC, etc. He will also attend Chief Ossinger's Retirement Ceremony on December 20th
 - b. Don Sullivan advised we will be working to awards packages to submit to Division 9 for competition. If anyone has contacted a congressional representative by mail, e-mail or phone calls – please provide him with copies of correspondence sent and received, or documentation.
 - c. There being no further discussions, Chief Ossinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Thompson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1203 hours.

//Signed//

//Signed//Donald Sullivan for//

JAMES PEPIN
CRAWFORD
Vice President

MICHAEL
Secretary